

Engineering Technology Articulation Agreement

between the



Technical College System of Georgia

and



Southern Polytechnic State University

April 11, 2011

In establishment of a system-wide articulation between the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU), the two parties confirm the following agreements:

Agreement in Principle:

Both parties agree to extend their best efforts to ensure that the transition from a SACS-COC accredited TCSG technical college to Southern Polytechnic State University will be as smooth as possible for the students choosing to do so. Individual Engineering Technology program articulations will be designed to minimize loss of credit and course duplication. Additional transition courses will be avoided. Both parties enter into this articulation as cooperating, equal partners with the responsibility to maintain the integrity of their separate programs, to remain true to their institutional missions, and to maintain the spirit of this articulation agreement.

Agreement on Communication:

The Technical College System of Georgia and Southern Polytechnic State University agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their publics concerning the articulation relationship between the two institutions. Communications may include common publications and announcements concerning their affiliation and the specific joint programs. Announcements of this articulation, of changes in the relationship, and of new programs will have a coordinated release to the public from both institutions. The institutions will encourage the dissemination of information about programs in this agreement with interested and qualified students, with both institutions providing advising and counseling to prospective students.

Agreement on Accreditation:

This agreement is made contingent on both parties maintaining all applicable program and institution accreditations, including both SACS-COC and appropriate professional bodies.

Agreement on Program Specifics:

The detail of each program articulation shall be attached to this document. Program detail will indicate each of the following:

- The specific courses to be taken at the TCSG partner college needed to complete the associates degree in Pre-Engineering Technology with an appropriate corresponding specialization area;
- The TCSG/SPSU equivalence between courses that transfer within the sub-agreement;
- The specific courses to be taken at SPSU to complete the Bachelors of Science degree; and
- Other student performance criteria (course grades, overall GPA, etc.).

It is agreed by both parties that any student who has successfully completed all requirements indicated in a program detail will, upon application, be accepted at SPSU and may transfer the credits referenced in that program detail toward the relevant program degree at Southern Polytechnic State University.

Agreement on Maintenance and Review:

At least one administrative or faculty member will be appointed from each participating college/university to act as primary point of contact and agent for this agreement, to speak for the institution and to communicate detail and modifications to respective faculty, advisors and others with interest at the individual institutions.

Regular review of program sub-agreements, at intervals to be set by the two institutions, and in no case less frequently than every three years, will be required. Termination of the agreement may be invoked by either party with two year's notice. Students who begin a program prior to termination will be given three additional years to complete the TCSG portion and to be admitted to Southern Polytechnic State University.

Both institutions agree to provide whatever data is needed by the other institution to support accreditation requirements.

Signatures:

**Technical College
System of Georgia (TCSG)**

**Mr. Ronald Jackson
Commissioner**

**Dr. Josephine Reed-Taylor
Deputy Commissioner**

**Dr. Kathryn Hornsby
Assistant Commissioner
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