

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION & ARTICULATION

BETWEEN

Victoria College Respiratory Care Program
(Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care)
and
Midwestern State University Respiratory Care Program
(Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care)

In order to facilitate the smooth transition of students between the two entities, Victoria College and Midwestern State University hereby enter into this articulation agreement as follows:

1. Articulation for the purpose of student transfer between Victoria College and Midwestern State University refers specifically to this written agreement that identifies courses, sequence of courses or programs from Victoria College that are comparable to, or acceptable in lieu of, specific course or program requirements at Midwestern State University.
2. Successful completion of an articulated course or program assures the student and faculty of Victoria College that the student has taken the appropriate course(s), received the necessary instruction and preparation, and that similar outcomes can be expected, enabling the student's progression to the next level of course sequence or requirement at Midwestern State University. Articulated courses or programs are substantially equivalent courses or programs that are comparable or acceptable in lieu of each other, or they are programs that are acceptable for transfer into Midwestern State University's Respiratory Care degree, including those offered online.
3. Midwestern State University will accept the entire lower division program of study of a student who receives an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Care degree at Victoria College transferable into the University. Thirty-nine credit hours will be granted for the RRT credential after students have completed 9 hours of coursework in the RRT-BSRC Program. The total number of transfer hours to be applied to a degree plan will be capped at 60 credit hours for academic associate degree programs unless the student obtains written permission from Midwestern State University prior to transfer.
4. The 42 semester credit hours of general education requirements of the Victoria College core curriculum will be accepted toward the Baccalaureate degree at Midwestern State University, even if the student has not completed an AA or AS degree. In accordance with Sec.61.822 of the Texas Education Code, the block of courses in any Victoria College core curriculum shall be transferable to Midwestern State University and must be substituted for Midwestern State University core curriculum. A student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and will not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at Midwestern State University unless the core curriculum requirements have not been met. If the core requirements have not been met the remaining core courses can be transferred in from the community college, another approved institution, or taken at MSU.

5. Midwestern State University will provide a course equivalency guide for Victoria College and Midwestern State University courses.

6. Every lower division Victoria College course within the Coordinating Board Academic Course Guide Manual will be transferable to Midwestern State University.

7. To satisfy the basic core American Government requirement at MSU, students will need to take the basic core American Government requirement online at MSU (or another Texas approved institution, such as Victoria College) because it includes Texas government. The basic core American Government requirement can be substituted for GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306.

8. Transfer students must apply for admission to Midwestern State University and meet university and program admission requirements and are required to finalize an official degree plan prior to completion of the second semester of study at Midwestern State University.

9. Changes of an articulated course content or movement of a lower division articulated course to an upper division course should take effect at least two years after the announced date, thereby according Victoria College time to make appropriate changes if possible to meet the new Midwestern State University course requirement. During the two-year period, the original Victoria College courses will still be accepted at Midwestern State University. Midwestern State University will inform the Transfer Services Coordinator and Respiratory Care Program Chair of such changes, together with recommendations for how the original Victoria College course may be adjusted to meet the new Midwestern State University course requirements, if possible.

10. A department may decide not to accept an articulated course when there is a clear indication, supported by documentation, that an articulated course from Victoria College does not meet Midwestern State University requirements. In such cases, the concerned department, working through Midwestern State University's Registrar's Office should notify the Victoria College Admissions Office of the specific deficiency, allowing Victoria College time to correct the deficiency if possible.

11. Guaranteed enrollment in at least one RESP course the first semester. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements of the university. Because of high demand the RRT-BSRC program course availability is limited. Enrollment in at least one RRT-BSRC course is guaranteed for new students who graduate from Victoria College and are accepted to MSU during the regular registration time period. Returning RRT-BSRC students are encouraged to register early each subsequent semester to ensure they get the classes they want.

12. Midwestern State University recruiters, including faculty and advisors, may arrange to visit Victoria College to explain Midwestern State University Programs and recruit students whose programs of study fall within this articulation agreement.

13. Upon request, Midwestern State will provide Victoria College with a report on the achievements of students who transfer to Midwestern State under this agreement.

14. Both institutions are free to promote this articulation agreement, by means of, but not limited to: informing Academic Advisors, relevant faculty and staff of the agreement, posting the articulation agreement on the Victoria College website, providing a link to Midwestern State University web site on the Victoria College website, posting equivalency guides on the Victoria College website, and exchanging catalogs when published. Both parties must agree upon any changes to this articulation agreement and those changes shall be in writing.

15. This general Agreement of Cooperation and Articulation shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each part and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing, executed by authorized representative of the parties, and approved in writing by the President of Midwestern State University and the President of Victoria College. The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

16. Periodic reviews of admission and transfer policies and procedures will be conducted to enhance the ease of transfer of students from Victoria College to Midwestern State University

17. Upon arrival by each institution, this agreement shall automatically renew each year unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this agreement shall terminate: (a) at the end of such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the agreement at the time such notice is given have completed their respective courses of study under the agreement, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither Midwestern State University nor Victoria College shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses, which may result.

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EXECUTED by Midwestern State University and Victoria College in triplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

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