

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

## SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY AND MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

**PREAMBLE:** Siena Heights University has a long and successful history serving college Associate of Applied Science graduates throughout Michigan. The administration of Siena Heights University, recognizing Miami Dade College as one of Florida's most outstanding and dynamic colleges, wishes to create an Articulation Agreement with Miami Dade College (MDC). MDC offers an Associate in Science degree in Sign Language Interpretation that qualifies for the Siena Heights University's Bachelor of Applied Science degree program. All parties believe this Articulation Agreement will greatly benefit Miami Dade College Associate degree graduates who desire or need to complete a Baccalaureate degree.

Articulation Agreement made this January 1, 2010 for and between Miami Dade College (hereafter known as MDC) and Siena Heights University (hereafter known as "Siena").

- A. Effective January 1, 2010 the MDC Associate in Science degree program in Sign Language Interpretation fulfills the major requirement for all Siena student-candidates toward the Siena degree: Bachelor of Applied Science ("BAS") in Sign Language Interpretation.
- B. To receive the BAS degree from Siena, MDC Graduates **MUST** complete and show proof of major and degree received from MDC. MDC graduates **MUST** submit an official academic degree transcript directly to Siena.
- C. The MDC degree in Sign Language Interpretation currently totals 72 credits and the degree will be accepted in its entirety by Siena. The number and specific courses in the program may change over time, which will continue to be accepted by Siena, in compliance with the Agreement. MDC agrees to communicate any curriculum changes to Siena, although Siena does not have authority to provide input and/or to regulate those changes.
- D. Up to 90 semester hours of credit may be completed at MDC toward the BAS at Siena. In addition to the 72 semester hours toward the A.S. in Interpretation, up to 18 additional credits may be completed at MDC. This includes the following:
  - 72 credits in the A.S. degree in Sign Language Interpretation;
  - 9 - 10 credits in liberal arts required at Siena (ENC1102, Math or Science course and one additional course chosen from specific areas (specified later in this document);
  - 8 - 9 additional credits. These courses are determined between the student and Siena staff when planning the course work for completion of the BAS degree. Students may take lower or upper level courses at MDC and transfer them to Siena, provided they complete a total of 30 upper level credits for the BAS, 15 of which must be at Siena.
- E. Appropriate personnel at Siena will determine completion of liberal arts requirements for the baccalaureate degree.
- F. This agreement shall terminate 180 days after advance written notice by either party or earlier by mutual consent or by a material breach of any of the terms hereof. Substantial impairment of the reputation or of the financial liability of a party shall also be deemed material breaches hereunder. A pre-termination contractual right of a Siena/MDC student to complete, to take the course, or to receive credit towards a Baccalaureate degree shall not be nullified by termination.
- G. MDC agrees to include Siena with on-going communication to graduates and current students for recruitment into the BAS program. MDC agrees to list SHU on their Web under transfer agreements.

- H. The parties agree to take appropriate steps to implement this agreement and to cooperate in so doing. MDC agrees to communicate any curriculum changes to Siena.
- I. Each party shall be separately responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The contract term includes applicable sections of the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act (Act 220 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being MCLA 37.1101 et seq.) and the Elliot-Larson Civil Rights Act (Act 453 of the Public Arts of 1976 as amended, being CMLA 37.2101 et seq.) and, in particular, the provision that illegal discrimination by either party may be considered a material breach of this agreement.
- J. Neither party shall use the name, logo, trademark, or symbols of the other in any promotional or advertising material unless review and approval in writing of the intended use shall first be obtained from the party whose name is to be used. Such approval may be withheld by either party for any reason such party determines to be in its best interest.
- K. **Confidentiality.** The parties agree that information that would otherwise be protected by law may be shared by and between the parties solely for the purposes stated herein. Such confidential information shall be otherwise protected from disclosure.

### Authorizing Signatures

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

Signature obscured  
for security  
11/23/09  
Date  
J. Lee Johnson  
Senior VP Adm. & Treasurer

Signature obscured  
for security  
11/6/09  
Date  
Dr. Rolando Montoya  
Provost

Signature obscured  
for security  
11/1/09  
Date  
Sr. Peg Albert, O.P., Ph.D.  
President

Signature obscured  
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11/12/09  
Date  
Eduardo J. Padrón, Ph.D  
President

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**Miami Dade College**  
Associate in Science Degree

**Siena Heights University**  
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

### ARTICULATED APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Candidates for the Bachelor of Applied Science are expected to have successfully completed an Associate degree program in: *Sign Language Interpretation*

Candidates with an associate degree are required to present an official transcript verifying this degree and major to Siena Heights University. The completed associate degree will be accepted in full to Siena.

### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A candidate for the bachelor degree must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of college level credit; 30 semester hours must be earned in residence with Siena. Candidates must maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA for course work completed at Siena. Up to 90 semester hours of MDC credit may be applied to a Siena baccalaureate degree including 6 credits in developmental classes. Grades of 2.0 and above will transfer. The grade of "D" will transfer provided that grade was earned within a degree completed at MDC. In total, 30 of the 120 semester hours required must be coursework earned at the junior or senior level (300/400); a minimum of at least 15 semester hours of this junior/senior level work must be completed with Siena.

Candidates for the Bachelor's degree must fulfill a liberal arts requirement and must demonstrate proficiency in writing and mathematics.

### SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### SEMESTER HOURS

*Based on 60+ semester hours of transfer*

ENG 101 and 102 (ENC1101 and ENC1102 at MDC)	6
Math (must be MAC1147 or higher at MDC) OR Laboratory Science	3- 4
Social Science, or History, or Fine & Performing Arts, or Literature	3
(This allows for 9-10 credits in Liberal Arts to be taken at MDC toward the B.A.S degree)	

*Liberal Arts Requirements to be completed at Siena Heights University*

Philosophy or Religious Studies	3
LAS 301 The Adult Learner	3
LAS 401 Senior Seminar Integrative Experience	3

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### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

It is important to consult with an advisor to develop a specific bachelor degree completion plan and to identify all transferable learning experiences.

#### Totally On-line and other Degree Completion Centers in Michigan

Those students interested in completing their baccalaureate degree in a totally on-line program, or at any other Siena site location in Michigan, should contact the Director of Distance Learning Programs at 1-866-937-2748.

#### Adrian—Main Campus

Those students interested in completing their baccalaureate degree in a more traditional environment should contact the Adrian campus and the Coordinator of Transfer Services at 1-800-521-0009 extension 7185.

Please consult the university Web site for other locations: [www.sienaheights.edu](http://www.sienaheights.edu).

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#### NOTE:

Siena offers over 37 majors and a number of baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts area. Siena does not offer all degrees and/or majors at all site locations. All Associate in Science, Associate in Arts, Associate Degrees in the Health Science areas, and Associate in Applied Science degrees granted by MDC will be accepted as elective credit, and will be reviewed for acceptance into available baccalaureate programs and majors offered by Siena. All transfer students that graduate from MDC with an Associate degree must complete the Siena Liberal Arts Education Requirements, and complete an approved major offered by Siena.