

**PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
AND
RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**AAS in Sport MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY to
BACHELOR's Degree in MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE**

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson University, an educational institution of the State System of Higher Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called "TJU") offers a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science and

WHEREAS Raritan Valley Community College, (hereinafter called "RVCC") offers an AAS Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology; and

WHEREAS, TJU and RVCC desire to facilitate the transfer of students from an AAS Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology at RVCC to the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science program at TJU and avoid duplication of degree requirements where possible; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms of this Agreement, a student who has earned the AAS Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology at RVCC shall be guaranteed admission to TJU.

NOW THEREFORE, TJU and RVCC officially confirm the following terms of this Agreement:

- a. **Minimum Qualifications.** In addition to the other requirements set forth in this Agreement, to be eligible for transfer from RVCC to TJU under this Agreement, a student must:
 - 1) Graduate from RVCC with a minimum grade point average ("GPA") of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale);
 - 2) Graduate from RVCC with a minimum Major GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale);
 - 3) Satisfy all conditions stated in this Agreement and all other regular TJU admission requirements.
- b. **Admission of Transfer Student.** The student must submit a completed application for admission, submit an official final RVCC transcript, indicating receipt of the AAS Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology directly to the TJU Office of Admission. Students are encouraged to apply well before the application deadline dates. (Please refer to the University's most recent application for the applicable fall and spring transfer application deadline dates).
- c. **Once Admitted to TJU:** Upon admission to TJU, the student must submit appropriate advanced deposits that will be credited towards the first semester fees/tuition. The student will follow the curriculum requirements in effect at TJU at the time of the student's enrollment into TJU's Medical Laboratory Science program and will thereafter comply with any changes to the curriculum.
- d. **TJU Student Registration:** After acceptance into TJU, the student must register for courses in accordance with TJU's procedures as directed in the acceptance letter.
- e. **Transfer Credits.** TJU will accept a total up to 68 -79 credits from RVCC which include credits in general education/pre-requisite, co-requisite, free electives, and major credits, all with grades of

“C” or better. The current accepted credits, as for the date of this Agreement, are detailed in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto.

f. **University Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree:** Students are expected to complete all stated University Graduation Requirements and all other Pre-Requisite, and Major Field requirements as described in TJU’s catalog and Departmental policies in order to receive the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Degree.

g. **Academic Policies and Requirements:** While enrolled in either RVCC or TJU, the student shall comply with each institution’s specific policies/degree requirements.

h. **Promote and Publicize:** RVCC agrees to publicize this Agreement to prospective students in admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and to inform qualified students matriculating to RVCC of the opportunity for admission to TJU under the terms of this Agreement.

i. **RVCC Advisement:** RVCC agrees to advise RVCC students regarding which courses will transfer under this Agreement for the Medical Laboratory Technology major as well as General Education requirements that include, but are not limited to, coursework in the Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences.

j. **Coordination of Agreement:** Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate the terms of this Agreement between the two institutions.

k. **Review of Agreement:** Both TJU and RVCC will review this Agreement and make any changes upon mutual consent. Each will keep the other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement.

Mutual Terms and Conditions:

1) Term of Agreement: The term of this Agreement will be for five (5) years from the date of final execution by the parties and their respective legal counsel. This agreement may not exceed a period of five (5) years from the date of final execution.

2) Termination of Agreement: Either institution may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days notice. However, students who have been accepted into MLT Clinical part of the program at RVCC and have already been accepted into TJU's Medical Laboratory Science Program will be afforded the opportunity to enter TJU's Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

3) Nondiscrimination: The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4) Modification of Agreement: This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

5) Relationship of Parties: The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors and shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

6) Liability: Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other for death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.

7) Entire Agreement: This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

[The remainder of this page has intentionally been left blank. Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

FOR: Raritan Valley Community College

Dr. Michael McDonough
President

Date _____

Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Date _____

Dean of Academic Affairs

Date _____

FOR: Thomas Jefferson University

President

Date _____

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date _____

Dean of Academic Affairs

Date _____

EXHIBIT A

Transfer Credits From RVCC: (68-79)

Course Name	Credit
BIOL124-Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
CHEM 102-Introduction to Chemistry OR CHEM 103-General Chemistry	4
ENGL111-English Composition I	3
Humanities or Social Science	3
ENGL 112-English Composition II	3
BIOL 125-Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL111-Principles of Biology OR BIOL101-General Biology OR BIOL133-Principles of Microbiology	4
Mathematics	3
MLTC 100- Introduction to MLT	1
Humanities or Social Science	3
MLTC 110-Specimen Collection & Processing	2
MLTC 120- Urinalysis & Body Fluids	3
MLTC 201- Clinical Microbiology I	4
MLTC 202 - Clinical Microbiology II	4
MLTC 210 - Clinical Chemistry	4
MLTC 130 - Immunology	3
MLTC 220 - Immunohematology	4
MLTC 230 - Hematology	4
MLTC 250 - Seminar	2
MLTC 290- Clinical Experience: Urinalysis & Body Fluids	1
MLTC 292 - Clinical Experience Microbiology	2
MLTC 294 - Clinical Experience Chemistry & Immunology	2
MLTC 296 - Clinical Experience Hematology	2
MLTC 298 - Clinical Experience Immunohematology	2
Total	68

