

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**  
**And**  
**HORRY-GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**Partnership for Horry-Georgetown Technical College Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice  
Technology**

**and Coastal Carolina University Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**

This Articulation Agreement is made between Coastal Carolina University (hereinafter “CCU”) and Horry-Georgetown Technical College (hereinafter “HGTC”) and becomes effective as of the date in the term section below.

HGTC is a publicly supported comprehensive community/technical college, part of the SC Technical College System, and is authorized to award associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. Coastal Carolina University is a public, mid-sized, comprehensive liberal arts-oriented institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees. Both institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to articulate the terms and conditions of students transferring from HGTC’s AAS program in Criminal Justice Technology Transfer Track into a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at CCU. This partnership is designed to increase the higher education opportunities for the graduates of HGTC’s Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology program. This Articulation Agreement is particularly significant due to the scholarship opportunity with The Sheriff’s Foundation of Horry County for students in these programs.

**TERM**

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective as of **August 1, 2025**, with initial implementation for students transferring to CCU for the Fall 2025 semester. The agreement shall continue until terminated by either party with one-year written notice to the other party. This agreement will be reviewed annually by both parties and amended as mutually agreed upon during that review.

**AVAILABLE COURSES/ADMISSION REGULATIONS**

The standard equivalencies that are relevant to this agreement are given in Appendix A. These transfer students will also be exempt from CCU’s core curriculum requirement on the basis of the coursework in the AAS Criminal Justice Technology Transfer Track. The required general education courses in the AAS program in compliance with Section 9.3 of the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges are found in Appendix B. The General Education Learning Outcomes of the general education courses in the AAS at HGTC are assessed across the five areas of Oral Communication, Written Communication, Current Events, Probability (math), and Hypothesis. Thus, all courses that make up the general education portion of the AAS in Criminal Justice Technology Transfer Track in Appendix B are assessed by HGTC. In compliance with Section 9.3 of the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on College’s *Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation*, Coastal and HGTC will ensure that the following two conditions are met:

- a) the 30 credits in general education that are part of the AAS in Criminal Justice Technology Transfer Track have at least one course in humanities/fine arts, social behavioral sciences, and natural sciences or mathematics;
- b) the 30 credits in general education are based on a coherent structure and rationale that is similar to the rationale behind Coastal Carolina's Core Curriculum and the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees at HGTC.

### **TARGET STUDENTS**

This articulation agreement is designed for students enrolled in the Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology program at HGTC who intend to continue their education by pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at CCU.

This agreement provides a streamlined transfer process for eligible students who have successfully completed, or are on track to complete, the Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology and are in good academic standing by promoting academic progression, minimizing credit loss, and supporting career advancement in the criminal justice field.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF HGTC**

- A. HGTC will advise its students of the details of the agreement as they pertain to admission requirements and transfer credits and will appoint an HGTC faculty member to be responsible for these matters.
- B. HGTC will appoint a HGTC faculty member to be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the courses related to this agreement.
- C. HGTC will make syllabi, instructor information, and other course materials available for each course in the articulation agreement upon request. Both parties will be open to discussions related to course content or instruction.
- D. HGTC will make available a list of students in each of the relevant programs, including mailing and electronic contact information.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

- A. CCU shall accept a maximum of seventy-six (76) credit hours of articulated HGTC coursework towards CCU's undergraduate Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice program.
- B. There are 86 universally transferrable courses approved by the public colleges and universities and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education as well as additional courses that are already approved for transfer credit by Coastal Carolina University. See the full list in *The Transfer Guide and Academic Plan*. <https://www.coastal.edu/media/2024/siteassets/contentassets/documents/admissions/TransferGuideandAcademicPlan2024-2025.pdf> These courses listed in the *Transfer Guide and Academic Plan* are the standard equivalencies. CCU shall continue to accept standard equivalencies as well as agreement-specific course equivalencies not included in the standard equivalencies.
- C. CCU will appoint a CCU faculty member to be responsible for addressing issues that may arise related to this Articulation Agreement so that issues may better be collectively resolved.

- D. In the event that a student changes their major after entering CCU under an Articulation Agreement, the Articulation Agreement -specific equivalencies may be reevaluated.
- E. If the Articulation Agreement is dissolved after a student admitted under the terms of this Articulation Agreement becomes a CCU student, the student will be allowed to complete their degree under the terms of the Articulation Agreement in a reasonable time frame. This will typically be considered to be three years from their first semester.

### **MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF CCU AND HGTC**

- A. For Articulation Agreement-specific course equivalencies not included in the standard equivalences, CCU and HGTC shall work together to try to ensure that these equivalencies last the life of the Articulation Agreement. Yearly evaluations and interinstitutional communications will alert both parties to curricular changes that may necessitate revision of the Articulation Agreement. Should it be determined that any of the Articulation Agreement -specific course equivalences are ultimately ineligible for a course equivalency due to factors unforeseen at the time of this agreement, both CCU and HGTC will work to notify students of this change.
- B. CCU and HGTC agree to jointly and collaboratively recruit students and develop guides and related materials for use in advisement and recruitment activities. Such materials shall include but not be limited to brochures, fliers, and informational sessions for HGTC students.
- C. CCU and HGTC agree to notify each other of relevant changes in the curriculum.
- D. CCU and HGTC shall work collaboratively to ensure consistency in student advising as it relates to the terms of this agreement.
- E. CCU and HGTC shall adhere to all confidentiality regulations promulgated by federal, state or local governments with regard to the treatment of student records as well as those governing the information retained and distributed by CCU.
- F. In all hiring or employment made possible by or resulting from this Agreement, CCU and HGTC agree there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, age, race, religion, sex or national origin. In addition, all personnel of CCU working pursuant to this agreement shall hold appropriate qualifications for the services they provide.
- G. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as guaranteeing HGTC students, who complete some eligible courses for transfer credit, admission to Coastal Carolina University.
- H. CCU and HGTC shall comply with all requirements of applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Drug Free Workplace Act.

### **REVERSE TRANSFER**

HGTC students who transfer before earning an associate degree at HGTC will be guided to reverse transfer their CCU credits to earn an Associate degree at HGTC by opting in to reverse transfer. As per a standing agreement with the South Carolina Technical College System and CCU, all AA, AS, and AAS degree holders from the 16 technical colleges are guaranteed automatic academic admission into CCU. In order to transfer to Coastal Carolina

University, students must apply and meet the CCU admissions transfer requirements normally in place unless otherwise stipulated in this agreement. The standing agreement also stipulates transfer students accepted to Coastal Carolina University with an earned AA or AS degree from HGTC will have all core curriculum requirements waived. Course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for the awarding of degrees will still apply to all accepted transfer students.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS**

- A. Students shall consult CCU's Course Catalog, University policies and procedures and admission requirements for guidance on specific academic programs and additional details regarding admission to the University.
- B. Students shall meet with a CCU advisor prior to enrolling in CCU's coursework. The student's meeting with an advisor shall take place prior to graduation from HGTC, or as soon as possible following the student's completion of the associate degree.
- C. Students shall be in good standing with HGTC and enroll in courses at CCU in order to be eligible for CCU course equivalency.

### **TERMINATION**

Either CCU or HGTC may terminate this Articulation Agreement at any time by giving written notice of said termination, should the other party fail to substantially perform its obligations under the Articulation Agreement. Either party may terminate this Articulation Agreement without cause at any time, upon mutual agreement between the parties, or by giving the other party at least 60 days advance written notice which does not interrupt the conclusion of a course or course sequence in progress.

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. This Articulation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto, and supersedes all prior understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- B. This Agreement, including any and all Appendices may be amended only by an instrument in writing executed by both parties hereto. The modification of any future Appendix or Appendices shall in no way alter any other terms and conditions in the Agreement.
- C. Should any provision of this Articulation Agreement be declared or be determined by any court to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal or invalid part, term or provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Articulation Agreement.
- D. This Articulation Agreement may not be assigned by either party hereto without prior written consent of the other parties. Nothing in this Articulation Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any person, other than the parties to this Articulation Agreement and their successors and permitted assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Articulation Agreement.
- E. This Articulation Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- F. If default be made in the performance of or compliance with any obligations herein, by either party, the non-prevailing party in any action brought to enforce the terms of this Articulation Agreement shall be responsible

to the prevailing party for the reimbursement of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the prevailing party in such action.

- G. The Section and paragraph headings in this Articulation Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Articulation Agreement.
- H. This Articulation Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute the same instrument.
- I. This Articulation Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- J. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Articulation Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given to a party when (a) delivered by hand or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service (costs prepaid), (b) sent by facsimile or e-mail with confirmation of transmission by the transmitting equipment, or (c) received or rejected by the addressee, if sent by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, in each case to the following:

**If to HGTC:**

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**AND**

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President  
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**If to CCU:**

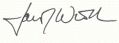
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**{The Parties' Signatures Appear on the Following Page}**

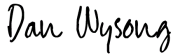
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Coastal Carolina University has caused this Memorandum of Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

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November 6, 2025  
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Dr. James Winebrake  
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Coastal Carolina University

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Provost & Executive VP for Academic Affairs  
Coastal Carolina University

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Horry-Georgetown Technical College has caused this Articulation Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

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\_ Dr. Marilyn J. Fore  
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Dr. Daniel C. Wysong  
Assistant VP for Academic Affairs  
Horry-Georgetown Technical College

**APPENDIX A**

All of the below standard equivalencies will be applied to these transfer students.

<b>Course Equivalencies Matrix</b>		
<b>HGTC Courses</b>	<b>Criteria for Course Equivalency Credit</b>	<b>CCU Course</b>
ENG 101: English Composition I	A grade of 'C' or better	ENGL 101: Composition
ENG 102: English Composition II	A grade of 'C' or better	ENGL 102: Composition and Critical Reading
CRJ 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice	A grade of 'C' or better	CRMJ 101: Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice
CRJ 115: Criminal Law I	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC*XXX
MAT 120: Probability and Statistics	A grade of 'C' or better	STAT 201: Elementary Statistics
SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology	A grade of 'C' or better	SOC 101: Introductory Sociology
CRJ 120: Constitutional Law	A grade of 'C' or better	POLI XXX
CRJ 125: Criminology	A grade of 'C' or better	SOC 353: Criminology Theory
PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy	A grade of 'C' or better	PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy

PSY 201: General Psychology	A grade of 'C' or better	PSYC 101: General Psychology
CRJ 145: Juvenile Delinquency	A grade of 'C' or better	SOC 350: Juvenile Delinquency
CRJ 203: Forensic Photography	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
CRJ 222: Ethics	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
CRJ 230: Criminal Investigation I	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
CRJ 130: Police Administration	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
CRJ 220: Judicial Process	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
HIS 201: American History to 1877	A grade of 'C' or better	HIST 201: History of the United States from Discovery through Reconstruction
SPC 205: Public Speaking	A grade of 'C' or better	COMM 140: Fundamentals of Public Speaking & Presentation
CRJ 236: Criminal Evidence	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
CRJ 242: Correctional Systems	A grade of 'C' or better	SOC 401: Sociology of Corrections

CRJ 260: Seminar in Criminal Justice	A grade of 'C' or better	ELEC XXX
Lab Science: Choose Science	A grade of 'C' or better	Lab Science Requirement

**APPENDIX B**

<b>HGTC courses CCU defines as General Education for the purposes of this agreement:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>CCU Classification of courses to satisfy SACSCOC Standard 9.3</b>
Lab Science	3	General Education: Natural Science/Mathematics
MAT 120	3	General Education: Natural Science/Mathematics
PSY 201	3	General Education: Social/Behavioral Science
SOC 101	3	General Education: Social/Behavioral Science
PHI 101	3	General Education: Humanities/Fine Arts
HIS 201	3	General Education: Humanities/Fine Arts
ENG 101	3	General Education
ENG 102	3	General Education
SPC 205	3	General Education
CRJ 101	3	General Education

The table in Appendix B shows how the transferred courses from HGTC to CCU satisfy the General Education requirements for the purpose of this agreement and demonstrate how the required SACSCOC General Education sub-categories are met. (Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Science, Natural Science/Mathematics). The manner in which CCU and HGTC classify General Education courses is determined by each institution and do not necessarily need to have identical definitions. As with any institution, there may be courses a student takes at the sending institution that do not count toward specific general education requirements at the sending institution but do satisfy a general education requirement at the receiving institution upon the student transferring and the articulation of transfer credit. For the purposes of this pathway and agreement, the courses count toward satisfying the General Education requirements at CCU, and meet the requirements of the three sub-categories established by SACSCOC.

## APPENDIX C

HGTC AAS - Criminal Justice Technology to CCU B.A. Criminal Justice											
First Semester (Fall 1)			Fourth Semester (Fall 2)			Seventh Semester (Fall 3)			Tenth Semester (Fall 4)		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice (CCU CRMJ*100)	3	CRJ 130	Police Administration (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	SOC 331/L	Methods in the Social Sciences/L	4	CJ Electives 3		3
CRJ 115	Criminal Law I (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	CRJ 220	Judicial Process (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	Certificate Course		3	CJ Electives 4		3
ENG 101	English Composition I (CCU ENGL*101)	3	CRJ 230	Criminal Investigation I (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	Group 1	Community Changes	3	CSCI Course		3
MAT 120	Probability and Statistics (CCU STAT*201)	3	HIS 201	American History to 1877 (CCU HIST*201)	3	Group 1	Community Changes	3	Certificate Course		3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (CCU SOC*101)	3	SPC 205	Public Speaking (CCU COMM*140)	3	SOC 102	Social Problems	3	SOC 496/L	Senior Capstone Internship and Lab	4
		<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>
		<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>			<u>16</u>			<u>16</u>
Second Semester (Spring 1)			Fifth Semester (Spring 2)			Eighth Semester (Spring 3)			Eleventh Semester (Spring 4)		
CRJ 120	Constitutional Law (CCU POLI*XXX)	3	Science	Lab Science	3	Group 2	Community & Community Changes	3	SOC 496/L	Senior capstone Internship/L	4
CRJ 125	Criminology (CCU SOC*353)	3	CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	Group 2	Community & Community Changes	3	Certificate Course		3
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy (CCU PHIL*101)	3	CRJ 242	Correctional Systems (CCU SOC*401)	3	Choose One	Applied Methods & Analysis	3	Certificate Course		3
ENG 102	English Composition II (CCU ENGL*102)	3	CRJ 260	Seminar in Criminal Justice (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	CJ Electives 1		3	SOC 497/L	Senior Thesis/L	4
PSY 201	General Psychology (CCU PSYC*101)	3	CRJ 222	Ethics (CCU ELEC*XXX)	3	CJ Electives 2		3			
		<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>
		<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>			<u>14</u>
Third Semester (Summer 1)			Sixth Semester (Summer 2)			Ninth Semester Summer					
CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency (CCU SOC*350)	3									
CRJ 203	Forensic Photography	3									
		<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>			<b>Total</b>
		<u>6</u>			<u>30</u>			<u>31</u>			<u>30</u>
<b>Sub total Freshman Year</b>		<u><b>36</b></u>	<b>HGTC total</b>		<u><b>66</b></u>					<b>CCU total</b>	<u><b>61</b></u>
										<b>Total credits</b>	<u><b>127</b></u>