

## AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION & ARTICULATION

BETWEEN

Cisco College and Midwestern State University

In order to facilitate the smooth transition of students between the two entities, Cisco College and Midwestern State University hereby enter into this articulation agreement as follows:

1. Articulation for the purpose of student transfer between Cisco College and Midwestern State University refers specifically to this written agreement that identifies courses, sequence of courses or programs from Cisco College that are comparable to, or acceptable in lieu of, specific course or program requirements at Midwestern State University.
2. Successful completion of an articulated course or program assures the student and faculty of Cisco College that the student has taken the appropriate course(s), received the necessary instruction and preparation, and that similar outcomes can be expected, enabling the student's progression to the next level of course sequence or requirement at Midwestern State University. Articulated courses or programs are substantially equivalent courses or programs that are comparable or acceptable in lieu of each other, or they are programs that are acceptable for transfer into Midwestern State University's Respiratory Care degree including those offered on-line.
3. Midwestern State University will accept the entire lower division program of study of a student who receives an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Care degree at Cisco College transferable into the University. ~~41~~ 39 credit hours will be granted for the RRT credential after students have complete 9 hours of coursework in the RRT-BSRC Program. The total number of transfer hours to be applied to a degree plan will be capped at 60 credit hours for academic associate degree programs unless the student obtains written permission from Midwestern State University prior to transfer.
4. The ~~41-39~~ semester credit hours of general education requirements of the Cisco College core curriculum will be accepted toward the Baccalaureate degree at Midwestern State University, even if the student has not completed an AA or AS degree. In accordance with Sec.61.822 of the Texas Education Code, the block of courses in any Cisco College core curriculum shall be transferable to Midwestern State University and must be substituted for Midwestern State University core curriculum. A student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and will not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at Midwestern State University unless the core curriculum requirements have not been met. If the core requirements have not been met the remaining core courses can be transferred in from the community college, another approved institution, or taken at MSU.
5. Midwestern State University will provide a course equivalency guide for Cisco College and Midwestern State University courses.
6. Every lower division Cisco College course within the Coordinating Board Academic Course Guide Manual will be transferable to Midwestern State University.
7. The basic core American Government) will need to be taken online at MSU (or another Texas approved institution) because it includes Texas government.

8. Transfer students must apply for admission to Midwestern State University and meet university and program admission requirements and are required to finalize an official degree plan prior to completion of the second semester of study at Midwestern State University.
9. Changes of an articulated course content or movement of a lower division articulated course to an upper division course should take effect at least two years after the announced date, thereby according Cisco College time to make appropriate changes if possible to meet the new Midwestern State University course requirement. During the two-year period, the original Cisco College courses will still be accepted at Midwestern State University. Midwestern State University will inform the Transfer Services Coordinator/Director of Counseling and Assessment of such changes, together with recommendations for how the original Cisco College course may be adjusted to meet the new Midwestern State University course requirements, if possible.
10. A department may decide not to accept an articulated course when there is a clear indication, supported by documentation, that an articulated course from Cisco College does not meet Midwestern State University requirements. In such cases, the concerned department, working through Midwestern State University's Registrar's Office should notify the Cisco College Registrar Office of the specific deficiency, allowing Cisco College time to correct the deficiency if possible.
11. Guaranteed enrollment in at least one RESP course the first semester. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements of the university. Because of high demand the RRT-BSRC program course availability is limited. Enrollment in at least one RRT-BSRC course is guaranteed for new students who graduate from Cisco College and are accepted to MSU during the regular registration time period. Returning RRT-BSRC students are encouraged to register early each subsequent semester to ensure they get the classes they want.
12. Midwestern State University recruiters, including faculty and advisors, may arrange to visit Cisco College to explain Midwestern State University Programs and recruit students whose programs of study fall within this articulation agreement.
13. Upon request, Midwestern State will provide Cisco College with a report on the achievements of students who transfer to Midwestern State under this agreement.
14. Both institutions are free to promote this articulation agreement, by means of, but not limited to: informing Academic Advisors/Director of Career Development services of the agreement, posting the articulation agreement on the Cisco College website, providing a link to Midwestern State University web site on the Cisco College website, posting equivalency guides on the Cisco College website, and exchanging catalogs when published. Both parties must agree upon any changes to this articulation agreement and those changes shall be in writing.
15. This general Agreement of Cooperation and Articulation shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each part and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing, executed by authorized representative of the parties, and approved in writing by the President of Midwestern State University and the President of Cisco College. The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

16. Periodic reviews of admission and transfer policies and procedures will be conducted to enhance the ease of transfer of students from Cisco College to Midwestern State University

17. Upon arrival by each institution, this agreement shall automatically renew each year unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this agreement shall terminate: (a) at the end of such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the agreement at the time such notice is given have completed their respective courses of study under the agreement, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither Midwestern State University nor Cisco College shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses, which may result.

All communication should be directed to:

Midwestern State University:

EXECUTED by Midwestern State University and Cisco College in triplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

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