

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT for BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in RESPIRATORY THERAPY, DEGREE ADVANCEMENT BETWEEN PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into as of August 21, 2024 (“Effective Date”) by and between Prince George’s Community College (“PGCC”) and Thomas Jefferson University (“Jefferson”), on behalf of its Jefferson College of Health Professions (“JCHP”), for the purpose of establishing a pathway for enrollment in Jefferson’s Respiratory Therapy, Degree Advancement Program (the “Program”). This Agreement shall apply to PGCC students who seek admission to the Program with an anticipated start of the 2024 – 2025 academic year

A. Qualifying Students

The Agreement provides qualifying students from PGCC with a clear path to matriculate into the Program, provided such students satisfy the following:

1. Be on track to graduate from PGCC with an Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy from a CoARC accredited program with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time they apply to the Program.
2. Have completed at least 40 credits of general education and pre-requisite courses or plan to complete them prior to graduation from the Program.
3. Obtain a current Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential (verified on the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) Database) prior to starting the Program.
4. Apply via the MyJefferson application by February 15 of the year for a start in the Fall semester and June 15 of the year to start in the Spring semester in which they seek to start the Program.
5. Provide copies of NBRC Credentials (RRT required) & have a valid respiratory therapist license in their practicing state prior to starting the Program.

Please note that should students choose to transfer to Jefferson before completing the associate degree, they will be responsible for meeting Jefferson’s eligibility requirements.

Provided the above eligibility criteria are satisfied, up to ten (10) PGCC students per semester are assured a seat in the class on a first come, first serve basis. Additional seats may be available dependent on program capacity. A student may defer their start term for up to one academic year.

B. Responsibilities of the Institutions

1. A qualifying student may transfer from PGCC to Jefferson to complete the Program as set forth below.
2. Jefferson will apply for all credits and courses earned by participating students as part of PGCC’s Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy Program towards the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy, as illustrated in Appendix A.

Appendix A: Programs Articulated

Prince George's Community College Degree Programs	Thomas Jefferson University
Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy	Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy

3. Thomas Jefferson University will accept PGCC credits earned while obtaining an associate's degree in respiratory therapy towards the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy as provided in the following Program Crosswalk:

PRINCE GEORGE’S COMMUNITY COLLEGE				
RESPIRATORY THERAPY, A.A.S.				
TO THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY				
B.S. in RESPIRATORY THERAPY, DEGREE ADVANCEMENT				
Transfer Guide				
PGCC GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	PGCC COURSES	TJU EQUIVALENCY	CREDITS FROM PGCC	CREDITS NEEDED AT TJU

ENGLISH	Credits:		6	
Composition I: Expository Writing	EGL 1010	General Ed	3	3
Writing About Technical Topics	EGL 1340	General Ed	3	3

HUMANITIES	Credits:		3	
Interpersonal Communication	COM 1090	General Ed	3	3
SOCIAL SCIENCES	Credits:		3	
General Psychology	PSY 1010	General Ed	3	3
SCIENCE	Credits:		4	
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 2050	General Ed	4	4
MATHEMATICS	Credits:		3	
Applied College Algebra	MAT 1250	General Ed	3	3
Total General Education Credits:			19	

Legend/Notes

Students with less than 12 credit hours are required to take PAS-1000, First Year Experience.

PGCC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	PGCC COURSES	TJU EQUIVALENCY	CREDITS FROM PGCC	CREDITS NEEDED AT TJU
PROGRAM COURSES		Credits:	47	
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIO 2060	General Ed	4	4
General Chemistry I	CHM 1010	General Ed	4	4
Introduction to Medical Terms for Health Professionals	HIM 1800	USEL TLL	1	1
Principles and Practice of Respiratory Therapy	RST 1531	USEL TLL	5	5
Principles of Cardiopulmonary Physiology	RST 1570	USEL TLL	4	4
Principles of Ventilatory Diseases	RST 1600	USEL TLL	3	3
Clinical Practice in Respiratory Therapy I	RST 1631	USEL TLL	2	2

Principles of Mechanical Ventilation and Introduction to Critical Care	RST 1741	USEL TLL	6	6
Clinical Practice in Respiratory Therapy II	RST 1730	USEL TLL	2	2
Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	RST 2490	USEL TLL	3	3
Pharmacology for Respiratory Therapy	RST 2500	USEL TLL	3	3
Clinical Practice in Critical Care I	RST 2530	USEL TLL	4	4
Trends in Respiratory Therapy	RST 2620	USEL TLL	2	2
Clinical Practice in Critical Care II	RST 2630	USEL TLL	4	4
INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT		Credits:	1	
First Year Experience	PAS 1000	General Ed	1	1
Total Minimum Credits Needed for Graduation: 67	Total Credits:		67	

RRT Credential: 40 credits (RESP 299)

General Ed Credits: 27 credits

***COURSE PREREQUISITES:** BIO 2050 Anatomy and Physiology I requires a prerequisite of BIO 1010 General Biology or BIO 1140 Principles of Biology. Health science practitioners may complete a departmental placement test in place of BIO 1010 or BIO 1140. Students who do not complete BIO 1010 or 1140 will still satisfy the Core 8 requirement at TJU with completion of BIO 2050.

*Jefferson University will apply PGCC courses towards General Education requirements, Program/Major requirements, or General Elective requirements as indicated on the crosswalk.

- Jefferson shall designate, and shall provide to PGCC, the contact information for a staff person at Jefferson who is responsible for the oversight of the enrollment of qualifying students. PGCC shall designate, and shall provide to the Jefferson, the contact information for a staff person at PGCC who is responsible for the oversight of the enrollment of qualifying students. Should the designated staff person or position change, the institution will promptly provide new contact information to the partner institution.

	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of staff person responsible for oversight	Emmitt Wyche III, EdD	Michael Dryer, PA-C, DrPH
Title of staff person	Manager of Transfer Articulation and Policy	Dean, Jefferson College of Health Professions
Email address	wycbeex@pgcc.edu	Michael.Dryer@jefferson.edu
Telephone Number	301-546-5619	215.503.4958

5. If the qualifying student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill Education Benefits), the Institutions shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).
6. Each institution shall adhere to all applicable transfer requirements set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations.
7. Each institution shall advise students regarding enrollment opportunities under this Agreement and shall advise students of financial aid opportunities and implications associated with the enrollment.
8. Should either institution make changes to program requirements, the institution will inform the other institution immediately. The Agreement should be updated to reflect the changes and forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

C. Term/Monitor/Review:

1. The initial term of this Agreement shall be five years from the date of the last signature, with three (3) automatic renewals of two years each.
2. PGCC and Jefferson agree to monitor the performance of this Agreement biannually for the first year and biennially after that
3. Jefferson will establish a mechanism to provide data on the academic progress and number of transfer students enrolled due to this Agreement, including statistical data compiled from non-specific student information.
4. The parties agree to communicate program changes promptly to avoid disrupting student progression towards degree completion.
5. Either institution may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon delivering 30 days written notice to the other institution and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

D. Conditions for Admission to Thomas Jefferson University

1. Students who complete an Associate Degree in respiratory therapy and are admitted to Jefferson will enter with junior year status.
2. Students that apply to Jefferson through this Agreement will be eligible for the following:
 - i. Academic advising and course planning with Jefferson Transfer Admission Counselors
 - ii. Waived Application Fee
3. Additionally, students entering the Program pursuant to this Agreement may be eligible for financial aid, provided they submit the FAFSA according to all deadlines.
4. Students are required to be in good academic and social standing at PGCC and are required to answer questions related to criminal and disciplinary history as part of the application process.
5. Successful submission of the application and satisfaction of all required criteria will guarantee a seat in the Program for ten (10) students who meet the minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and are on track to complete the admission requirements. Students who graduate from the PGCC with GPAs lower than the minimum requirement will be subject to a review by the Respiratory Therapy Faculty to determine eligibility for the Program.
6. A minimum grade of “C” is required to transfer a course to Jefferson.
7. Students must meet all applicable Jefferson requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission and payment of tuition and fees.
8. Students will receive a conditional acceptance into the Program stipulating that they are required to complete all prerequisite course work and admission requirements should they be offered acceptance with courses in progress.
9. Students who apply to Jefferson and are not on track to complete Associate’s degree from PGCC, prior to admission, are not covered by this Agreement. For those students, Jefferson, in its discretion, will determine appropriate transfer of credit on a course-by-course basis.
10. Once at Jefferson, students are responsible for meeting requirements in their major field of study, as well as general curriculum requirements in effect at Jefferson at the time of their admission to PGCC or admission to Jefferson. These students will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to Jefferson students.

E. Promotion of Relationship

1. The parties may share information externally to promote this Agreement. PGCC may identify its participation in the Agreement in internal and external communications, including, without limitation, on PGCC’s website and in its marketing and outreach materials. Similarly, JCHP may identify this relationship to promote the Program with the PGCC, including without limitation in internal and external communications, including, without limitation, on Thomas Jefferson University’s website and in its marketing and outreach materials. Nothing in this agreement should be construed as conferring any right upon either party to use or otherwise reproduce any name, trademark, trade name.

2. **Review and Approval.** Marketing and other promotional material with respect to the arrangement under this Agreement or the Program hereunder, created by each Party shall be subject to review, comment and approval by the other Party, including reference to the Program or the other Party on a Party's website or as otherwise permitted in Section E.1. Each Party proposing any such promotional material shall submit its proposed materials to the other Party, and the reviewing Party shall have 30 business days to review and comment on the materials. In the event the reviewing Party has objections to any of the proposed materials the Parties shall work expeditiously to resolve any issues in the promotional materials. No materials that refer to the other Party or include its name or logo shall be used without such Party's prior written approval. All goodwill arising from the use of a Party's logo, trademark or service mark (each, a "Mark") by the other Party as set forth above shall inure to the benefit of the owner of such mark. All use of the marks of a Party hereunder shall conform to usage guidelines of the owner of such mark.

F. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Agreement shall or are intended to run to, benefit or be enforceable by any student or other third party. No student is intended to or shall be permitted to claim to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, the Program or the parties' relationship with one another.

G. General Provisions

1. Neither party shall assign, sell or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.
2. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document, which shall be binding on the parties notwithstanding that each of the parties may have signed different counterparts. Facsimiles or scanned copies of signatures or electronic images of signatures shall be considered original signatures unless prohibited by applicable law.
3. It is mutually understood and agreed that the relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. Neither party is the agent, employee, partner, joint ventures, or servant of the other. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have nor exercise any control or direction over the methods by which the other party performs obligations under this Agreement. Further, nothing in this Agreement is intended to create any partnership, joint ventures, lease, or equity relationship, expressly or by implication, between the parties.
4. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter, and supersedes all other or prior agreements or understandings, whether written or oral, with respect to that subject matter. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision hereof.

H. Amendment

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the institutions with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both institutions.

I. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Maryland.

J. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute the same agreement.


K. Notice of Agreement

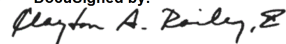
PGCC agrees to provide a copy of this Agreement, with any amendments, to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

For Thomas Jefferson University

Prince George’s Community College

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