



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

AND

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this transfer agreement between Columbia Southern University (CSU), located at 21982 University Lane, Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 and Defense Acquisition University (DAU), located at 9820 Belvoir Road Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 22060 is to establish an Excelerate Partnership for DAU credit for achievement of Level II and Level III Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification that is eligible for graduate credit in CSU's Master of Business Administration (General) and Master of Public Administration (General) programs.

- a. For the Excelerate Partnership, CSU will awarded specific DAU credit for achievement of Level II and Level III Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification, into outlined pathways for the MBA (General), MBA (Project Management) and MPA (General) in Appendix I-III. Complete requirements for Level 2 Certification in Program Management or Level 2 in Contracting/Contract Management from DAU.
 1. MBA/General – 9 hours in MBA Electives
 2. MBA/Project Management Concentration – dependent upon successful completion of PMT 401
 - a. 3 hours for MBA 6931 – Project Management Strategy & Tactics
 - b. 3 hours for MBA 6951 – Managing Complex Projects
 - c. 3 hours for MBA 6961 – Project Management
3. All remaining training from DAU, will be reviewed and awarded according to ACE recommendations, CSU degree programs, and transfer policies.

2. Background

CSU is an undergraduate and graduate level institution that is accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC), which is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As an accredited, degree-granting member of the DETC, Columbia Southern University is also an institutional member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. CSU is licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Education pursuant to the Alabama Private School License Law Code of Alabama, Title 16-46-1 through 10. CSU is an Institutional member of the American Council on Education (ACE). CSU is a Title IV school approved for federal financial aid, Veterans Administration benefits and tuition reimbursement for active duty military personnel through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

Defense Acquisition University is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. DAU selected the Council on Occupational Education (COE) as its accrediting body because the standards and criteria established by COE correspond with the

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university's training certification mission and the broader view of learning and development. DAU was first awarded accreditation in 2003 and was reaffirmed in 2008.

3. Articulation Agreement

CSU recognizes the professional integrity and academic stature of DAU. DAU does and will continue to offer training programs and courses that are accredited by the Council on Occupational Education. Likewise, CSU will continue to offer academic programs and courses that are accredited by the DETC.

Students attending CSU must complete a minimum of 50% of their degree program at CSU to meet graduation requirements. Documents that will be considered for credit transfer consideration are college transcripts and training certificates.

4. Learning Partnership

This articulation agreement includes a Learning Partnership between CSU and DAU. The benefits of the Learning Partnership with CSU include: DAU students and staff members, along with their respective spouses and children, will receive a 10% tuition discount and a waiver of the application for admission fee. CSU may place the Learning Partner's name and logo on the CSU website.

5. Commitment

CSU and DAU are committed to serve our students in achieving their educational goals. Technology will be used to facilitate the transfer of students between institutions. Students participating in the program must meet all criteria for admission into CSU and comply with all requirements in the awarding of a degree. This Agreement will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature, but may be terminated by either party by providing a written notification to the other party. CSU and DAU will review the agreement annually to determine whether it is achieving its purposes and continuing to meet each institution's needs. This agreement may be executed by duly authorized representatives of each party, either by electronic facsimile or other digital means, each of which will be considered as original.

SIGNATURES:

Columbia Southern University

Defense Acquisition University

Rachel Farris, M.A. Date
Registrar

James S. McMichael 1/5/2015

James S. McMichael Date
Vice President
Defense Acquisition University

Joe Manjone, Ph.D. Date
Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Special Programs