

PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DECATUR, ILLINOIS
AND
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

In an effort to provide a continued, articulated higher education baccalaureate degree program that will build on community college and university learning experiences, and also eliminate duplication of instruction, this agreement is set forth between Richland Community College and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University on behalf of Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC).

1. All graduates of Richland Community College with a major listed below and meeting SIUC entrance requirements will be given full credit for the post-secondary course work portion of the selective admission criteria for admission into SIUC's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Information Systems Technologies (IST) program in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. A separate IST application is required in addition to SIUC's general admission application. Any student transferring from outside the University or from other SIUC programs into the Information Systems Technologies major will be evaluated on the Information Systems Technologies application information and essay, post-secondary course work, appropriately related career credits, and grade point average as calculated by Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

- a. AAS in Computer Information Systems: Programming
- b. AAS in Computer Information Systems: Microcomputer Applications (Specialist)
- c. AAS in Computer Information Systems: Microcomputer Applications (Network Management)

2. A Richland Community College graduate receiving an AAS Degree in a major listed above will be accepted for the Capstone Option and admission to SIUC's IST program if the following are met:

- (a) admission to the university
- (b) a minimum of 60 transferable hours to SIUC
- (c) an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 or above (4.0 scale) on all accredited work received prior to the awarding of the AAS degree as calculated by SIUC's grading regulations *and*
- (d) the completion of at least 15 hours of SIUC equivalent University Core Curriculum (general education) credit including English Composition 101 with a grade of "C" or better, Psychology, and Math 110 or higher at Richland Community College for the Computer Information Systems: Programming degree *or*
- (e) the completion of at least 18 hours of SIUC equivalent University Core Curriculum (general education) credit including English Composition 101 with a grade of "C" or better, Psychology 110, Math 110 or higher, and either Humanities 100 or Earth Science 230 at Richland Community College for the Computer Information Systems:

Microcomputer Applications (Specialist and Network Management) degree *and*

(f) the completion of Business 231 in Computer Information Systems: Microcomputer Applications Specialist and Network Management Electives section and the completion of Computer Information Systems 251 (C Programming) in the Computer Information Systems: Microcomputer Applications Network Management Electives section at Richland Community College

Acceptance into the Capstone option guarantees the AAS degree recipient in the program(s) listed above at Richland Community College completion of the IST degree with a total of no more than 60 semester hours of work at SIUC. Richland Community College students must complete the SIUC Capstone Application (in addition to the SIUC undergraduate admissions application) to be admitted to this Option.

3. Richland Community College graduates receiving an AAS degree with a minimum of 60 transferable hours to SIUC in of one of the majors listed above with less than a 2.25 overall GPA, but with an overall GPA of 2.0 to 2.24, using SIUC's grading regulations, will be eligible for admission based on space availability to the IST program at SIUC. These students may require more than 60 semester hours to complete their Information Systems Technologies Bachelor of Science degree.

4. Richland Community College students transferring to the IST baccalaureate degree program at SIUC who have not completed all of their AAS degree requirements at Richland Community College will have their related coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis by the appropriate SIUC program.

5. Students will be required to complete 60 senior institution hours and at least 120 hours with an overall GPA of 2.0 to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in IST. Coursework may include University Core Curriculum as well as IST at SIUC major courses.

6. An SIUC Information Systems Technologies representative will communicate periodically with Richland Community College personnel in one of the majors listed above for general advisement and degree planning purposes.

7. Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, and following all policies and regulations stated in the program and university guidelines, Richland Community College students will be eligible to receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems Technologies, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

8. Should changes occur in course or program content, the school making the change agrees to notify the other school in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be given at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester when the change is implemented.

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