



Articulation Agreement

between Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) between Atlantic Cape Community College (“Atlantic Cape”) and Stockton University (“Stockton”), in effect as of September 1, 2022 provides a distinct educational pathway between select Atlantic Cape associate degree programs and corresponding Stockton degree programs. This configuration, titled a 3+1 program, is authorized by law, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:3B-78. This Agreement enables Atlantic Cape students, after completing their first associate degree, to enroll in the Advanced and Continuing Education Studies associate degree program to earn up to 90 Atlantic Cape credits that may be transferred to a corresponding Stockton University degree program. Through this program, students are empowered to plan their full educational experience in a cost-effective way that will begin at the community college level and culminate in a baccalaureate degree from Stockton University.

WHEREAS, Atlantic Cape and Stockton University are both accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 267-284-5000. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

WHEREAS, both Atlantic Cape and Stockton are dedicated to supporting students with the transfer process between community colleges and four-year institutions and are dedicated to providing a direct pathway between select degree programs in a distinctive 3+1 configuration. Configuration and participation in this Agreement will be in full compliance with New Jersey’s Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement, adopted by NJPC-9/22/08 (<https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/PDFs/XferAgreementOct08.pdf>)

WHEREAS, Atlantic Cape and Stockton have the support and necessary authorization(s) of their respective Boards of Trustees to the extent required.

WHEREAS, Atlantic Cape and Stockton agree to be fully involved in the planning, implementation, and ongoing maintenance and assessment of programs that fall under this Agreement with the understanding that any changes will be agreed upon and all necessary revisions will be made to this Agreement as appropriate.

3+1 Pathway

Atlantic Cape students who complete a degree program that is eligible for the 3+1 pathway will have the opportunity to then enroll in Atlantic Cape's new Advanced and Continuing Education Studies associate degree program. Upon completion, students may transfer up to 90 credits to Stockton's corresponding degree program.

In this Agreement, Atlantic Cape and Stockton University initially propose a 3+1 Pathway in Liberal Studies. The institutions may expand these connected degree programs periodically through a written amendment to this Agreement.

Responsibilities of Each Institution

Atlantic Cape and Stockton will develop and maintain accurate, up-to-date course equivalency listings for connected degree programs. Each institution will assign an appropriate number of staff and/or faculty persons to 1) serve as liaisons between the two institutions to ensure on-going communication; 2) discuss curriculum and other program details; and 3) guide students seeking transfer through the 3+1 configuration. Proposed changes made by either institution will be discussed fully and agreed upon to ensure a seamless transfer experience for students.

Each institution is solely responsible for establishing, collecting, and retaining tuition from students enrolled in its own degree programs. There will be no tuition or revenue sharing between Atlantic Cape and Stockton.

Each institution grants the other institution the right to use and display the name and/or logo of the institution in connection with promotion and implementation of this Agreement.

Transfer Guidelines

The intent of the 3+1 Pathway is to empower students to plan their full educational experience in a cost-effective way that will begin at the community college level and culminate in a baccalaureate degree from Stockton University. Atlantic Cape students who are admissible to Stockton may transfer credits designated under a 3+1 Pathway, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The Atlantic Cape student must have completed the Atlantic Cape degree in good academic, behavioral, and financial standing with a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average at the time of transfer of 2.0 or above, depending on the major of choice and whether the student completed their associate degree requirements.
- Atlantic Cape students will go through Stockton's transfer process and must meet all applicable admissions requirements, standards, and deadlines.
- All determinations that the Atlantic Cape student has satisfied prerequisites for admission to the baccalaureate degree program will be made at the sole discretion of Stockton.

Termination of Agreement

This Agreement is in effect unless and until it is terminated by either institution. Intent to terminate the agreement must be submitted in writing to the other institution at least ninety (90) days before the end of any semester in order to protect students transferring between institutions. Termination shall be effective for the upcoming semester.

In the event of termination, Stockton commits to making a good faith effort to formulate a “teach out” plan applicable to all 3+1 Pathway program students.

Initial Pathway - Liberal Studies

In this Agreement, Atlantic Cape and Stockton University initially propose a 3+1 Pathway in Liberal Studies. This Pathway consists of Atlantic Cape’s Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Atlantic Cape’s Advanced and Continuing Education Studies Liberal Studies track, and Stockton University’s Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.

The Atlantic Cape A.A in Liberal Arts prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university. The degree may be completed part-time or full-time and may be completed during daytime or evening hours, or online. Atlantic Cape advising staff and faculty will work with students to plan electives that fit the 3+1 Pathway, as well as each individual student’s interests and goals.

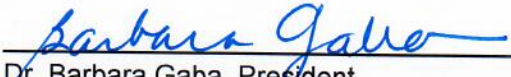
Upon completion of the A.A. in Liberal Arts, students may enroll in the Liberal Studies track of the Advanced and Continuing Education Studies associate degree program to earn a second associate's degree from Atlantic Cape. Atlantic Cape advising staff and faculty will work with students to ensure credit alignment with Stockton’s B.A. in Liberal Studies. Upon completion, students will be able to transfer up to 90 credits to Stockton University and matriculate into Stockton’s Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.

Appendix A contains curricular details for the 3+1 Pathway in Liberal Studies. All future proposed connected degree programs will be included in this Agreement as an appendix.

Signatures

The signatures below confirm each institution's understanding of and commitment to the implementation of this agreement.

Atlantic Cape Community College

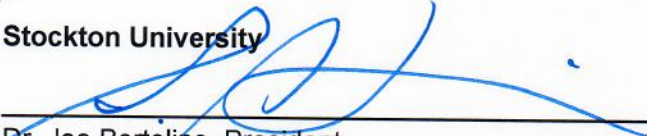


Dr. Barbara Gaba, President

10/2/2023

Date

Stockton University



Dr. Joe Bertolino, President

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