

**Articulation Agreement
Between**

Contract: C-19-0141-EP
Approval: 7-10-18

VALENCIA COLLEGE

A.S. degree in Health Information Technology

and

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
OSCEOLA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Medical Coder/Biller

In a continuing effort to provide career ladder opportunities for students in career and technical education programs, Valencia College agrees to extend full college credit at no cost (other than the application for admission fee) to eligible students who have completed the Medical Coder/Biller program at Osceola Technical College.

COURSE EQUIVALENCY IN SPECIALIZED COURSES

OSCEOLA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

VALENCIA COLLEGE PROGRAM

(Based on Industry Certification)

Medical Coder/Biller
(1110 Hours)

Health Information Technology A.S. Degree (25 credits)

HIM 1000 Intro to Health Information Management (2 credits)
HSC 1149 General Pharmacology for Health (1 credit)
HIM 1430 Principles of Disease (3 credits)
HIM 2222C Basic ICD Coding (4)
HSA 1100 Healthcare Delivery Systems (3 credits)
HIM 1110 Health Data Concepts (3 credits)
HIM 2729C Advanced ICD and Reimbursement (4 credits)
HIM 2810L Professional Practices Experience II (2 credits)
HIM 2253 Basic CPT Coding (3 credits)

MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT

This agreement makes it possible for a student to receive twenty-five (25) semester hours of college credit towards the Health Information Technology A.S. degree program at Valencia College which is in accordance with commonly accepted good practice in higher education.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Valencia and Osceola Technical College faculty and staff with responsibility for supervision and coordination of the Medical Coder/Biller and Health Information Technology programs have assessed the adequacy of the documentation and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards, and assessment procedures meet the college standards for college credit course work and that the learning outcomes are:

1. consistent with the course work in AS degree being articulated.
2. based on the statewide PSAV to AS Degree Statewide agreement, an alternative form of student assessment or is taught by faculty who have a minimum of an BS/BA degree in the required area or meet other described criteria.

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TRANSFERRING PROCESS

To have the courses reported on the official Valencia College transcript, transferring students must do the following:

1. Apply for admission to Valencia College and meet the College entrance requirements.
2. Submit a completed Valencia College application for Admission and pay the application fee. Satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status, including submission of all official transcripts, and declare a major in the articulated program.
3. Be accepted into Valencia within three years of completing the Osceola Technical College program. (*Note: If it's been longer than 3 years, an exception will be considered if the student can demonstrate they have current industry knowledge (i.e. through an employer letter, etc.)*)
4. Complete orientation and comply with the appropriate placement, course prerequisites and requirements of the college. (**Note:** Students must complete the course prerequisites for the program with a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5).
5. Meet with Valencia's Career Program Advisor to verify completion of the articulated program and initiate the award of credit process following enrollment at the College. *Note: Student must provide the required documentation needed for evaluation of the approved assessments listed below before the credit can be awarded.*

Approved assessments:

- Provide a current and valid copy of one of the following approved certifications: Certified Coder Associate (CCA) certification from AHIMA or Certified Professional Coder (CPC) Certification from AAPC.
6. After verifying the required documentation and evaluating the approved assessments(s), the Valencia Career Program Advisor or Program Chair for the articulated program will determine eligibility, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be awarded. (*Note: Credit will be awarded after the drop/add date, and the evaluation process has been completed.*)

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TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be reviewed and evaluated biannually. It shall remain in effect from July 10, 2018 until either party identifies a need for revision or terminates this agreement with thirty days written notice.

APPROVED:

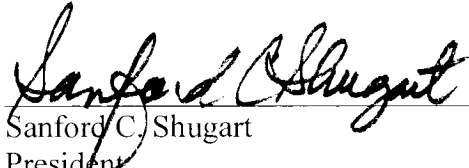
APPROVED:

The School District of Osceola County, Florida
Osceola Technical College

Valencia College



Ricky Booth
Chair



Sanford C. Shugart
President
Valencia College

School District of Osceola County, Florida

7/10/18

Date

4/23/2018

Date