



OMNIBUS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

AND

BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE:
SOUTH CHARLESTON & MONTGOMERY CAMPUSES

FOR AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM LEADING TO THE
REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Marshall University (Marshall) and BridgeValley Community & Technical College (BridgeValley), in order to improve their existing effort to help adult citizens of West Virginia and other states earn an associate and a baccalaureate degree, hereby enter into an articulation agreement to jointly offer the State's Regents Bachelor of Arts (RBA) degree. This degree option will now be available to students enrolled at the South Charleston and Montgomery campuses of BridgeValley. Through this articulation agreement, Marshall will accept a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework offered by BridgeValley. Such courses may be used to fulfill a portion of Marshall's general education curriculum and portions the RBA degree.

To enhance this degree completion program and to afford the greatest convenience to students living in the greater South Charleston and Montgomery West Virginia regions, Marshall and BridgeValley will collaborate to allow Marshall faculty to teach courses using the South Charleston and Montgomery campus facilities. These courses may include traditional classroom courses, hybrid courses, and courses offered exclusively on line. Where practicable, BridgeValley will provide students with on-campus resources to participate in the computer facilitated courses. When appropriate, Marshall will grant faculty appointment to BridgeValley faculty as afforded by Higher Education Policy Commission *Series 9, Section 5: Joint Institutional Appointment*. This appointment will allow faculty to teach upper division (300- and 400- level courses).

Students will pay all course tuition and other charges to the institution in which they are enrolled. Students who apply and qualify may receive financial aid only at one institution. While the student is pursuing an associate degree, BridgeValley will process the student's financial aid. Once the student is admitted and enrolled in the RBA program, Marshall University will process

the student's financial aid. A consortium agreement request may be made when the student is concurrently enrolled at BridgeValley and Marshall.

BridgeValley and Marshall will collaborate to offer the following Areas of Emphasis for the RBA degree. Where practicable, these courses will be provided at the South Charleston and Montgomery campuses using in-person, hybrid, and online courses.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

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- Anthropology
- Creative Writing in English
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Forensics
- Game Development
- Geography
- Instructional Technology and Libraries
- Literature in English
- Military Science
- Preschool Development
- Psychology
- Religion Studies
- Sociology
- Technical Writing in English
- Web Application Development
- Women's Studies

Following the approval of this agreement, BridgeValley and Marshall will engage in deliberative long-term planning to determine which major programs currently offered by Marshall can be offered at the South Charleston and Montgomery campuses, thus eliminating the need for students living near those campuses to commute to the Huntington campus of Marshall. In addition, the two institutions will also explore the creation of additional degree programs that will meet projected student demand for the South Charleston and Montgomery campus regions.

Historical information confirms that many students completing the RBA degree continue their education in the many graduate degree programs offered by Marshall. As such, BridgeValley and Marshall will collaborate to ensure all students engaged in this and subsequent degree completion programs are given ample career advising as well as guidance for students wishing to obtain a post baccalaureate degree.

I. Conventional Transfer from BridgeValley to Marshall University

Students who are in good standing and meet all admission requirements are eligible to matriculate at Marshall and receive full credit for a maximum of 72 hours of college-level coursework completed at BridgeValley at Montgomery and other regionally accredited community and technical colleges.

BridgeValley will assist students by providing academic advising that will counsel students to enroll in general education and other prerequisite courses that will prepare students to complete the RBA degree through Marshall. In addition, BridgeValley will help students prepare a Marshall application package that includes an admission application, BridgeValley transcript, identification of intended major in the RBA degree program, transfer evaluation fee or waiver request, and consent for Marshall to share academic information with BridgeValley Community & Technical College (see *FERPA Authorization to Release Information* in appendix). Marshall will admit students participating in this agreement under a special designation to facilitate tracking of student progress. Marshall and BridgeValley will create, and revise annually, a list of all course equivalences to fulfill portions of general education and degree requirements.

Students working toward the associate and RBA degrees will be encouraged to work with academic advisors to ensure their previous, current, and future courses will lead to a timely completion of the degree. In addition, the advisor will determine if the student is eligible to receive credit for work experience, military service and training, and civilian licensure and specialized training programs. Students participating in this program will be required to complete course requirements as outlined by the State's RBA program. As necessary, BridgeValley advisors, faculty, and staff may contact Marshall's Director of the RBA program regarding questions about the degree option.

II. Dual Enrollment

Students participating in this degree program may be eligible for dual, or simultaneous, enrollment at both institutions. To participate in this option, students must be in good standing at BridgeValley, meet the current admission requirements at Marshall, and submit the appropriate application for admission and materials, including *FERPA Authorization to Release Information*, to Marshall. Once admitted, students will be issued a Marshall University identification number along with an identification card. During their enrollment at BridgeValley, the students will be classified as transient students at Marshall.

Students may then apply to transfer as a full time Marshall student during the semester in which they will be awarded the Associate degree. This step will require that the student meet all Marshall admission requirements and submit all required credentials to Marshall, including an official BridgeValley transcript. Students in good standing may also apply to Marshall full time before completing the Associate degree.

III. Assessment of Prior Learning

Students pursuing the RBA degree may be eligible to receive college credit for prior learning and professional work experience. The BridgeValley staff will review the students' relevant military, work, and other professional experiences which may be translated to the equivalence of college-level credit hours. As necessary, students participating in this program may be required to complete a portfolio development course to develop materials necessary for the assessment of prior learning.

When the assessment is complete, BridgeValley will prepare a transcript listing the college-level credits the students received from BridgeValley and course equivalences, where appropriate. As appropriate, BridgeValley may also issue an associate degree to students based upon prior course work and granted prior learning credit. Marshall will accept all college-level credits and accept equivalent college level courses granted through the prior learning assessment.

IV. Collaborative Review of Program and Academic Programming

Marshall and BridgeValley agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement to ensure program consistency and quality, and transferability for the benefit of the students of

both institutions. Specifically, both institutions will strive to offer general education and program specific courses that are equivalent regarding content covered and course learning objectives.

Marshall's general education program includes several unique course attributes that enhance to overall value of the courses. One such attribute is an emphasis on Critical Thinking (CT).

Following the approval of this agreement, BridgeValley will identify one general education course that is popular among BridgeValley students and offered by Marshall as a CT designated course. The BridgeValley faculty teaching that course will revise their course syllabus to include the specific learning objectives used for the Marshall equivalent course. The faculty will also participate in an online training program offered by Marshall that reviews strategies to engage students in activities that promote critical thinking. Thereafter, BridgeValley will ensure that new faculty teaching the course will participate in this training and that all faculty teaching the course follow the agreed upon course syllabus. As necessary, Marshall will share with BridgeValley revisions of this course. BridgeValley faculty teaching this course will also collaborate with Marshall on its CT course assessment activities.

Marshall and BridgeValley will, for the duration of this agreement, collaborate on matters related to the development, review, and assessment of general education courses required of students pursuing this degree. The goal of this collaboration is to ensure equivalence of course design, content, and objectives.

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This articulation agreement supplements all currently existing articulation agreements which will continue to serve as specialized links between the two institutions.

Marshall and BridgeValley agree to renegotiate this agreement as necessary due to changes in curriculum or graduation requirements implemented by either institution. This process will be the responsibility of the chief academic officer at both institutions.

This agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party provided that the students currently pursuing a degree shall be permitted to complete the program.

Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree through this articulation agreement will be bound by the curriculum requirements in effect at the time they are officially accepted into the articulated program.

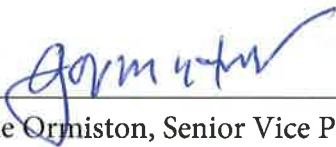
The terms of this agreement are hereby approved on October 26, 2017, by the respective administrations of the two schools.



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