

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**THE BURNETT HONORS COLLEGE**  
**AND**  
**VALENCIA COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM**  
**HONORS TRANSFER STUDENT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

This Honors Transfer Student Articulation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is made and entered into between the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as "University" or "UCF") and Valencia College (hereinafter referred to as "College"). The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the matriculation of Valencia College Honors Program A.A. graduates into The Burnett Honors College at the University of Central Florida (UCF). UCF desires to provide transferring Valencia College Honors Program students with the opportunity to continue Honors studies at UCF. Under the conditions of this Agreement, The Burnett Honors College agrees to accept Valencia College Honors Program A.A. graduates directly into The Burnett Honors College University Honors program. The agreement shall update and replace any previous honors transfer student articulation agreement between the parties.

**UCF PROVISIONS**

The University of Central Florida will:

1. Accept into The Burnett Honors College, Valencia College graduates who have met the requirements of the Valencia College Honors Program, earned the Honors A.A. Diploma, and have been admitted to UCF;
2. Waive the University Honors twelve (12) hour lower division Honors General Education Program and the Honors Freshman Symposium requirements;
3. Provide facilities, Honors seminars, Honors courses, and all other opportunities provided to native UCF Honors College students;
4. Acknowledge admitted Valencia College Honors Program transfer students in the same manner as native Burnett Honors College students at graduation and other ceremonies upon completion of the University Honors program and graduation requirements;
5. Award admitted transfer students the University Honors designation on the Diploma and transcripts upon completion of The Burnett Honors College requirements; and
6. Allow full Honors recognition in all forms of reference by The Burnett Honors College faculty to increase the students' competitive advantage for admission to graduate schools and for career opportunities.

## **STUDENT PROVISIONS**

Students entering The Burnett Honors College will have:

1. Graduated from Valencia College with an Honors A.A. degree and Honors Program recognition.
2. Matriculated directly from Valencia College to UCF upon completion of the Honors A.A.
3. Completed a minimum of eighteen (18) hours of Honors course work at Valencia College as part of an Honors A.A.; and
4. Entered UCF from Valencia College with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or higher.
5. Submitted a complete Burnett Honors College University Honors application by the posted deadline <https://honors.ucf.edu/university-honors/aa-transfer-students/>

## **VALENCIA COLLEGE PROVISIONS**

Valencia College Honors Program will meet the following criteria:

1. Provide a separate, appropriate Honors curriculum or Honors Track with approved Honors courses; include in Appendix: list of Honors courses offered during the past academic year and courses scheduled for the upcoming academic year; provide this information yearly no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year (URL to active and current Website is acceptable.)
2. Define a set of academic standards which are applied in a consistent manner for admission to the Valencia College Honors Program; include in Appendix the number of students admitted to the Honors program during the past academic year; provide this information yearly no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
3. Define a set of academic standards which are applied in a consistent manner for maintaining Honors program participation and graduation with the Honors A.A. Diploma; include in the Appendix the number of students graduating with Honors A.A. diplomas in the past year; provide this information yearly no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
4. Provide the Honors Program Director with release time from their standard teaching load each major semester to manage the Program; include the brief CV of the Honors Director and updated contact information no later of July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The release time will be evaluated and approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs on an annual basis.
5. Provide co-curricular Honors experiences such as field trips, lectures from visiting scholars, discussion groups, Honors Club, etc.; include in Appendix description of programs or URL of active and current Website no later of July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
6. Provide a supervisory body consisting of faculty, administrators, and Honors Program students that oversees the Program; include in Appendix a description of the supervisory body no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
7. Provide specialized academic advising for the Honors Program students; include contact information for the Honors advisors/offices no later of July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

8. Provide a separate resource center where Honors students have access to computers and other special resources to enrich educational experience; include in the Appendix a description of facilities or appropriate URLs to active and current Websites no later of July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year

## **AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

### **Updates**

This Agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Department of Education, the State University System of Florida Board of Governors, the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees, Valencia College Board of Trustees, or external accrediting agencies. Any changes to this agreement must be agreed to in writing by both parties.

### **Resources**

No party hereto is obligated hereby to expend any resources whatsoever in connection with this Agreement. To the extent any external funding is required by the university or the college in order to implement this Agreement and funding for such purposes is not appropriated by the Legislature of the State of Florida or is not otherwise available to either party, neither shall henceforth have further financial obligations hereunder. In the event the university or college does not have sufficient legislative appropriations or other funding support to carry out any obligations under this Agreement, the affected party shall immediately notify the other of such fact and of such portions of this Agreement that may be deemed terminated as a result of such failure of appropriations.

### **Terms**

This Agreement shall take effect as of the date of the last signature below. The Agreement will automatically renew for successive one-year terms up to five (5) years from the effective date unless either Party provides notice of non-renewal at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date. Either party may terminate this Agreement for its convenience with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of termination or non-renewal of this agreement, students already in the program will continue under the terms of the Agreement in place at the time of their admission into the Burnett Honors College

Notices with respect to rights and obligations of each party hereto shall be provided as follows:

#### **University of Central Florida:**

Dr. Michael Johnson, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Dr. Theodorea R Berry, Vice Provost and Dean, College of Undergraduate Studies  
Dr. Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, Dean, Burnett Honors College  
Dr. Madi Dogariu, Assistant Dean, Burnett Honors College

**Valencia College:**

Dr. Robyn Brighton, Director, Strategic Learning Initiatives & Seneff Honors College  
Dr. Cheryl Robinson, Director, Curriculum & Articulation

Modifications, additions, or deletions from this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives for the university and college, signing below, approve for their respective boards of trustees or organizations.

**APPROVALS**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

**VALENCIA COLLEGE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Alexander Cartwright*

Signed: Friday, September 15, 2023

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Dr. Alexander Cartwright      Date

**President**

*Kathleen Plinske*

Signed: Saturday, September 30, 2023

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Dr. Kathleen Plinske      Date

**President**