

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

By and Between
Stark State College
and

Youngstown State University

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is entered into on June 24, 2025 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Stark State College with an address of 6200 Frank Avenue, North Canton, OH 44720 and Youngstown State University (“Youngstown State”), with an address of 1 Tressel Way, Youngstown, Ohio 44555. Stark State College is an institution of higher education established pursuant to Section 3354 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Youngstown State is a state university established by Section 3356.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. Stark State College and Youngstown State desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of Stark State would be eligible for articulated course credits at Youngstown State, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. *Description of Articulation Program.*

- a. Definitions. Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits are defined in Attachment A for the following academic programs:
 - i. Associate of Applied Science – Civil Engineering Technology
- b. Articulation Benefits to Students. Youngstown State will provide the Articulation Benefits at no charge to past and present students of Stark State College who meet the Articulation Criteria. Articulation Criteria for which the student is eligible to receive transfer credit will be based upon the articulation agreement in place the term the student is admitted to YSU.
- c. Accreditation of Stark State College. Stark State warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Stark State College will notify Youngstown State if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- d. Accreditation of Youngstown State. Youngstown State warrants that it is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Youngstown State will notify Stark State College if such accreditation ceases to exist.
- e. Admissions Processing. For those past or present students who meet Articulation Criteria 1(a-f), Youngstown State will consider their applications for admission in accordance with standard Youngstown State admission application evaluation criteria, while favorably recognizing students’ accomplishments at Stark State College.
- f. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.
- g. Advising. Upon execution of this agreement, Youngstown State will work with Stark State College to develop strategies to provide Stark State College students and graduates timely information about program opportunities and program requirements. Transfer degree curriculum pathways will be reviewed annually. Curriculum changes at each respective institution must be provided in writing to amend and update the pathways for accurate student degree advising and completion.

Parties will each identify, and notify, as necessary, any transitions of, a staff member to serve as liaison and main contact for the Agreement to assure continued communication between the

two institutions on matters relating to this agreement:

- i. Agreement Facilitation Contact(s):
 - a) Youngstown State contact: The Office of the Provost
 - b) Stark State College contact: The Office of the Provost
- ii. Student and Advising Contact(s):
 - a) Youngstown State contact: College of STEM Advising Department
 - b) Stark State contact: Department of Engineering Technology
- h. Reverse Transfer. For students who transfer to Youngstown State University, YSU will provide transcripts and student data in mirror to that outlined below in 3.e. for credential conferral, at the conclusion of each semester/term.

2. *Term and Termination.*

- a. Term. This Agreement in all its parts and appendices shall become effective on the date of execution by the last signatory and shall be binding on the principal Parties hereto, their successors, and assigns, and shall automatically expire on June 30, 2029 unless otherwise terminated as set forth in this Agreement.
- b. Termination.
 - i. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a material breach by the other party, effective upon the later date to occur of (i) the end of the next admissions application and review period of Youngstown State, or (ii) the date that is 90 days after the notice that includes a description of the breach; *provided* in either case that the breaching party shall be allowed until said effective date to cure said breach, and if the breach is so cured the termination notice will be of no effect.
 - ii. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any or no reason effective one year after providing written notice of its intent to terminate to the other party.
- c. Post-Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, Stark State College students previously accepted by or admitted to Youngstown State shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement and the Youngstown State catalog rights from the term in which they are admitted to Youngstown State.
 - i. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, Parties shall continue to provide Agreement services until the last active Agreement student completes his/her degree program, which should not exceed a period of four (4) years, or as otherwise agreed by the parties.
 - ii. If any degree program of study is removed, Youngstown State will design and implement a teach-out plan for any active Agreement student. Additionally, Partner will coordinate with any Stark State College students coded as intended transfer to Youngstown State for the purposes of the removed degree program, to assist with a suitable and transfer favorable academic plan that honors the student's progress towards Youngstown State's degree program.

3. *Miscellaneous.*

- a. Severability. If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

- b. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within Ohio.
- c. Jurisdiction. The parties to this Agreement each specifically consent to jurisdiction in Ohio in connection with any dispute between the parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.
- d. Survival. Sections 2(c) and this Section 3 will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- e. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received in accordance with this Section 3(e) and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice in the manner specified in this Section):

For Stark State College:
 Dr. Lada Gibson-Shreve
 Provost and Chief Academic Officer
 Stark State College
 6200 Frank Ave., NW
 North Canton, OH 44720

For Youngstown State University:
 Jennifer A. Pintar, Ph. D. Provost and
 Vice President for Academic Affairs
 One Tressel Way
 Youngstown, OH 44555

With a copy to:
 Office of General Counsel
 6200 Frank Ave., NW
 North Canton, OH 44720

With a copy to:
 Office of General Counsel
 One Tressel Way
 Youngstown, Ohio 44555

- f. Waivers and Amendments. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both parties.
- g. Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section would be null and void.
- h. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- i. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- j. Compliance with Laws. The parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this Agreement, each party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, ancestry, military status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, veteran status, pregnancy, or color.
- k. Omissions & Errors. If any terms, words or clauses are inoperative by virtue of error or omission on the part of either party, the inoperative term, word or clause will be replaced automatically with a valid, enforceable and operative provision as close to the original language as may be possible which preserves the economic benefit to the Parties.

- l. Data Exchange. The parties shall exchange information regarding student success related to this Agreement. Stark State will provide upon request a directory list of graduates from Stark State following each graduation while complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999. YSU will provide Stark State with information regarding the success of students transferring to YSU while utilizing the benefits of this Agreement.
- m. Promotion and Advertising. All promotion and advertising of the Articulation Agreement must conform to the requirements in Attachment B.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, by signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

STARK STATE COLLEGE:

By: _____

Dr. Lada Gibson-Shreve, Ph.D.
Provost/Chief Academic Officer

Date

7/1/25

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY:

By: _____

Jennifer A. Pintar, Ph. D.
Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Date

7/11/2025

By: _____

Don Ball, Ph.D.
Dean, Business, Engineering and Information
Technologies

Date

7/1/25

By: _____

Wim Steelant, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics

Date

7/11/2025

**Attachment A
To The
Articulation Agreement Dated June 24, 2025
By and Between
Stark State College and Youngstown State University**

Articulation Criteria and Articulation Benefits

1. *The standard articulation criteria (“Articulation Criteria”) are:*

- a. Completion of an Associate Degree.
- b. Achieving a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and a grade of C or better in all engineering technology coursework transferring for credit to the YSU Civil and Construction Engineering program.
- c. Submission of an official College transcript.
- d. Completion of Bridge Courses (Community College courses taken beyond the AAS degree). Refer to transfer courses on next pages; those designated with @, may be taken at Stark State College (Appendix 2).
- e. Fulfillment of residence requirements for the baccalaureate at Youngstown State University. The requirement for the degree is completion of a minimum thirty (30) credit hours of coursework (of which nine are upper-division credit hours in the major) at Youngstown State University. Credit earned by means of transfer courses does not count toward residence.
- f. Courses for which the student is eligible to receive transfer credit will be based upon the articulation agreement in place the term the student is admitted to Youngstown State University.

2. *The articulation benefits (“Articulation Benefits”) are:*

- a. Facilitate transfer of courses between Stark State College AAS-Civil Engineering Technology Degree, and Youngstown State, Civil and Construction Engineering Technology, see Appendices 1 and 2.
- b. Benefitting Northeast Ohio by infusing the job market with qualified graduates.
- c. Students with 3.0 GPA will be eligible to apply for Youngstown State scholarships.
- d. A student who completes all of the associate degree requirements in the Stark State College AAS Degree, (see Appendix 2) will be admitted into Youngstown State, Civil and Construction Engineering Technology program with junior status.

Attachment B
Marketing and Advertising Restrictions
Promotion of Partnership to Domestic and International Students

In order for the Youngstown State and Stark State College to reach out to partners and the community effectively, it is important to monitor the impression conveyed through all forms of communication such as advertising, publications, and signage. The sum total of all impressions generated by these communications must be effective and meaningful to the audiences with which the partners communicate.

Therefore, the parties agree that any use of the other's name, trade name, trademark, logo, and tagline, or any other defining symbol or name associated with either entity during the term of this Agreement shall be for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement. Express written permission or a limited license is required to use the other party's name, trade name, trademark, logo, tagline, or any other defining symbol or name associated with either entity. Neither party will use the other's name or symbols in a way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties. All written materials associated with this agreement must distinctly note the termination date of the Agreement, the degrees within the Agreement, and the average additional hours required to complete the completion degree.

Any and all promotional materials, including written, verbal, videographic, electronic, or multimedia of any kind must be reviewed by both prior to any use or distribution.

Contact for:

Stark State College:

Marketing and Communications
6200 Frank Avenue, NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

Youngstown State University:

Office of General Counsel
One Tressel Way
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

**APPENDIX 1
ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER TABLE**

Stark State College: AAS-Civil Engineering Technology

Youngstown State University: BSAS-Civil and Construction Engineering Technology

EQUIVALENCIES CURRENTLY ON THE TRANSFER TABLES (AND TRANSFEROLOGY)			
STARK STATE COLLEGE	Credits	YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY	Credits
Ohio Transfer Module English Composition		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (6 credits)	
ENG 124	3	ENG 1550 College Writing I	0
ENG 221	3	ENG 1551 College Writing II	3
Ohio Transfer Module Mathematics, Statics and Logic		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (3 credits)	
MTH 135	3	MATH 1513	3
Ohio Transfer Module Arts and Humanities		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (6 credits)	
@STARK OR YSU	3	OT36 APPROVED AH	3
@STARK OR YSU	3	PHIL 2626	3
Ohio Transfer Module Social and Behavioral Sciences		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (6 credits)	
@STARK OR YSU	3	OT36 APPROVED SBS	3
@STARK OR YSU	3	OT36 APPROVED SBS	3
Ohio Transfer Module Natural Sciences		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (6-7 credits)	
PHY 121	4	PHYS 1501 AND LAB	4
CHEM 141	4	CHEM 1515 AND LAB	4
OT36 APPROVED GEN ED ELECTIVES		YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY (6 credits)	
@STARK OR YSU		MATH 1570 OR 1571	4
@STARK OR YSU		OT36 APPROVED GEN ED	3
@STARK OR YSU		OT36 APPROVED GEN ED	3
*STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE AT STARK WILL AUTOMATICALLY FULFILL THE OT36 AND COMPLETE THE GENERAL EDUCATION MODEL FOR YSU.			

APPROVED NEW / REVISED EQUIVALENCIES TO BE PUT ON THE TRANSFER TABLES (AND TRANSFEROLOGY)			
STARK STATE COLLEGE	Credits	YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY	Credits

APPENDIX 2 SUGGESTED SEMESTER SEQUENCE

Stark State College: AAS-Civil Engineering Technology

Youngstown State University: BSAS-Civil and Construction Engineering Technology

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Notes on Transfer Coursework to YSU
Semester One: [18 Credit Hours] STARK STATE COLLEGE			
SSC 101	1		FYE 15XEC-replaces ENTC 1505
ENG 124	3		ENGL 1550
CET 121	3		CCET 2617 + 2620
CET 122	3		ELCT 15XEC
MTH 135	5		MATH 1513
ITD 122	3		CSIS 1590
Semester Two: [14 Credit Hours] STARK STATE COLLEGE			
MET 124	4		MET 1515
DET 125	3		CCET 1503 +CCET 1504
CET 227	3		WITH CET 223= CCET 2607 also replaces CCET 3706 + 2604
PHY 121	4		PHYS 1501 + 1501L
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours] STARK STATE COLLEGE			
CET 125	3		CCET 3714 + 3714L
ENG 221	3		ENGL 1551
CET 223	3		WITH CET 227=CCET 2607 also replaces CCET 3706 + 2604
CET 222	3		CCET 2614 + 2614L
CET 232	3		ELCT 15XEC
Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours] STARK STATE COLLEGE			
CET 226	3		CCET 3711
CET 236	3		ELCT 15XEC
CET 228	3		CEEN 2610 + 2610L
CET 234	3		CCET 3708
OT36 APPROVED ARTS & HUMANITIES	3		OT36 APPROVED AH
60 Total Credit Hours to Graduate with the Associate of Applied Science – Civil Engineering Technology Degree from Stark State College			

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Upper Division	Notes on Transfer Coursework to YSU
Semester Five: [18 Credit Hours] Youngstown State University			
CCET 3709	3	Y	
CCET 3724	3	Y	
MATH 1570	3		
MET 2616	3		
*GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE	3		
CMST 1545	3		
Semester Six: [13 Credit Hours] Youngstown State University			
DESIGN ELECTIVE 1	3	Y	
CCET 3705	3	Y	
CHEM 1515 + 1515L	4		
EET 3725 + 3725L	3	Y	
Semester Seven: [18 Credit Hours] Youngstown State University			
DESIGN ELECTIVE 2	3	Y	
CCET ELECTIVE 1	3	Y	
CCET 3740	3	Y	
CCET 3735	3	Y	
DESIGN ELECTIVE 3	3	Y	
PHIL 2626	3		
Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours] Youngstown State University			
*GENERAL EDUCATION APPROVED SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3		
*GENERAL EDUCATION APPROVED ARTS & HUMANITIES	3		
EET 4810	3	Y	
CCET 4884	3	Y	
CCET ELECTIVE 2	3	Y	

*CAN BE TAKEN AT STARK STATE COLLEGE OR AT YSU