Articulation Agreement
Heritage University
and
Pacific Northwest Christian College

Article I - Agreement on Principle
Heritage University (hereafter HU) and Pacific Northwest Christian College (hereafter PNWCC) agree that students who begin their studies at PNWCC and transfer to HU to earn a bachelor's degree should experience a smooth transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. HU and PNWCC enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

Article II - Agreement of Program Specifics
This agreement establishes a pathway for students transferring from PNWCC to HU by ensuring that the coursework completed at PNWCC is recognized and accepted as part of HU's program requirements. The Associate degree should possess the following characteristics:

I. Be issued only to students who have earned a cumulative college-level grade point average of at least 2.00, as calculated by PNWCC.

II. Be based on 60 semester hours of transferable credit, including:

A. **36 semester hours of general education courses distributed as follows:**

1. *Basic Requirements*.

a. Communication Skills (9 credits)

- A minimum of six credits of English composition.
- Remaining credits may be used for an additional composition course or designated writing courses or courses in basic speaking skills (e.g., speech, rhetoric, or debate).

b. Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills (3 credits)

- Three credits of college-level mathematics, a course with a Mathematics prefix numbered 100 or above, that furnishes the quantitative skills required in the commonly recognized educational transfer pathways toward a baccalaureate degree. Accepted courses in these pathways are Pre-calculus or higher, Mathematics for Elementary Education, Business

Pre-calculus/Finite Mathematics, Statistics, and Math in Society; or

- Three of a symbolic logic course that focuses on (a) sentence logic with proofs and (b) predicate logic with quantifiers and proofs and/or Aristotelian logic with Venn Diagrams.

2. *Distribution Requirements*. Within the distribution requirements, integrative, synthesizing courses and programs, including interdisciplinary courses and linked sequences of courses, are to be encouraged.
    a. Humanities (9 credits)
        - Selected from a minimum of two disciplines.
        - A maximum of 3 credits in performance/skills can be credited in the Humanities distribution.
        - A maximum of 3 credits in 100-level world language can be credited in the Humanities distribution. Additional 100-level world language credits completed may apply to elective requirements.
        - 200-level world language credits may be applied towards the Humanities distribution area.
    b. Social Science (9 credits)
        - Selected from a minimum of two disciplines.
    c. Natural Sciences (6 credits)
        - Physical, biological and/or earth sciences is required.
        - Required to complete a minimum of one laboratory course.

B. **24 semester hours of electives.** Electives include other college-level courses. A maximum of 24 credits may be in college-level courses as defined by the PNWCC. The remainder shall be fully transferable as defined by the receiving institution or through inclusion in Appendix J of the ICRC Handbook. Where appropriate, preparation courses for the major should be included in electives toward this degree.

Entering Heritage University's Baccalaureate degree program as a junior standing does not guarantee bachelor degree completion within two years. Degree specific course prerequisites, course sequencing, upper division requirements, and all major requirements must also be met.

Article III - Agreement on Communication
HU and PNWCC agree to regularly communicate (at least annually) to assess the effectiveness of this agreement and make any necessary adjustments to ensure its continued success in facilitating student transfers. HU and PNWCC agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to current and prospective students.

PNWCC students are strongly encouraged to contact both PNWCC advisors and HU advisors as early as possible to put together a customized program plan for courses at both PNWCC and HU.

Article IV - Maintenance and Review Procedures
HU and PNWCC agree to identify at least one individual at each institution to evaluate the continuing effectiveness of this agreement, to facilitate changes to and development of the program, and to advise students in exceptional situations.

Term and Termination
This agreement will go into effect immediately upon the signing by representatives from both PNWCC and HU. Both institutions agree to uphold the terms outlined in this agreement and work collaboratively to support student success transfer between PNWCC and HU.

Term. This agreement is effective beginning October 1, 2026, and will continue thereafter from year to year, provided that it shall be subject to review and renewal at any time as may be necessary to update or revise upon mutual consent of the parties.

Termination. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving 30 days written notice of termination to the other party. Termination will be effective at the end of the current academic year in which the notice of termination is received. This ensures continuity and support for students. Even upon termination, HU's transfer credit policy is as follows: "Transfer credits are accepted from institutions accredited by a regional or national accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)".

Pacific Northwest Christian College and Heritage University agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be in effect beginning October 1, 2026, and will continue thereafter from year to year, provided that it shall be subject to review and renewal at any time as may be necessary to update or revise upon mutual consent of the parties.

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