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Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Policy

The [Comprehensive Articulation Agreement](#) (CAA) addresses the transfer of students between institutions in the [North Carolina Community College System](#) and from that system to constituent institutions of the [University of North Carolina](#). The CAA was developed jointly by faculty and administrators of the North Carolina Community College System and the University of North Carolina based on the proposed transfer plan approved by both governing boards in February 1996. The CAA applies to all North Carolina community colleges and all constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. The general education core transfer component described in the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs is included in the CAA.

The associate in arts and associate in science degree programs in the [North Carolina Community College System](#) require a total of 64-65 semester hour credits for graduation.

Within the overall total, the community college system and the university have developed a general education core transfer component. This curriculum reflects the distribution of discipline areas commonly included in institution-wide, lower division, general education requirements for the baccalaureate degree. The general education transfer core includes study in the areas of humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and English composition.

The general education core transfer component, if completed successfully by a student with a grade of C or better in each course, shall be portable and transferable as a block across the North Carolina Community College System and from that system to UNC institutions, whether or not the transferring student has earned the associate degree.

Transfer of Graduates of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science Degree Programs in the Community College System

The CAA may enable North Carolina community college graduates of two-year associate in arts and associate in science degree programs to transfer to constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina with junior status.

To be considered for junior status at one of the UNC institutions, community college transfer students must meet the same requirements set for native students in that university with respect to such things as grade point average and credit hours accumulated.

Community college graduates of associate in arts and science degree programs who have completed the general education transfer core will be considered to have fulfilled the institution-wide, lower division, general education requirements of the receiving institution. Community college graduates of these programs will normally receive 64

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semester hours of academic credit upon admission to a university. Under special circumstances, a university may choose to accept additional credit hours. Admission to a university will not constitute admission to a professional school or a specific program.

Requirements for admission to some major programs may require additional specialty courses beyond the general education transfer core course taken at the community college. Students entering such programs may need more than two academic years of course work to complete the baccalaureate degree, depending on requirements of the program.

Transfer of General Education Core Courses for Non-graduates

Upon admission to another public two-year institution or to a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, students who have completed the general education core with the proper distribution of hours, but who have not completed the associate degree, will be considered to have fulfilled the institution-wide, lower-division, general education requirements of the receiving institution. To be eligible for inclusion in this policy, a student must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale at the time of transfer and a grade of C or better on all general education core courses. Upon transfer at the sophomore level, a non-graduate who has completed the general education core should be advised at the university to take pre-major or cognate courses based on the chosen major.

The transcripts of students who transfer before completing the general education core will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis by the receiving universities.

Transfer of Associate in Applied Science Degree Course Credits

Upon admission to another public two-year institution or to a public university, a community college student who was enrolled in an associate in applied science degree program and who completed all or part of the general education transfer core will receive credit for those general education courses which have been satisfactorily completed with a grade of C or better.

Private Institutions Endorsing the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement

[Some private colleges and universities](#) have agreed to participate in the North Carolina Community College Independent Articulation Agreement with the North Carolina Community College System.

References

Legal References: *Enter legal references here*

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SACSCOC References: *Enter SACSCOC references here*

Cross References: [Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Procedure](#), [Transfer to Senior Institutions Procedure](#)

History

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