

# PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

## BETWEEN

**ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES:  
FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS  
LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE - ROBINSON, ILLINOIS  
OLNEY CENTRAL COLLEGE - OLNEY, ILLINOIS  
WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE - MT. CARMEL, ILLINOIS**

## AND

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CARBONDALE  
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS**

In an effort to provide a continued, articulated higher education baccalaureate degree program that will build on community college and university learning experiences, and also eliminate duplication of instruction, this agreement is set forth between Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University on behalf of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC).

1. All graduates of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges with a completed Associate in Applied Science (AAS) and meeting SIUC entrance requirements will receive preferential admission status, based on space availability, into SIUC's Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Technical Resource Management in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.
2. An Illinois Eastern Community Colleges graduate receiving an AAS degree will be accepted for the Capstone Option and admission to SIUC's Technical Resource Management program if the following have been completed by the student:
  - (a) a minimum of 60 transferable hours to SIUC;
  - (b) an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above (4.0 scale) on all accredited work received prior to the awarding of the AAS degree as calculated by SIUC's grading regulations;

Acceptance into the Capstone Option reduces the SIUC University Core Curriculum from 41 to 30 hours.

3. Students will be required to satisfy SIUC's Senior institution hours requirement and to complete at least 120 hours with an overall GPA of 2.0 to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Resource Management. Coursework may include University Core Curriculum as well as Technical Resource Management major courses.
4. An SIUC Technical Resource Management representative will communicate periodically with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges personnel for general advisement and degree planning purposes.

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5. Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, and following all policies and regulations stated in the program and university guidelines, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges students will be eligible to receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Resource Management, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
6. Should changes occur in course or program content, the school making the change agrees to notify the other school in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be given at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester when the change is implemented.
7. The parties acknowledge that many student educational records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and that the written authorization of student(s) must be obtained before student data can be released to anyone. The parties agree that any access to student records shall be in compliance with FERPA.
8. This agreement is subject to change by legislative action or the Department of Education and subject to approval of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, or the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees.
9. Indemnification:
  - A. To the extent permitted by law and not inconsistent with the principles of sovereign immunity, SIUC shall indemnify and hold harmless the College, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of SIUC, its agents or employees, in the performance of SIUC's obligations under this Agreement. Claims against SIUC are subject to the Illinois Court of Claims Act, 705 ILCS 505 et seq.
  - B. To the extent permitted by law, the College shall indemnify and hold harmless SIUC, its agents and employees, from any claims, demands, or causes of action arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of the College, its agents or employees, in the performance of the College's obligations under this Agreement.
10. Reasonable efforts will be made to resolve problems with student(s) through discussions with the student's program instructor, supervisor and SIUC's faculty members; however SIUC reserves the right to remove any student from enrollment at SIUC upon the determination that the student is unable or unwilling to fulfill the requirements of SIUC's educational program and mission, including but not limited to the rules and regulations of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the policies of the Board of Trustees of SIUC, and the SIUC Student Conduct Code. SIUC shall also have the right to withdraw any student from its educational degree program in accordance with its academic requirements, including but not limited to unsatisfactory academic performance and/or social misconduct.
11. Neither party will discriminate against any applicant or student in the nomination, selection, or training because of religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, handicap, national origin, or age.
12. Notices should be mailed to the following addresses by first class mail in order to fulfill any notice or revision requirements under this Agreement:

For SIUC: Director  
School of Information Systems & Applied Technologies  
1365 Douglas Drive, Mailcode 6614  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Carbondale, IL 62901

For IECC: Chief Academic Officer  
Academic and Student Support Services  
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges  
233 E. Chestnut Street  
Olney, IL 62450

13. This Agreement shall be in effect as of the Effective Date stated hereinabove and shall automatically renew until either party terminates this Agreement by sending written notification of such termination to the other parties no less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the semester in effect at the time. Termination shall be effected at the end of that period, provided no student currently enrolled is deprived the opportunity to complete course requirements due to this action. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, this Agreement shall be subject to review every year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized, respective officers, and by doing so, hereby affirm that the Agreement is enforceable on behalf of and against each party as of the date written herein.

APPROVED:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY GOVERNING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SIGNED:

[Signature]  
Date: 11/14/12  
Rita Cheng, Chancellor  
Southern Illinois University,  
Carbondale, IL 62901

SIGNED:

[Signature]  
Date: 5/16/12  
Terry L. Bruce, Chief Executive Officer

SIGNED:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Fischer, Chairman

Received and Recommended:

[Signature] Belle Woodward, Interim Director, ISAT  
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[Signature] Andy Su An Wang, Dean, CASA

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

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