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Transfer/Articulation Agreements
www.etsu.edu/articulation

[Articulation Website](#)



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Office Initiatives:

- regional recruitment,
- the development of partnerships with area community colleges-- in state and out-of-state to eliminate barriers,
- creating new and updating existing articulation agreements,
- Frequent communication with academic departments in order to create more seamless transitions for transfer students,
- Articulation is directly linked to recruitment, retention, student satisfaction, and graduation rates.

Articulation Updates

- What is articulation?
- Who benefits?
- What are transfer course equivalencies?
- How does the process work?





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What Transfer Students Should Know About Articulation Agreements

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/what-transfer-students-should-know-about-articulation-agreements>

“Split by sector, students transferring between public colleges lost 43% of their credits compared with 94% for those who moved on from private for-profit schools. The GAO report notes that lost credits can add up, requiring more financial aid for students.”

Lost credits ultimately end up costing students more time and money to earn a degree.

"Knowing how their credits will transfer is enormously **beneficial** to them in terms of their time to ultimately graduate with their four-year degree," says Paul Seegert, director of admissions at the University of Washington.



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Articulation Agreements Are Just a Small Part of the Answer

<https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/tackling-transfer/articulation-agreements-are-just-small-part-answer>

“While articulation agreements can be a component of a successful transfer strategy, two- and four-year institutions need to also work together on student-centered strategies, including strengthening advising, creating guided pathways and aligning course curriculum, to get transfer students the resources and supports they need.”

Transfer Terminology

- **Transfer Agreements-** University partners develop guidelines, processes, and supporting policy for transfer students that best serve our collective students through program level articulation agreements, reverse transfer agreements, and guaranteed program admission agreements with the aspiration for regionally created agreements to be more universally applicable across the state. Sometimes referred as MOUs.
- **Articulation Agreement-** Formal partnerships between at least two institutions of higher education. Typically, these agreements exist between a community college and a four-year institution. The goal is to create a seamless transfer for students.
- **Advising Guide-** An informal agreement between the respective departments at the community college level and ETSU which outlines courses that a student needs to take for that departmental degree.





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- **Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP'S)**- A student who completes all the courses listed for the selected major of a Transfer Pathway will be able to earn an A.A. or A.S. degree from the community college. Whenever the student transfers to a Tennessee public or private college/university, the transcript will certify that the pathway has been followed. The student is guaranteed that all the community college courses taken will be accepted at the college/university and the courses will count toward completion of the particular major. If a community college student transfers to another Tennessee community college, he or she is guaranteed that all courses transfer.
- **Consortium Agreement**- A consortium agreement is a contract between two colleges/universities that recognizes your registration at each location for financial aid purposes.
- **Dual Degree**-involves a student being dually enrolled for two different degrees at the same time, either at the same institution or at different institutions completing them in less time than it would take to earn them separately. ETSU currently has these in Nursing.
- **Dual admissions**-Dual Admission Program is available to students transferring to ETSU from select Community Colleges. This program offers Community College students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree, followed by enrollment in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree at ETSU. Dually admitted students first enroll at a Community College, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.F.A, A.S. and A.S.T) and then enroll at ETSU. This program will ease the transfer process and foster students' academic success. The advantage of the dual admissions agreement as opposed to an articulation agreement is that students receive an ETSU ID, having access to certain campus amenities and also have direct contact with both Community Colleges and ETSU faculty and staff throughout the program. In addition, the dual admission program provides enhanced advisement and transition support services early in their academic career.



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- **Dual Enrollment-** is a program that allows high school students (usually sophomores, juniors, and seniors) to enroll in college courses for credit prior to high school graduation
- **Guaranteed Admissions-** is an agreement between ETSU and a community college where a student who graduates with an associate's degree designed for transfer at a community college with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on four-point scale will have guaranteed admission to ETSU and may expect the following: Courses accepted by ETSU will be applied to the attainment of the Baccalaureate degree, ETSU guarantees the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree designed for transfer. Some programs and colleges at ETSU are competitive and admissions to ETSU does not imply admissions to these programs without further evaluation by the college or department offering the program.
- **Reverse Transfer-** Is an agreement between ETSU and a community college that allows students to transfer course work from ETSU back to a community college to complete requirements for an Associate's degree. Each term students are identified from the individual institutions and is sent an opt-in email. When the student opts-in, the appropriate student attribute is placed on the student's record so that transcripts may be sent to the appropriate institution.

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- **Transfer Course Equivalencies**-course equivalency is the process by which one institution matches its courses or requirements to course work completed at another institution. Students use course articulation to assure that courses they complete will not have to be repeated at the institution to which they are transferring





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