Memorandum of Understanding for Articulation of Students

Arkansas State University

and

Arkansas State University-Beebe

The Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement"), entered into by and between Arkansas State University (hereinafter, A-State), located at 2105 Aggie Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 72401 and Arkansas State University-Beebe (hereinafter, "ASUB"), located at 1000 Iowa Street, Beebe, AR 72012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the admission and transfer of eligible ASUB students into approved baccalaureate degree programs at A-State, as specified in the attached addenda (the "Program(s)"), such addenda to be modified from time to time upon mutual written consent of both parties. Both parties agree to offer students a seamless degree completion option to improve the economic status and employment opportunities available to citizens with a baccalaureate degree in the state of Arkansas and the nation.

AGREEMENT

It is agreed that any student who has earned an Associate degree from, and is in good standing with ASUB, will be eligible to transfer to A-State for an approved Program with full junior classification upon admission, subject to the provisions listed below, in the relevant Program specific addenda, Higher Learning Commission requirements, in Arkansas Law, and in the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Transfer System.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. A-State will maintain exclusive responsibility for admission.
- 2. The student must meet all criteria required for undergraduate admission to A-State.
- 3. The student must hold an Associate degree from ASUB with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, on or after the effective date of this agreement.
- 4. The student must meet the specific degree admission requirements for the chosen baccalaureate program of study at A-State.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- 1. Degree programs will be added as addenda to this Agreement, as mutually agreed upon by the respective Chief Academic Officer at A-State and ASUB.
- 2. Specific course requirements for each approved degree Program will be reviewed and agreed upon by the Division Chairs and Deans under whom the specific degree resides.
- 3. A grade of C or better is required to meet A-State's general education mathematics requirement and to satisfy transfer of English Composition I and II.
- 4. A-State will accept grades of D for transfer; however, if the course description or degree program requires a grade of C or better, the student may be required to repeat that specific course. A-State accepts all grades of D upon admission; however, the percentage of courses with a grade of D may not exceed 25%.
- 5. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to A-State.
- 6. The bachelor's degree with honors will be conferred upon candidates who at graduation have earned a minimum grade point average over at least four semesters on all courses taken at A-State as follows: Summa Cum Laude-3.900 4.000, Magna Cum Laude-3.700 3.899, Cum Laude-3.500 3.699. Graduation honors will be determined by work taken at A-State only. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of ASUJ.
- 7. If a degree is not completed at the time of the transfer, those courses taken in pursuit of an identified degree will be accepted. Any unfulfilled lower-level degree coursework that is taken at A-State that would equal an associate's degree requirement will be reverse-transferred back to ASUB.

CONTINUITY

Students who have interrupted their attendance at Arkansas State University for more than one year or who have attended another university in the interim must reapply for admission. Additional documents may be required for readmission.

CONTACT

Notices or general questions regarding this Memorandum of Understanding should be sent to the following:

Arkansas State University Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Calvin White Jr., PhD calwhite@astate.edu Arkansas State University-Beebe Vice Chancellor for Academics Jason S. Goodner, EdD jsgoodner@asub.edu Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at ASUB, not to precede the academic year during which the agreement first took effect. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein. A period of non-enrollment for 12 months or more would require the student to adhere to Agreement requirements corresponding to the academic year of re-enrollment.

A-State and ASUB will work cooperatively to make students aware of the opportunity provided by this agreement.

A-State and ASUB shall agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement.

The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines.

This Agreement and all Program addenda will be reviewed on an annual basis, and A-State and ASUB will notify one another in a timely manner of any material curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.

A-State and ASUB will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.

Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and attached addenda in accordance with their academic year of entry at ASUB. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.

A-State and ASUB will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement and associated Programs thereunder. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, university catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

AMENDMENT

This Agreement may be amended upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement will be effective from the date of agreement indicated below and will be automatically renewed until terminated by either party. If either party wishes to terminate this agreement, they should do so in writing at least 90 days in advance of the requested termination date. The parties agree that any ASUB students enrolled at A-State at the time of termination of this Agreement shall be permitted to complete their degree under the terms of this Agreement.

In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and terms of a Program addenda, the terms of the Program addenda shall prevail.

In agreement with the above terms, the following signatures are affixed:

Arkansas State University

Arkansas State University-Beebe

C. White, Jr., PhD

Date

Jennifer Methvin, PhD

Date

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Chancellor

3/18/2025