



COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

AND

CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this one-way transfer agreement between Columbia Southern University (CSU), located at 21982 University Lane, Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 and Carl Albert State College (CASC), located at 1507 South McKenna Street, Poteau, OK 74953, is to establish transfer criteria for undergraduate courses earned at CASC that can be applied to the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health degree program at CSU.

2. Background

CSU is an undergraduate and graduate level institution that is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), which is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As an accredited, degree-granting member of the DEAC, CSU is also an institutional member of the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. CSU is licensed by the State of Alabama, Department of Education pursuant to the Alabama Private School License Law Code of Alabama, Title 16-46-1 through 10. CSU is an institutional member of the American Council of Education (ACE). CSU is a Title IV school approved for federal financial aid, Veterans Administration Benefits and through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), for active duty military personnel for tuition reimbursement.

Carl Albert State College is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission.



3. The Transfer Agreement

CSU recognizes the professional integrity and academic stature of CASC. CASC does, and will continue to, offer programs and courses that are accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission. Likewise, CSU will continue to offer academic programs and courses that are accredited by the DEAC.

The Bachelor of Science in Occupational Health and Safety degree program offered by CSU, includes one hundred twenty (120) semester hours of general education, major and elective courses. CSU may accept CASC courses listed on the transfer credit grid (see Appendix A) for equivalent major or elective courses. A maximum of 90 credit hours may be transferred to CSU, providing they are in alignment with CSU's Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health degree program. A student must successfully complete a minimum of 36 upper level semester hours at CSU or an institution authorized to award upper level credits. Students attending CSU must complete a minimum of 25% of their degree program at CSU to meet graduation requirements. Documents that will be considered for credit transfer consideration are college transcripts and training certificates.

As this is a one-way transfer credit agreement from CASC to CSU, it is important to note credits earned at CSU are not eligible for transfer credit into CASC.

4. Learning Partnership

This articulation agreement includes a Learning Partnership between CSU and CASC. The benefits of the Learning Partnership with CSU are: CASC students, staff members, their spouse and children will receive a 10% tuition discount and a waiver of their application fee. CSU may place the Learning Partner's name and logo on the CSU website.

5. Commitment

CSU and CASC are committed to serve our students in achieving their educational goals. Technology will be used to facilitate the transfer of students between institutions. Students participating in the program must meet all criteria for admission into CSU and CASC comply with all requirements in the awarding of a degree. Either party may terminate the agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding, the foregoing, either party may terminate the agreement immediately in the event that participation under the agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.

This agreement may be executed by duly authorized representatives of each party, either by electronic facsimile or other digital means, each of which will be considered as original.



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Credit Transfer Appendix A:

Carl Albert Community College	CSU Course Equivalent
OHS 1313 – Intro Health Sfty	BOS 3001 – Fund OSH
OHS 2103 – OSHA: Construction	BOS 3401 – Construction Sfty
OHS 2203 – Legal Aspects Env Regs	BOS 3525 – Legas Aspects Sfty Hlth
OHS 2303 – Haz Mat & Waste	BOS 3125 – Haz Mat Mgmt
OHS 2403 – Prin Industrial Hygiene	BOS 4301 – Industrial Hygiene
OHS 2413 – Ergonomics Human Factors Sfty	BOS 3701 – Industrial Ergonomics
OHS 2423 – Sfty Program Mgmt	BOS 4010 – Sfty Supervisor
OHS 2433 – Risk Mgmt	BOS 4520 – Risk Mgmt

CSU bachelor degree programs require 36 hours of upper level credit. The amount of transfer credit awarded may vary to ensure the 36 hour upper level requirement is met.