

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNITED STATES ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CAREER COLLEGE (USAWOCC),
5302 OUTLAW STREET, SWARTWORTH HALL, FORT RUCKER, AL 36362
AND
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FLORIDA TECH),
150 W. UNIVERSITY BLVD., MELBOURNE, FL 32901

I. SUBJECT: Establishment of a transfer credit articulation agreement between USAWOCC and Florida Tech regarding transfer of academic credit for Warrant Officer Intermediate Level Education (WOILE) and Warrant Officer Senior Service Education (WOSSE) courses towards a specialized master's degree in management at Florida Tech.

II. REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation (AR) 621-1, Training of Military Personnel at Civilian Institutions, 28 August 2007.
2. AR 521-5, Army Continuing Education System, 19 October 2009.
3. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1322.25, Voluntary Education Partnership, 7 July 2014.
4. Voluntary Education Partnership Agreement between DoD Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and Florida Institute of Technology, May 2, 2019.

III. BACKGROUND:

1. USAWOCC and Florida Tech share a common purpose to support the education and training of students to advance their postsecondary educational opportunities through professional development and academic credit programs.
2. Through the GoArmy Education Program, the DoD Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD {P&R}) has created multiple overarching agreements with accredited colleges and universities to allow active duty, retirees, and their beneficiaries to use tuition assistance (TA) to obtain college degrees. The overarching agreements documenting voluntary participation in the program include:

(a) Florida Tech's participation in the Voluntary Education Program, May 2, 2019.

(b) Active copies of overarching agreements can be accessed at the Voluntary Education Partnership Program database.

3. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1322.25, Voluntary Education Partnership, 7 July 2014, requires an articulation agreement to document specific requirements at the subordinate organization university level.

IV. PURPOSE: The purpose of this articulation agreement is to establish guidelines for course transfer credit from WOILE and WOSSE into a specialized master's degree program at Florida Tech to students who successfully complete programs of study developed at USAWOCC and are admitted to graduate study at Florida Tech per current admission policies.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. USAWOCC will:

a. Inform all incoming students of the opportunities outlined in this transfer credit articulation agreement with Florida Tech.

b. Acknowledge Florida Tech graduate student academic regulations regarding admission, articulation, and tuition and fees as specified in the current Graduate Catalog for each academic year covered by the period of this agreement.

c. Not be responsible for any student's tuition and fees at Florida Tech, but will publicize the availability of U.S. Army tuition assistance (TA) and the availability of the Florida Tech's "Wisdom Warrior" tuition discount program for active duty military pursuing a specialized master's degree in management off-campus or through distance learning.

d. Acknowledge that the academic regulations of Florida Tech do not replace or supplant the WOILE and/or WOSSE course requirements, or vice-versa.

e. Issue, upon student request, an official transcript or DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) directly to Florida Tech's Office of Online/Off-Campus Graduate Admissions Office, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901.

2. Florida Tech will:

a. Admit students to graduate study at Florida Tech in accordance with admission standards as outlined in the current university catalog and subsequent catalogs covering the period of this agreement.

b. Approve up to nine graduate transfer credits towards a specialized master's degree in management at Florida Tech to those students who have successfully completed the WOILE or WOSSE program of studies articulated as:

(1) MGT 5015 - Organizational Planning and Development (3 graduate credits).

(2) MGT 5070 - Special Topic in Management (3 graduate credits).

(3) MGT 5101 - Leadership Theory and Effective Management (3 graduate credits).

c. Accept military tuition assistance (TA), veterans educational benefits, and/or approved student loans in partial payment of tuition at Florida Tech.

d. Authorize a Wisdom-Warrior (W-W) tuition discount to active duty military service members who pursue a specialized master's degree in management at Florida Tech.

e. Provide literature and other information, upon written request, regarding available programs of study in specialized management programs, graduate program admission standards, current tuition and fees as outlined in the university catalog, approved tuition payment options, and the W-W tuition discount eligibility requirements.

f. Offer relevant courses in specialized management degree programs through its off-campus Education Centers and/or via "distance learning" through its Virtual Education Center.

VI. FLORIDA TECH CURRICULUMS IN SPECIALIZED MASTER'S DEGREES IN MANAGEMENT:

1. The approved curriculums in specialized master's degree programs in management appear in the current university catalog (www.fit.edu/catalog). Not all programs are available at all resident off-campus education centers as identified in the catalog.

2. Most specialized master's degree in management require a total of 33 graduate credit hours for degree completion, prior to award of any approved transfer credits.

3. All courses including transfer credit courses are subject to the seven year statute of limitations per the graduate programs policy outlined in the current university catalog.

4. Required and elective courses may be substituted to accommodate graduate transfer credit and other considerations subject to approval of the Academic Unit Heads.

VII. GENERAL TERMS AND UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. Implementation and interpretation of this articulation agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies established by accrediting and state approval and governing bodies having jurisdiction of either institution party to this agreement.

2. Both institutions agree to maintain their program accreditation with their current approved accrediting associations and to do so during the duration of this articulation agreement.

3. Both institutions enter into this agreement voluntarily and for their mutual benefit. This agreement does not contradict or supplant either party's existing statutory or administrative responsibilities and authorizations.

4. This agreement is neither a fiscal nor authorized funding document. It does not constitute a financial obligation or serve as a basis for expenditures. There are no exchanges of manpower or any other binding of resources to either party to the agreement.

VIII. COORDINATION AND POINTS OF CONTACT (POC):

1. The Florida Tech primary POC for this agreement will be: Dr. Jeff Cerny, Director, Eglin Education Center, email: jcerny@fit.edu; work phone (850) 398-5958, cell phone: (256) 653-2593.

2. The Florida Tech secondary POC for this agreement will be: Dr. John Barranti, Director, Education Center Administrative Services, email: barranti@fit.edu; work phone: (321) 674-8806.

3. The WOCC primary point of contact for this agreement will be: COL Ross Nelson, Commandant, USAWOCC, email: ross.f.nelson.mil@mail.mil; work phone: (334) 255-3869.

4. The WOCC secondary point of contact for this agreement will be: Dr. Jennifer Gray, Director Education and Training, email: Jennifer.k.gray.civ@mail.mil; work phone: (334) 255-9260.

IX. DURATION AND TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

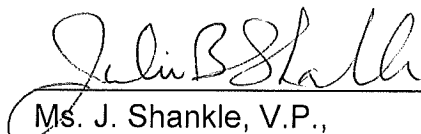
1. This agreement will become effective upon the written approval by the designated representatives of both parties and shall be effective for five years from date of approval.

2. This agreement may be reviewed and updated annually at the written request of either party.

3. Either party may cause the (early) termination of this agreement without cause by providing a written notice to the other party of 180 days or less subject to the agreement of the other party to the agreement.

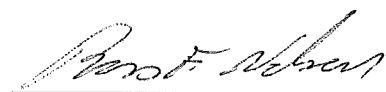
4. Students who are matriculated at either USAWOCC or Florida Tech will be enabled to complete their program of studies without regard to the status of this articulation agreement.

X. APPROVAL FOR THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT:



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March 5, 2020
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5 March 2020
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