



Colorado State University
GLOBAL CAMPUS

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Florida Department of Education: Articulations

Dear Board of College Members,

Colorado State University- Global Campus is seeking a Florida statewide articulation agreement for all undergraduate students in transferring their earned credit in an efficient and affordable manner. I'm Mike Ricco, Program Manager- Workforce Education and Lifelong Learning, and I would be delighted to coordinate with you to create this special partnership. Attached are our 1 page articulation partnership agreement, our most recent catalog, and a Briefing Book providing a more in-depth overview of CSU- Global.

First, a few **key aspects about CSU- Global:**

- We are the first, 100% online independent, public, non-profit campus in the U.S. We just celebrated our 10th anniversary.
- We aggressively manage our operating costs in order to not increase costs to students...we have not raised our tuition rates in over 7 years, and have no intention to do so going forward. We have always included a tuition lock, where once the student is admitted, their tuition is guaranteed not to rise. Also, there are essentially no added fees charged to students to address our mission of affordable education.
- To enhance accessibility, all (nearly 600) courses are offered every month of the year and we will run each section even if it only has one student, so students find it very convenient and flexible for scheduling to their needs. Our courses are 8 weeks long. We are continually adding new courses, specializations (“minors”), certificates, and programs.
- All of our faculty must have substantial practitioner experience, teaching experience, and full applicable academic credentials (with over 92% of all sections taught by doctoral faculty) in order to be hired and retained.
- Our programs are rigorous, and many of them are ranked very high nationally. We are HLC accredited as well as most of our programs are doubly accredited via either ACBSP, GAC, or other applicable accreditation. All courses are updated and revised on a 2 year cycle so as to assure currency and relevance.
- Both our student and faculty satisfaction rates are normally at 98% ...our faculty love teaching here and it shows in the high satisfaction rate of our students' experiences.

Here are some highlights of our **articulation agreement proposal**:

- We are proposing to partner with all 28 colleges in the Florida College System.
- No crosswalks are needed...we use a combination of sophisticated external and internal software to work with each student individually and assess each course, in order to maximize the credit that will transfer. We work with a strong focus to act in the students' best interests. AA/AS degrees transfer very well, plus we look at every course the student has taken at all collective institutions they may have attended. At the undergraduate level, we are experts at being a degree completion university.
- Via this partnership, we offer a 10% tuition to all students transferring from our partner institutions, further lightening the financial burden for students. This would be valid for a 3 year window of time once enrolled.
- Each student has a dedicated enrollment counselor, and once admitted, each student also has a dedicated academic advisor throughout their time with us. We also offer very impressive, free, financial planning for each student...our very low default loan rates show it. Individual Career Coaching is also included. This personalized infrastructure is all student-centric.
- As a significant added employee benefit, we are also proposing to extend the 10% tuition discount to all faculty and staff at each partner college. This presents an opportunity to develop faculty credentials and retain them, as faculty can conveniently take our online courses to fit within their work and lifestyles. For staff, it becomes a direct employee benefit to obtain BS and MS degrees efficiently.
- We would both communicate and market the partnership, and we can further coordinate on that process.

I look forward to collaborating with you, and our university looks forward to serving your students. I am happy to set up a web conference call to respond to any questions that you may have, or to meet in Tallahassee as needed to support our partnership.

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CSU-Global and _____ formally recognize that both academic institutions are committed to providing greater educational opportunities for students transferring between the partner institutions. This commitment strongly supports the principle of seamless transfer, whereby students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved. **CSU-Global agrees to extend a 10% tuition discount for a period of up to 3 years to graduates of associate’s degree programs, as well as employed faculty and staff of the community college institution.** Both organizations agree to enter into this agreement to implement and promote said agreement in a proactive and coordinated manner, including direct links on their respective websites, marketing materials, and applicable events.

Transfer credit will be assessed on a course-by-course basis for each eligible course with a C- or higher. Syllabi may be required to establish course transferability in some cases. Courses approved for transfer credit will be reviewed every 3 years. The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied from a 2-year institution is **sixty-four (64)**. This transfer credit limit will be the difference between total credits required for degree completion and university upper-division requirements.

Either institution may end this affiliation at any time with 30 days written notice. Students accepted into the program prior to the termination date will be allowed to continue in the program with the discounted tuition rate.

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