

# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**FOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**BETWEEN**

**HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**AND**

**NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY**

Effective Date: September 1, 2021

## **I. Purpose and Goals**

- The purpose of this agreement is to outline the terms and conditions of the articulation agreement between the Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Criminal Justice and the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S.) degree at New Jersey City University (NJCU). Through this agreement, current students and graduates have an opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science degree "seamlessly" at two institutions of higher learning. This agreement is specifically designed for students who are graduates of HCCC's Criminal Justice program as well as students completing HCCC's A.S. degree who are not participating in or eligible for the dual admissions program, a regular admit student. Under this agreement, students will enter into a sequential degree program wherein a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree at New Jersey City University is predicated upon conferral of an Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice at Hudson County Community College (See Section 3 for admission requirements). Students who subsequently complete their A.S. degree program and fulfill all criteria of this Articulation Agreement will enter NJCU as fully matriculated students with junior-year standing.

## **II. Benefits / Advantages of the Articulation Agreement**

- Creation of a four-year plan for completing the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S.) degree;
- Ability to earn both associate and bachelor's degrees while maximizing transferability of credits;
- A guarantee that students who meet the stated criteria will have a reserved place in the Criminal Justice program at NJCU, and,
- Access to NJCU financial aid counselors to facilitate early financial planning and estimates of financial aid and scholarships.

## **III. Requirements for Admission to NJCU under the Articulation Agreement**

Admission to NJCU is contingent upon a student's:

- Successful completion of the HCCC Criminal Justice Associate Degree;
- Attainment of a grade point average of 2.0 or higher at HCCC;
- Completion of an NJCU undergraduate admissions application;
- Submission of official transcripts from HCCC, all previously attended colleges or college credit earning institutions, and/or a WES evaluation; and
- Meeting the general admission criteria of NJCU.

## **IV. Articulation Agreement Process and Procedures**

- Upon completion of the HCCC Associate Degree in Criminal Justice or anytime thereafter, graduates (present and past) can apply to NJCU and will receive a maximum of 60 credits, if accepted.
- Once accepted into NJCU's Criminal Justice program, students will schedule an advisement appointment with an NJCU faculty member. Students can complete the 60 credits required for the BS in Criminal Justice degree as part- or full-time students. A minimum of 39 credits in Criminal

Justice must be taken in residency at NJCU. NJCU requires completion of 120 credits in order to earn a Bachelor's degree.

- Representatives of NJCU will meet with HCCC students and graduates at HCCC at least annually, or as needed. The purpose of these meetings is to provide information about NJCU's Criminal Justice program, available services, and answer student questions.

#### **V. Time Limit**

- HCCC students will follow NJCU's undergraduate Criminal Justice curriculum requirements in place at NJCU at the time of initial enrollment in a Criminal Justice course at NJCU.

#### **VI. Transferability of Credits**

- NJCU will accept a maximum of 60 credits when the student enters the University with an A.S. degree (Criminal Justice Curriculum 60 Credits).
- Students entering the Criminal Justice program through this articulation agreement may not transfer into another NJCU major without a re-evaluation of his or her original transcript(s). This evaluation will be completed based on existing policy applied to all non-Criminal Justice, A.S. transfer students.
- A maximum of 60 credits may be applied to NJCU degree requirements.

#### **VII. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Curriculum Requirements**

- See Attachment A, entitled: "Applied Associate in Criminal Justice to Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice."
- See Attachment B, entitled: "Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Program - Course Requirements."

#### **VIII. Institutional Responsibilities**

- HCCC and NJCU will work collaboratively to support and effectively administer this articulation agreement in the best interest of the students.
- HCCC and NJCU will regularly communicate regarding changes in program requirements and any other relevant issues and/or concerns.
- HCCC and NJCU agree to promote the articulation agreement in appropriate college publications and at recruitment and outreach activities.
- HCCC agrees to distribute information provided by NJCU to its students and alumni regarding the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

#### **IX. Agreement Review**

- NJCU and HCCC will notify one another of curricular changes upon institutional approval. The term of the Articulation Agreement shall be from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Prior to the expiration of the Articulation Agreement, the parties shall review its terms and modify them if necessary for the purpose of entering into a new agreement.
- This agreement represents the entire agreement between NJCU and HCCC through their authorized agents and will be deemed fully executed on the date of the last signature. All

negotiations, oral agreements, and understandings are merged herein and any change(s) in the terms must be made in writing and signed by all parties.

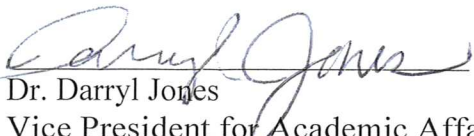
**X. General Provisions**

- a. Neither party shall have the right to assign this agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- b. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No modification hereof shall be binding upon any of the parties hereto unless made in writing and signed by the parties.
- c. The parties are not and shall not be considered partners and are not agreeing to a joint venture. The execution of this agreement does not, and shall not, constitute a partnership or a principal/agent relationship between the parties hereto.
- d. Each party represents to the other that the persons signing this agreement have the full authority to do so.
- e. The parties may execute this agreement in two counterparts, each of which shall have full legal force and effect.
- f. This agreement shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state of New Jersey, principles of conflicts of law notwithstanding.
- g. If any provision of this agreement shall be held invalid by a court of law for any reason, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- h. This agreement may not be waived, changed, modified, or altered, except by an instrument signed by both parties, unless otherwise provided for in this agreement.




**XI. Approvals**

**For Hudson County Community College**

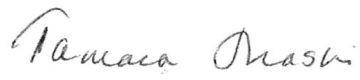
  
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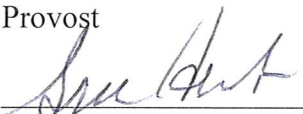
  
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