

**Articulation Agreement for a Dual Degree Program between  
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and  
Gloucester County College**

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (RSC) and Gloucester County College (GCC) hereby enter into the following articulation agreement for a Dual Degree Program (DDP) that will govern the matriculation of certain A.A. and A.S. students from GCC, beginning January 1, 2014. The Agreement will continue for a period of three years, at which time both institutions will evaluate the conditions of the Agreement and undertake renegotiation.

### **New Students**

Through the DDP, RSC will dually admit first-year applicants each fall and spring. Once admitted to the DDP program, students respond to RSC by accepting the offer of admission and enrolling at GCC through the completion of the designated AA or AS degree. Upon fulfilling the academic requirements at GCC, as described in the "process" section below, DDP students will be guaranteed admission into their intended RSC program of study with no loss of credit earned at GCC up to a maximum of 64 credits.

### **Transfer Students**

Currently enrolled GCC students who have not applied to RSC as first-year applicants are also eligible for consideration in this program by submitting a DDP form along with their transfer application. Under the terms of this Agreement, the application fee to Stockton is waived.

GCC students who transfer to Stockton without completing an A.A. or an A.S. may submit the DDP form after they have completed a cumulative total of 64 earned credits. This arrangement will require that the DDP students will have met the academic residency requirement at GCC by earning a minimum of 32 approved credits at GCC in their academic major field. RSC will then forward the DDP form to GCC so that the student can earn an A.A. or A.S. degree from GCC under the terms of this Agreement.

### **Process (New Students)**

All DDP new students should select an intended program of study at Stockton and follow the appropriate curriculum worksheet in their educational planning. Prior to registering for GCC courses each term, DDP students must verify that the GCC courses align with the RSC equivalent courses according the NJTransfer.org web site. While students are enrolled at GCC, they will receive communication from the RSC Admissions Office designed to assist them in preparing to transition. Students must check their intended programs of study each term to monitor any changes while enrolled at GCC.

DDP students will work with their transfer counselor at GCC to ensure they meet the program requirements including achieving a 2.7 cumulative grade-point average and completing an RSC program of study that aligns with the Recommended Transfer Program (RTP) found on the NJTransfer.org web site. Some RSC academic programs require additional admissions criteria that the Stockton DDP student must discuss in advance with the counseling/advising offices at both GCC and RSC. All standard transfer policies, including those guided by the Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement regarding duplication of credit, maximum transfer credit, and others continue to apply under the GCC – RSC Agreement.

DDP participants who complete an A.A. or an A.S. degree at GCC will be guaranteed admission to RSC as juniors with no loss of credit up to a maximum of 64 credits. GCC students who transfer to RSC prior to earning an A.A. or A.S. degree may complete a DDP form to earn their associate's degrees upon completing the balance of their 64 credits of coursework at RSC and fulfilling the academic residency and degree requirements of GCC. Both groups of students will be enrolled in a zero-credit "Orientation to Stockton" seminar, administered by RSC, designed to ease their transition to the College.

Students successfully completing the Dual Degree Program earn two degrees, the associate's and the bachelor's degrees. They do so in a cost-effective manner, paying the GCC tuition rate for all or part of their lower division coursework and the senior public tuition rate once they transition to RSC.

During the period of this agreement, GCC will:

- publicize the agreement among its students, faculty, and staff.
- make available to GCC students and graduates a description of the curricular requirements in RSC's various major programs of study.


During the period of this agreement, RSC will:

- maintain current curricular requirements for all RSC programs of study on the aforementioned RSC Advising web site.
- guarantee admission, with no loss of credit up to a maximum of 64 credits, to new DDP students who successfully complete the terms and conditions of this agreement.


And both institutions, during the period of this agreement, will:

- monitor the academic performance of each GCC graduate enrolling at RSC under the agreement.

- work cooperatively to minimize transfer and matriculation issues and to assess annually the articulation program's effectiveness.
- monitor changes in curricular requirements, keep the other institution informed of pending changes, and jointly revise any specific program articulation conditions affected by the change(s).

  
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 For Gloucester County College  
 Judith Atkinson, Vice President of Student Services  
 (on behalf of Dr. Frederick Keating, President)

2/19/14  
 Date

  
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 For The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey  
 Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.  
 President

2/18/14  
 Date

**NOW THEREFORE, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Gloucester County College agree to confirm in writing the terms and conditions of mutual and individual responsibilities related to the offering of this joint program.**

**I. Term of Agreement**

**This Agreement shall continue in force for a period of three (3) years and shall commence on the date written above. This Agreement shall renew automatically each year thereafter unless terminated upon three months' prior written notice by either party to the other. If terminated, those students already enrolled in a course will be permitted to complete the course, and appropriate faculty instruction will be provided. No further enrollments shall be made under this arrangement after such notice is given.**

**II. General Provisions**

**There shall be no discrimination against any employee engaged in the work required to produce the services and programs covered by this Agreement, or against any applicant for such employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, ancestry, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, familial status, flectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, atypical hereditary, cellular or blood trait, genetic information, genetic information, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the**

United States, nor handicap. This provision shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The parties of this Agreement do hereby agree that the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through 10:2-4, dealing with discrimination in employment on public agreements, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as the same may be amended or modified.

Under this Agreement, both Gloucester County College and The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey shall continue to be autonomous and shall be governed independently by their respective governing bodies and administrations except insofar as this Agreement specifically states to the contrary.

It is understood and agreed that the parties to this Agreement may revise or modify this Agreement by written amendment when both parties agree to such amendment.

This Agreement shall be governed and construed and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey in the courts of the state of New Jersey.

### **III. Indemnification**

The Richard Stockton College is prohibited from providing any indemnification under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64-82. The College participates in the State of New Jersey's self-insured risk retention program. The College does not carry separate public liability insurance but manages risks through the State's Program and is accorded certain statutory immunities under the terms and provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. (N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq., New Jersey Contractual Liability Act N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq. and the New Jersey Charitable Immunity Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-7 et seq.

Gloucester County College shall indemnify and hold harmless The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, its agents, and employees, from any and all liability, and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from the negligence of Gloucester County College, its students, agents and employees, in conjunction with or arising out of the activity which is the subject of this Agreement.

### **IV. Warranties**

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Gloucester County College do hereby warrant and represent that they are qualified by training and experience to perform the required services and programs in the manner and on the terms and conditions set forth herein. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Gloucester County College

further warrant and represent that this Agreement has not been solicited or secured, directly or indirectly, in a manner contrary to the laws of the State of New Jersey and that said laws have not been violated and shall not be violated as they relate to the procurement or performance of this Agreement by any conduct, including the paying or giving of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or consideration of any kind, directly or indirectly to any State employee, officer or official.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Gloucester County College administrators shall review the progress and policies of the Agreement at least once a year. Both institutions at any time may initiate changes to this articulation agreement. Both institutions reserve the right to propose modifications to the programs as deemed necessary and agree to inform the appropriate individuals of said changes and their impact on the terms of the articulation agreement.

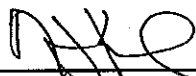
**V. Entire Agreement**

Both The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Gloucester County College acknowledge that this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties. All negotiations, oral agreements, and understandings are merged herein, and any change in the terms herein must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

**VII. Notice**

The following shall be the names and addresses of the representatives of each party to whom all notices and reports required by this Agreement shall be sent by mail:

**For The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey:**



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**Harvey Kesselman**  
**Provost and Executive Vice President**  
**Richard Stockton College of New Jersey**  
**101 Vera King Farris Drive**  
**Galloway, NJ 08201**

**For Gloucester County College:**



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**Linda Martin**  
**Vice President Academic Services**  
**Gloucester County College**  
**1400 Tanyard Road**  
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### Dual Degree Program Form

Students successfully completing the Dual Degree Program earn two degrees, the associate's and the bachelor's degrees. They do so in a cost-effective manner, paying the GCC tuition rate for all or part of their lower division enrollment and the senior public tuition rate once they transition to RSC.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Term of Transfer to Stockton \_\_\_\_\_

**New Student:** I have accepted the offer to participate in the DDP program.

Major Program at GCC \_\_\_\_\_ at Stockton \_\_\_\_\_

**Transfer Student:** I am interested in earning degrees from both GCC and Stockton.

GCC Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Stockton Z Number \_\_\_\_\_

Credits Completed at GCC \_\_\_\_\_ at Stockton \_\_\_\_\_