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**ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
AND  
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY REGARDING TRANSFER FROM  
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS (COMMUNICATIONS  
CONCENTRATION) TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STRATEGIC  
COMMUNICATION**

This Academic Program Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (the “Sending Institution”) and Frostburg State University (the “Receiving Institution”) (collectively, the “Institutions”) to facilitate the transfer of academic credits from Liberal Arts (Communication Concentration), HEGIS 490100 and CIP code 24.0101 at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, for the completion of Strategic Communication, HEGIS 150601 and CIP code 090100 at Frostburg State University (the “Program(s)").

**A. Qualifying Students**

This Agreement pertains to the transfer of “Qualifying Students”, *i.e.*, those students who:

1. Have successfully completed the program at the Sending Institution;
2. Are enrolled in the Sending Institution, in good standing; and
3. Are accepted for admission to the Receiving Institution

**B. Responsibilities of the Institutions**

The Institutions agree to implement the transfer of Qualifying Students in accordance with applicable law and the following requirements and protocols:

1. A Qualifying Student may transfer into from the Transferring Institution into the Receiving Institution for the completion of the Program.
2. Courses that the Receiving School will accept credits for towards completion of the Program include:

Sending Institution Course			Receiving Institution Comparable Course			
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Applied to*
ART 103	Intro to Visual Arts	3	ART 100	Art Appreciation	3	GEP Group A or E
ENGL 215	The Art of Literature	3	ENGL 195	Lower-level Elective	3	Major Core or General Elective

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MUSC 111	Intro to Music	3	MUSC 110	Music Appreciation	3	GEP Group A or E
THEA 101	Introduction to Theatre	3	THEA 106	Intro to Theatre	3	GEP Group A
BIOL 101	General Biological Science I	4	BIOL 149	General Biology I	4	GEP Group C
BIOL 102	General Biological Science II	4	BIOL 160	General Zoology	4	Major or General Elective
CHEM 127	General, Organic & Biochem I	4	CHEM 201	General Chemistry I	4	GEP Group C
CHEM 128	General, Organic & Biochem II	4	CHEM 202	General Chemistry II	4	Major or General Elective
GEOG 101	Geological Sciences	4	GEOG 195	Lower-level Elective	3	Major Core or General Elective
PHYS 103	General Physical Science I	4	PHSC 203	Physical Science	4	GEP Group C
PHYS 104	General Physical Science II	4	PHSC 100 and 101	Cosmic Concepts and Measurement	4	GEP Group C
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3	ENGL 101	First-Year Composition	3	GEP Core
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 195	Lower-level Elective	3	Major Core or General Elective
ENGL 208	Survey of World Literature I	3	MDFL 211	Intro to World Literature I	3	Major Core or General Elective
HIST 101	World History to 1500	3	HIST 113	World History to 1500	3	Major
HIST 102	World History Since 1500	3	HIST 114	World History, 1500 to 1900	3	Major
Math 101	Introduction to Mathematics	3	MATH 104	Intro to Mathematical Problem Solving	3	GEP Core
Math 105	Algebra	3	MATH 119	College Algebra	3	GEP Core
MATH 106	Trigonometry	3	MATH 195	Lower-level elective	3	General elective
MATH 108	Pre-Calculus	4	MATH 120	Pre-Calculus	3	GEP Core
MATH 114	Elementary Probability and Statistics	3	MATH 109	Elements of Probability and Statistics	3	GEP Core
MATH 154	Finite Mathematics	3				
PSCI 100	Introduction to Political Ideology	3	POSC 270	Intro to Political Thought	3	Major or General Elective
PSCI 101	American Federal Government	3	POSC 110	Intro to American Politics	3	GEP Group D

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PSCI 102	State & Local Government	3	POSC 321	American State and Local Politics	3	Major or General Elective
PSYC 203	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 105	General Psychology	3	Major and GEP Group D
SOCI 203	General Sociology	3	SOCI 203	Intro to Sociology	3	Major and GEP Group D
COMM 199	Special Topics	1-4	STCO 195	Lower-level elective	3	General Elective
COMM 201	Nonverbal Communication	3	STCO 195	Lower-level elective	3	General Elective
COMM 202	Fundamentals of Speech	3	STCO 122	Introduction to Public Communication	3	Major
COMM 203	Ethical Communication	3	STCO 195	Lower-level elective	3	General Elective
COMM 205	Professional Communications	3	STCO 195	Lower-level elective	3	General Elective
COMM 206	Social Media Communication	3	STCO 225	Foundations of Strategic Messaging	3	Major
COMM 207	Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace	3	STCO 300	Communication and Relationships	3	Major Elective
COMM 220	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3	STCO 350	Intercultural Communication	3	Major
COMM 221	Communicating Culture in Film	3	EMME 195	Lower-level elective	3	General Elective
COMM 230	Art & Science of Persuasion	3	STCO 302	Argumentation and Advocacy	3	Major Elective
COMM 299	Special Topics	1-4	STCO 490	Special Topics	3	Major Elective

\*Department will complete course substitution for focus area credit (could reverse transfer as FSU's EMME 387.

3. [Insert any additional pertinent provisions regarding the transfer of credits, e.g., residency requirements at the Receiving Institution.]
4. The Receiving Institution shall designate, and shall provide to the Sending Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the Receiving Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students. The Sending Institution shall designate, and shall provide to the Receiving Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the

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Sending Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students.

	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of staff person responsible for oversight	Jackie Griggs	Linda Steele
Title of staff person	Coordinator of Academic Affairs	Transfer and Articulation Coordinator
Email address	jgriggs@blueridgectc.edu	lsteele@frostburg.edu
Telephone Number	(304) 260-4380 Ext. 2351	301-687-4137

Should the staff person or position change, the institution will promptly provide new contact information to the partner institution and inform the Maryland Higher Education Commission of the change.

Additional contact information:

[Role & Responsibilities of persons listed here]	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of person	Billie Unger	Elesha L. Ruminski
Title of person	Liberal Arts Coordinator	Chair of Communication
Email address	bunger@blueridgectc.edu	elruminski@frostburg.edu
Telephone Number	202-735-1247	301-687-4480

- If the Qualifying Student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits), the Institutions shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).
- Each Institution shall advise students regarding transfer opportunities under this Agreement, and shall advise students of financial aid opportunities and implications associated with the transfer.

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7. Should either Institution make changes to program requirements, the institution will inform the partner institution immediately. The articulation agreement should be updated to reflect the changes and forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

### **C. Term and Termination**

1. This agreement shall be effective on the date that it is signed by the appropriate and authorized representatives of each Institution.
2. Either Institution may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon delivering 30 days written notice to the other Institution and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
3. Both Institutions agree to meet once every year to review the terms of this agreement.

### **D. Amendment**

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Institutions with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both Institutions.

### **E. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

### **F. Notice of Agreement**

1. The Institutions agree to provide a copy of this Agreement, with any amendments, to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
2. The Institutions agree to provide copies of this Agreement to all relevant individuals and departments of the Institutions, including but not limited to students, academic department chairs participating in the transfer, offices of the president, registrar's offices, and financial aid offices.



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## H. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

## I. Representations and Warranties of the Parties

Both Institutions represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the term of this Agreement:

1. The Institutions are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each Institution has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical  
College


By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Peter Checkovich, Ed.D.  
President  
03/10/2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Frostburg State University

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ronald Nowaczyk, Ph.D.  
President

12/17/24  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
Lawrence Weill, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost

12/13/24  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date