

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
AND
RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 3rd day of December 2015 between Howard University (HU) located at 2400 Sixth Street NW, Washington, DC 20059, and Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). 118 Lamington Rd., Branchburg, NJ 08876. This agreement is a collaborative effort to promote successful undergraduate educational experiences for students that attend RVCC and HU.

I. Length of Agreement

This Articulation Agreement commences on December 3, 2015 and is in effect for two (2) years with a renewable one (1) year option for the next 4 years. It shall be reviewed by the parties and may be terminated by either institution in writing.

PURPOSE

The articulation agreement will provide a framework for students at the Raritan Valley Community College who successfully complete the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree and who meet the requirements for admission into the University, the opportunity to continue their formal education at Howard University through the coordination of transfer policies, enhanced advising and acceptance of equivalent courses.

ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. General Admission Requirements

Howard University agrees to **guarantee** [fall/spring] admission of any RVCC student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

1. Students who complete the A.A. or the A.S. degree at RVCC preceding matriculation to the University and have a RVCC cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.5** by the time of application or matriculation into HU will be granted admission to HU. Some programs, however, may require a higher GPA for admission.
2. Students transferring from RVCC to specific HU programs must meet the same prerequisites, GPA, and other admission criteria for other students applying to those programs.

3. Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credit hours, 45 or more of which are from RVCC. This may include dual enrollment credit, AP, IB, CLEP, and credits from another accredited institution.
4. Students should submit a complete application for admission for fall/spring transfer admission, and all supplemental materials by November 1, for early action; February 15, for traditional action for the Fall; November 1 for Spring; and, April 1 for Summer. International students should submit a completed admissions application by February 15 for the fall semester, September 1 for the spring semester and February 1 for summer school,

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. Students completing the A.A. or the A.S degree at the RVCC will be considered to have met all lower division University general education requirements at HU as defined in the HU college catalog. Students not fulfilling degree-specific lower division HU requirements must fulfill these requirements. Students earning the A.A., or the A.S degree at RVCC who received a letter grade of "D" in a course **may** be required to repeat the course at HU in order to have met all lower division general education requirements at HU.
2. To be considered for transfer credit, course work must be graded "C" or better for both RVCC graduates and students who did not graduate. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at HU.
3. HU may evaluate courses/credits awarded by RVCC that were earned through AP, IB, CLEP, or other testing programs.
4. Transfer courses must be comparable in content, academic level and scope to the curricular offerings at Howard University. HU will provide transfer guides giving the students the opportunity to view course transfer equivalencies. This information will be maintained with the most recent RVCC information compared to the most recent HU course offerings.
5. Students transferring from RVCC will be required to complete the last 30 semester credit hours for an undergraduate degree at Howard University in order to be eligible for a HU degree.
6. Most 300 or 400 level courses offered at HU that were taken at the 100 or 200 level at the community college are not transferable, but there are a few exceptions.
7. Transfer credit will not be granted for RVCC courses numbered below 100.
8. Transfer credit will be granted for RVCC occupational/technical courses if course equivalents are specified in the transfer guide.

9. Transfer credit may be granted for RVCC General Usage Courses such as Cooperative Education, Seminar and Project, and Supervised Study as appropriate on a case-by-case basis.
10. Transfer of credits does not necessarily imply applicability to specific degree requirements.
11. If a student completes the A.A. or the A.S. degree at RVCC and transfers to HU, HU will honor the transfer guides in effect for the two years prior to the student's completion of the RVCC degree. Because of this provision, advisors are required to keep old pages of the transfer guides for a minimum of two years after a new change becomes effective.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

HU and RVCC agree to meet annually to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. Each institution will designate an individual to provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability.

D. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
2. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of two (2) years.

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