



## Memorandum of Agreement Upside Down Degree Program

The Evergreen State College  
and  
Cascadia Community College

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to enable Cascadia Community College students to enroll at The Evergreen State College (TESC) and request credit for courses taken as part of their technical program at Cascadia Community College.

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### **Direct Technical Transfer Degrees**

During the review process of the requested technical degrees at Cascadia Community College, TESC may consider the course(s) submitted for review for either a Direct Technical Transfer Degree(s) or for the Upside Down Degree Program.

There are seven technical degrees that Evergreen has approved as Direct Technical Transfer Degrees: Accounting, Administration of Justice, Business, Computer Information Sciences, Early Childhood Education, Human Services (Social and Health Services or Chemical Dependency) and Paralegal. These degrees are given the same status as the Washington Designated Transfer Degree.

Only the seven (7) technical degrees listed above qualify for Direct Technical Transfer to TESC. On average, they each met a minimum requirement of sixty (60) academic credits (e.g., the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences) as part of the maximum ninety (90) transferable credits to Evergreen.

For direct technical transfer degrees (e.g., Accounting, Administration of Justice, Business, etc.), the student must complete the degree and satisfy the minimum Upside Down requirements: a cumulative 2.50 GPA and successful completion of ENG 101, or equivalent, at "C" grade (2.0) or higher.

### **► Cascadia Community College programs that were "APPROVED" as Direct Technical Transfer Degrees from your most current request**

NONE

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### **Upside Down Degree Program**

Technical degrees, other than those that qualify as Direct Technical Transfer, will be considered for the Upside Down Degree Program.

The primary goals of this program are to: implement an articulated, seamless curriculum; eliminate duplication of effort in the student's course of study at The Evergreen State College; and, provide continuity in education.

The Upside Down Degree Program is for students who have completed an acceptable technical degree that generates fewer than 90 transferable credits but wish to complete their Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with just 90 additional credits from TESC. Students who qualify for Upside Down transfer take more focused coursework first by completing an accepted technical degree, and then receive a broad array of general education coursework at TESC during their final two years.

## **AAS-T Degree**

For an Associate of Applied Science – Transfer degree (AAS-T), The Evergreen State College will review all degrees submitted for consideration into our Upside Down degree program. The review process and requirements are same as the Upside Down degree program.

## **Upside Down Degree Requirements**

An initial credit evaluation upon admission will indicate fewer than ninety (90) quarter credits of transfer credit. Students who meet all the following criteria will be awarded a full ninety (90) quarter credits upon completion of all the following criteria:

- Approved Associate of Technical Arts or Associate of Applied Science degree
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA or better
- Successful completion of English composition (e.g., Eng. 101) or equivalent with a grade of C (2.0) or higher
- 32 quarter credits of coordinated study at Evergreen in general education outside the approved technical degree
- Approved plan of study with Academic Advising

To qualify for the Upside Down degree program, approved technical degrees must include a minimum of twenty-five (25) academic credits (e.g., the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences) as part of the maximum ninety (90) transferable quarter credits to Evergreen. In fact, some students may be asked to submit their high school transcript or GED as part of the admissions process along with their college transcripts, if they are lacking twenty-five (25) transferable academic credits.

For a complete listing of current Upside Down transfer degrees and other transferable Associate degrees from Cascadia Community College, you may view them at this website <http://www.evergreen.edu/admissions/comcoll.htm>.

### **► Cascadia Community College programs that were "APPROVED" for the Upside Down Degree Program from your current request**

- Associate of Applied Science-T in Environmental Technologies & Sustainable Practices
- Associate of Applied Science-T in Network Infrastructure Technology
- Associate of Applied Science-T in Web Application Programming Technology

### **► Cascadia Community College programs that "DO NOT" meet the minimum criteria for the Upside Down Degree Program from your current request**

NONE

## **Curriculum Articulation, Review, and Renewal**

Cascadia Community College will provide The Evergreen State College with the necessary supporting materials to validate academic (fully transferable) and vocational/technical courses. Cascadia Community College and TESC shall maintain the list of academic and vocational/technical courses. Cascadia Community College will keep TESC updated by submitting changes in program name, number of credits, and any substantial curriculum changes to courses deemed as academic (fully transferable) for reconsideration for the Direct Technical Transfer and Upside Down Degree program.

## **Cascadia Community College will:**


- Offer an educational program that will prepare students for work in the their field of study while at the same time, increase the students' chances for successful transfer to TESC.
- Provide counseling to students and parents with regards to this degree program.
- Interact with TESC faculty and administrators to enhance curriculum review and coordination.

**The Evergreen State College will:**

- Award ninety (90) quarter credits for the Technical Associate Degree on completion of all the noted Upside Down Program requirements.
- Provide academic advising and counseling services to facilitate matriculation and on-going support for transfer students.
- Cooperate with Cascadia Community College faculty to review and coordinate curriculum.


This agreement will be subject to renewal by November 2018.

**Cascadia Community College**

  
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