ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
SUNY CORTLAND
B.S. CONSERVATION BIOLOGY
AND
FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A.S. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

I. General State of Purpose:
This document establishes a formal transfer agreement between Finger Lakes Community College's, A.S. Environmental Studies program and SUNY Cortland's B.S. Conservation Biology program.

II. Objectives:
A. To create a seamless transfer process for students from Finger Lakes Community College to SUNY Cortland;

B. To attract highly qualified students to both colleges.

III. Eligibility/Admission Requirements:
A. Transfer students must complete an Associate in Science Degree in Finger Lakes Community College's Environmental Studies program before entrance into the SUNY Cortland Conservation Biology program;

B. Finger Lakes Community College students must meet the academic requirements for admission to SUNY Cortland, including specific course work as outlined in this proposal;

C. We recommend that Finger Lakes Community College students complete a minimum of seven of the ten SUNY General Education requirements;

D. Finger Lakes Community College students must complete the SUNY Cortland application process.

IV. Benefits/Advantages:
A. Junior status for degree and financial aid purposes;

B. Waiver of the Cortland General Education requirements (not SUNY GE requirements);

C. Guidelines for completion of program at SUNY Cortland and direct contact for advisement to promote an easier transition for qualified students.
V. Terms of Agreement
   A. Admission requirement: A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 is required for admission.
   
   B. The maximum number of credits completed at Finger Lakes Community College that can be applied toward the Cortland degree is 64;
   
   C. Finger Lakes Community College students must provide a final transcript with their degree designated;
   
   D. This articulation agreement will be monitored on an annual basis by contact between department chairpersons;
   
   E. Each institution will be responsible for making this agreement viable and workable for interested students;
   
   F. Each institution may engage in publication and marketing of this agreement;
   
   G. SUNY Cortland and Finger Lakes Community College agree that future changes in the either program will create necessary commensurate changes in this agreement.
   
   H. Half of the credits in the major and concentration and a minimum of 45 hours of course work must be completed in residency at SUNY Cortland.
   
   I. The Finger Lakes Community College transfer student will complete at least 4 semesters of course work at SUNY Cortland.

VI. Effective Date, Duration, Revisions
   A. The duration of this agreement is for three years beginning September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019 with a re-evaluation each year before August 31 of each year.
   
   B. Minor changes to the programs will be carried out by the department chairs designated as contact persons or their successors. Major changes, that is, changes to the conditions for the agreement will be communicated to all parties, and the agreement will be amended to reflect these changes.
Articulation Agreement  
Finger Lakes Community College/SUNY Cortland  
A.S. Environmental Studies/B.S. Conservation Biology

SIGNATURES:

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