

PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE
ROCKFORD, IL

AND

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
CARBONDALE, IL

In an effort to provide a continued, articulated higher education baccalaureate degree program that will build on community college and university learning experiences, and also eliminate duplication of instruction, this agreement is entered into this 13 day of July, 2017 (Effective Date) by and between Rock Valley College and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

I. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. Term. This Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date (or if no Effective Date is indicated upon the date the Agreement is fully executed by the Parties) and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years thereafter. The Parties may renew or extend this Agreement only by written instrument signed by the authorized representatives of each Party.
- B. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party, with or without cause, upon 60 days advance written notice. The Parties agree that no additional students shall be accepted into the program after a Party's receipt of any written notice of termination. No qualified student then-enrolled in the program shall be deprived the opportunity to complete the program requirements solely due to termination.

II. TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

- A. All graduates of Rock Valley College with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Fire Science and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Safety Management (PSM) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability.

B. A Rock Valley College graduate receiving an A.A.S. degree in Fire Science will be considered for admission to SIU Carbondale's Public Safety Management (PSM) program if the following are met:

1. The student has earned a minimum of 66 semester hours transferable to SIU Carbondale
2. The student has earned an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above (4.0 scale) for his or her collegiate work as calculated by SIU Carbondale's grading regulations.
3. Confirmation by the SIU Carbondale College of Applied Sciences and Arts that the student has satisfactorily completed the following courses as part of the A.A.S. degree in Fire Science at Rock Valley College:

- CHEM 105-4, *Chemistry and Society*
- CIS 102-3, *Intro to Computers & Information Systems*
- ENG 101-3, *Composition I*
- FRE 101-3, *Intro to Fire Protection*
- FRE 102-3, *Fire Apparatus Engineer*
- FRE 103-3, *Hazardous Material Operations*
- FRE 118-3, *Building Construction-Fire Protection*
- FRE 206-3, *Management I*
- FRE 207-3, *Management II*
- FRE 208-3, *Fire Prevention Principles*
- FRE 216-3, *Tactics & Strategy I*
- FRE 218-3, *Instructor I*
- MTH 100-5, *Technical Mathematics* (or higher)
- PSY 170-3, *General Psychology* -or- SOC 190-3, *Introduction to Sociology*
- SPH 131-3, *Fundamentals of Communication*
- FIRE SCIENCE ELECTIVES-12 hours
- IAI HUMANITIES-3 hours
- IAI SOCIAL SCIENCE-3 hours

C. Acceptance into the Capstone Option reduces the University Core Curriculum for the A.A.S. degree recipient in Fire Science at Rock Valley College pursuing the B.S. in Public Safety Management (PSM) at SIU Carbondale to 30 semester hours. This, along with taking the courses listed above as part of the A.A.S. degree makes it possible for the student to complete the B.S. in Public Safety Management (PSM) at SIU Carbondale in approximately 57 additional semester hours beyond the A.A.S. degree.

- D. Rock Valley College students transferring to the Public Safety Management (PSM) baccalaureate degree program at SIU Carbondale who have not completed all of his or her Associate in Applied Science degree requirements at Rock Valley College will have their related coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis by the appropriate SIU Carbondale department. These students will also not be eligible to receive the Capstone Option benefits and will be considered based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability.
- E. Students will be required to complete a minimum of 42 senior institution hours at the 300-400 course level, with the last 30 such senior institution hours being at SIU Carbondale for residency purposes. Those students enrolled in an approved program delivered by SIU Carbondale Extended Campus will have completed the residency requirement for the University upon completion of all courses required by the program. All students will be required to complete at least 120 hours with an overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Management (PSM). Coursework may include University Core Curriculum as well as Public Safety Management major courses.

III. COURSE DELIVERY

- A. Delivery of courses and programs will be based on mutual agreement between the parties (as specified in the SIU Carbondale program) provided there is a minimum class enrollment in each course adequate to meet expenses. Courses with inadequate enrollment may be subject to cancellation. SIU Carbondale shall notify Rock Valley College of any cancellation due to inadequate enrollment.
- B. SIU Carbondale will perform registration and advisement counseling as needed to support the courses offered. SIU Carbondale will designate an individual(s) as a concurrent enrollment liaison to work in conjunction with Rock Valley College and students as needed. Advisement about program requirements will be provided by the academic college offering the courses/programs.
- C. SIU Carbondale will obtain all permission and approvals necessary to teach these courses in the State of Illinois.
- D. SIU Carbondale reserves the right to approve and edit all news releases, advertising and other public announcements and information pieces relating to the performance of this Agreement.

- E. This agreement permits students to enroll concurrently at SIU Carbondale and Rock Valley College to complete the degree.

IV. ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE DUTIES: ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS:

- A. Subject to federal and state guidelines, Rock Valley College will be considered the home institution for the purpose of processing Financial Aid until such time that the student either graduates or severs ties with Rock Valley College.
- B. Designate in writing a person or persons as point of contact between Rock Valley College and SIU Carbondale on all matters relating to the courses delivered.
- C. Reserve the right to approve and edit all news releases, advertising and other public announcements and information pieces relating to the performance of this Agreement.
- D. Permit students to enroll concurrently at SIU Carbondale and Rock Valley College to complete a degree.

V. PROGRAM ARTICULATION COMMUNICATION

- A. An SIU Carbondale College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Public Safety Management representative will communicate periodically with Rock Valley College personnel in Fire Science for general advisement and degree planning purposes.
- B. Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, and following all policies and regulations stated in the program and SIU Carbondale guidelines, Rock Valley College students will be eligible to receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Management (PSM), College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
- C. Should changes occur in course or program content, the institution making the change agrees to notify the other institution in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be given at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester when the change is implemented.
- D. The parties acknowledge that many student educational records are protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and that the written authorization of student(s) must be obtained before student data can be released to

anyone. The parties agree that access to and release of student records shall be in accordance with FERPA.

E. Indemnification:

1. To the extent permitted by law and not inconsistent with the doctrine of sovereign immunity, SIU Carbondale shall indemnify and hold harmless Rock Valley College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of SIU Carbondale, its agents or employees, in the performance of SIU Carbondale's obligations under this Agreement.
2. To the extent permitted by law, Rock Valley College shall indemnify and hold harmless SIU Carbondale, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of negligent acts or omissions of the College, its agents or employees, in the performance of the College's obligations under this Agreement.

F. Reasonable efforts will be made to resolve problems with student(s) through discussions with the student's program instructor, supervisor, and SIU Carbondale's faculty members; however SIU Carbondale reserves the right to remove any student from enrollment at SIU Carbondale upon the determination that the student is unable or unwilling to fulfill the requirements of SIU Carbondale's educational program and mission, including but not limited to the rules and regulations of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the policies of the Board of Trustees of SIU Carbondale, and the SIU Carbondale Student Conduct Code. SIU Carbondale shall also have the right to withdraw any student from its education degree program in accordance with its academic requirements, including but not limited to unsatisfactory academic performance and/or social misconduct.

G. Neither party will discriminate against any applicant or student in the nomination, selection, or training because of religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, national origin, or age.

H. Notices should be mailed to the following addresses by first class mail in order to fulfill any notice or revision of requirements under this Agreement:


For SIU Carbondale: Gary Kistner, Program Coordinator
Public Safety Management
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Mail Code 6613
Carbondale, IL 62901-6613

Email: siufire@siu.edu
Phone: 618-453-7277

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Rock Valley College
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Rockford, IL 61114
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Phone: 815-921-4104

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized, respective officers, and by doing so, hereby affirm that the Agreement is enforceable on behalf of and against each party as of the date written herein.


ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE



Doug Jensen, Ph.D., President
Rock Valley College

7/12/17

Date




Susan Busenbark, Vice President of Academic & Student
Affairs and Chief Academic Officer
Rock Valley College

7/13/17

Date


BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



By Susan M. Ford, Interim Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for
Brad Colwell, Interim Chancellor
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

6/3/17

Date


25 May 2017

PROGRAM ARTICULATION DEGREE PLAN					
Rock Valley College 2017-2018			Southern Illinois University Carbondale		
AAS Fire Science (Sequence A) - 66 hrs			BS Public Safety Management (PSM) - 120 hrs		
			University Core Curriculum (UCC) CAPSTONE OPTION - 30 hrs		
		Hrs			Hrs
ENG 101	Composition I	3	UCOL 101	Foundations of Inquiry	NA
			ENGL 101	English Composition I	T
			ENGL 102	English Composition II	NA
SPH 131	Fundamentals of Communication	3	CMST 101	Intro:Oral Communication	T
MTH 100 (or higher)	Technical Mathematics	5	MATH 101	Intro to Contemporary Math	T
PSY 170 -or- SOC 190	General Psychology -or- Introduction to Sociology	3	PSYC 102 -or- SOC 108	Introduction to Psychology -or- Introduction to Sociology	T
IAI SOCIAL SCIENCE	(See SIUC Equivalency Guide)	3	SOCIAL SCIENCE		T
IAI HUMANITIES	(See SIUC Equivalency Guide)	3	HUMANITIES		T
			HUMANITIES		NA
CHEM 105	Chemistry and Society	4	CHEM 106	Chemistry and Society	T
			LIFE SCIENCE, GRP II		3
			FINE ARTS		3
			HUMAN HEALTH		NA
			MULTICULTURAL		3
		24			9
Program Requirements			Program Requirements		
CIS 102	Intro to Computers & Information Systems	3	Any unarticulated course will be used to fulfill program technical elective requirements.		
FRE 101	Intro to Fire Protection	3			
FRE 102	Fire Apparatus Engineer	3			
FRE 103	Hazardous Material Operations	3			
FRE 118	Building Construction-Fire Protection	3			
FRE 206	Management I	3			
FRE 207	Management II	3			
FRE 208	Fire Prevention Principles	3			
FRE 216	Tactics & Strategy I	3			
FRE 218	Instructor I	3			
Fire Science Electives	Choose from approved courses	12			
		42			
			Public Safety Management Core - 30		
			PSM 301 -or- PSM 302	Introduction to Public Safety Mgmt Research -or- Ethics in Public Safety	3
			PSM 305	Developing a Personal Philosophy of Leadership	3
			PSM 316	Applications of Technical Writing	3
			PSM 332	Labor Relations for Fire & Emergency Services	3
			PSM 350	Readings in Public Safety Management	3
			PSM 401 -or- PSM 365	Apps of Fire Research in Fire & Emergency Services -or- Grant & Proposal Writing for Public Safety	3
			PSM 383	Data Interpretation for Public Safety	3
			PSM 387	Fiscal Aspects of Public Safety	3
			PSM 421	Professional Development	3
			PSM 450	Analytical Approaches to Public Fire Protection	3
			*Specialization Courses - 18		18
					48
Total semester hrs completed w/ AAS degree:		66	Total semester hrs completed w/ BS degree:		57
			Total to degree		123
			*Student will select one specialization from the following:		
			Fire Service Management, Emergency Medical Services, or Emergency Management Administration		

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Rock Valley College 2017-2018		Southern Illinois University Carbondale	
AAS Fire Science (Sequence B) - 64 hrs		BS Public Safety Management (PSM) - 120 hrs	
		University Core Curriculum (UCC) CAPSTONE OPTION - 30 hrs	
		Hrs	Hrs
ENG 101	Composition I	3	UCOL 101 Foundations of Inquiry NA
			ENGL 101 English Composition I T
			ENGL 102 English Composition II NA
SPH 131	Fundamentals of Communication	3	CMST 101 Intro:Oral Communication T
MTH 100	Technical Mathematics	5	MATH 101 Intro to Contemporary Math T
PSY 170 -or- SOC 190	General Psychology -or- Introduction to Sociology	3	PSYC 102 -or- SOC 108 Introduction to Psychology -or- Introduction to Sociology T
IAI SOCIAL SCIENCE	(See SIUC Equivalency Guide)	3	SOCIAL SCIENCE T
IAI HUMANITIES	(See SIUC Equivalency Guide)	3	HUMANITIES T
			HUMANITIES NA
CHEM 105	Chemistry and Society	4	CHEM 106 Chemistry and Society T
			LIFE SCIENCE, GRP II 3
			FINE ARTS 3
			HUMAN HEALTH NA
			MULTICULTURAL 3
		24	9
Program Requirements		Program Requirements	
CIS 102	Intro to Computers & Information Systems	3	Any unarticulated course will be used to fulfill program technical elective requirements.
FRE 101	Intro to Fire Protection	3	
FRE 102	Fire Apparatus Engineer	3	
FRE 103	Hazardous Material Operations	3	
FRE 118	Building Construction-Fire Protection	3	
FRE 180	Essentials of Firefighting I	3	
FRE 181	Essentials of Firefighting II	3	
FRE 182	Essentials of Firefighting III	3	
FRE 206	Management I	3	
FRE 208	Fire Prevention Principles	3	
FRE 240	Fire Protection Internship	1	
Fire Science Electives	Choose from approved courses	9	
		40	
		Public Safety Management Core - 30	
		PSM 301 -or- PSM 302	Introduction to Public Safety Mgmt Research -or- Ethics in Public Safety 3
		PSM 305	Developing a Personal Philosophy of Leadership 3
		PSM 316	Applications of Technical Writing 3
		PSM 332	Labor Relations for Fire & Emergency Services 3
		PSM 350	Readings in Public Safety Management 3
		PSM 401 -or- PSM 365	Apps of Fire Research in Fire & Emergency Services -or- Grant & Proposal Writing for Public Safety 3
		PSM 383	Data Interpretation for Public Safety 3
		PSM 387	Fiscal Aspects of Public Safety 3
		PSM 421	Professional Development 3
		PSM 450	Analytical Approaches to Public Fire Protection 3
		*Specialization Courses - 18	
			18
			48
Total semester hrs completed w/ AAS degree:		64	Total semester hrs completed w/ BS degree: 57
		Total to degree 121	
		*Student will select one specialization from the following:	
		Fire Service Management, Emergency Medical Services, or Emergency Management Administration	