



## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of December 4, 2018 by The District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida ("College") located at 111 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, and University of North Alabama ("Educational Institution") (collectively, the "Parties") located at One Harrison Plaza, Florence, Alabama 35632, under the following terms until December 4, 2023.

This Agreement between the Parties is governed by Chapter 1007, Florida Statutes and the Rules of the State Board of Education. This is a no cost agreement to the College. The foregoing terms and conditions are made an integral part of this Agreement:

### **1. COURSES AND PROGRAMS.**

The Educational Institution hereby agrees to accept from the College's graduates the courses and programs as described in the attached Exhibit "A."

### **2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.**

The Parties shall be considered independent contractors and nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to establish any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the Parties and their respective employees, agents, subcontractors or assigns, during or after the term of the Agreement.

### **3. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.**

Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts of negligence. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted as (1) denying either Party any remedy or defense available to such Party under the laws of the State of Florida; (2) the consent of the State of Florida or its agents and agencies to be sued; or (3) a waiver of sovereign immunity of the State of Florida beyond the waiver provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

### **4. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.**

The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any rights or obligations in or upon any third-party person or entity under this Agreement.

### **5. NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

The Parties to this Agreement shall not discriminate against any employee or participant regarding responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement because of race, age, religion, color, gender, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by law. Nor shall the Parties deny participation in or benefits arising out of this Agreement to any student, employee or participant or otherwise subject anyone to discrimination in any activity hereunder. The Parties shall take all measures necessary to effectuate these assurances.

### **6. AMENDMENTS.**

This Agreement may be amended only when reduced to writing and signed by both Parties.

### **7. TERMINATION.**

This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon written notice to the other Party, given at least one full academic year in advance of such termination date.

**8. RECORDS.**

Each Party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each Party shall be responsible for compliance with any public documents' request served upon it pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law.

**9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.**

Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

**10. GOVERNING LAW.**

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal claims arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Florida.

**11. ASSIGNMENT.**

Neither Party to this Agreement shall assign, delegate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations as set forth in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any attempted assignment in whole or in part to this Agreement in violation of this provision shall be null and void.

**12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement states the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all written or oral representations, statements, negotiations, or agreements previously existing.

**13. BINDING EFFECT.**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

**14. NOTICE.**

When either of the Parties desire to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by certified U.S. Mail. The Parties are responsible for notifying the other Party if there is a change of address or person(s) to be noticed. The Parties designate the following as the respective persons for receipt of notice:

College		Educational Institution	
Contact:	<u>QUAKISH LINER</u>	Contact:	<u>Dr. Chunsheng Zhang</u>
Address:	<u>DISTRICT DIRECTOR, BROWARD COLLEGE</u>	Address:	<u>Office of International Affairs</u>
	<u>3501 DAVIE ROAD</u>		<u>University of North Alabama</u>
City:	<u>DAVIE</u>	City:	<u>Florence</u>
State/Zip:	<u>FLORIDA 33314</u>	State/Zip:	<u>Alabama 35630</u>
Phone:	<u>954-201-7646</u>	Phone:	<u>256-765-4898</u>
Email:	<u>gliner@broward.edu</u>	Email:	<u>czhang@una.edu</u>

**15. ATTORNEYS FEES.**

In any action of or concerning this Agreement, if the College is the prevailing party, the College shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs through and including any appeals from the non-prevailing party.

**16. NO CONSTRUCTION AGAINST DRAFTER.**

Each Party has participated in negotiating and drafting this Agreement, so if an ambiguity or a question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement is to be construed as if the Parties had drafted it jointly, as opposed to being construed against a Party because it was responsible for drafting one or more provisions of this Agreement.

**17. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

Parties shall initial here if there are any changes, deletions and/or additions to the terms and conditions and they are contained in Exhibit "B."

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In executing this Agreement, each of the Parties represents and warrants that they are authorized by their respective principals to enter into this Agreement and to give it binding legal effect. The Parties to this Agreement accept these terms through their respective representatives on the date noted above.

**COLLEGE**

DocuSigned by:  
*David Moore*

Signature

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David Moore

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Name

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Exec. Director, International Ed.

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Title

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

*[Signature]* 12-13-18

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Signature

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Dr. Ross Alexander

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Name

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Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Title

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**Conditional Guaranteed Transfer Program**  
**between**  
**University of North Alabama**  
**and**  
**Broward College and BC Centers for Global Education**

In order to benefit Broward College (BC) and the University of North Alabama (UNA) in the recruitment of international students and to create a clear and easy pathway for international students of Broward College and its Centers for Global Education (CGE) to transfer to and complete their baccalaureate degrees at UNA, this exhibit supplements the articulation agreement between BC and UNA dated December 4, 2018.

Under this EXHIBIT "A", UNA will provide a conditional guaranteed admission of BC F-1 Visa students and its CGE transfer students. UNA will admit qualified current and prospective BC F-1 Visa students and CGE students into the UNA to pursue their bachelor degrees. UNA and BC agree to define qualified students as those who have:

- Completed or will complete an Associate's degree at BC and its CGE;
- Achieved a minimum cumulative college-level GPA of 2.0 in all college-level academic coursework;
- Met UNA English proficiency and math requirements;
- Submitted a complete transfer application and all required documents by the applicable admission deadlines.

To encourage student applications, UNA agrees to provide the following incentives for BC F-1 Visa students and CGE students:

- Accept all pre-approved BC-CGE credits with satisfactory grade (C or higher);
- Waive English language requirement based on the English instruction at BC-CGE;
- Free accommodation GLC Housing Scholarship (a value of more \$4,300 per year);
- \$6,000 academic scholarship per year equally distributed in two semesters.

UNA and BC-CGE agree that:

- BC-CGE will inform prospective international students of this transfer program; and
- Both institutions will advertise this transfer program on their website.