Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Accounting

Articulation Agreement between

Lake Washington Institute of Technology

&

Bellevue College

This Articulation Agreement is subscribed to by Bellevue College (here after referred to as "**BC**") and Lake Washington Institute of Technology (here after referred to as "**LWTECH**"). The purpose of this agreement is to establish a credit transfer protocol for students completing an AAS in Accounting at **LWTECH**, who also desire to complete the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S) degree in Applied Accounting at **BC**.

BC and **LWTECH** hereby establish this articulation agreement to provide a path to the Bellevue College Bachelor of Applied Accounting. This Agreement shall have an effective date ("Effective Date") as of the last signature received.

INTRODUCTION

This agreement establishes a path to a B.A.S. degree at **BC** in Applied Accounting for LWTech students who successfully complete the articulation path listed below. **BC** course agreements (outlined below) ensure the **LWTECH** transfer students will matriculate at junior standing. However, final admission to **BC** is contingent on submission of the student's application.

LWTECH Courses			BC Courses		
Course #	Title	Cr	Course #	Title	Cr
ACCT&201	Principles of ACCT I	5	ACCT&101	Practical ACCT I	5
ACCT&202	Principles of ACCT II	5	ACCT&102	Practical ACCT II	5
ACCT&203	Principles of ACCT III	5	ACCT&234	Managerial ACCT	5
ACCT 250	Must be taken at BC	5	ACCT 250	Intermediate ACCT I	5
ACCT 255	Income Tax	5	ACCT 285	Federal Income Taxes I	5
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5	ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
ENGL& 102	English Composition II	5	ENGL 201	The Research Paper or	5
Or	Technical Writing		ENGL& 235	Technical Writing or	5
ENGL&235	Technical witting		ENGLA 255		5
OR ENGL&			ENGL 271	Expository Writing	5
235				Expository writing	5

Math&107	Math in Society	5	Math&107	Math in Society	5
BUS&201	Business Law	5	BUS&201	Business Law	5
CMST&210	Interpersonal Communication	5	CMST&210	Interpersonal Communication	5
ECON&201	Microeconomics	5		Soc Sci, Nat Sci, or HUM	10
ECON&202	Macroeconomics	5			

This agreement allows the **LWTECH** student who has obtained an AAS degree in Accounting in addition to completing remaining outlined pathway coursework from **BC or another institution** to apply up to <u>90</u> <u>credits</u> towards the BAS in Applied Accounting at **BC**.

Please see attached "Addendum A" for further course requirements.

I. ADMISSION CRITERIA

Participation of **LWTECH** students under the articulation protocol established in this Articulation Agreement will be permitted in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws and regulations. Any **LWTECH** student will be admitted to **BC** with junior standing in the BAS in Applied Accounting subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a) The **LWTECH** student must fulfill all of the requirements prescribed herein related to completing a AAS in Accounting and additional prerequisite course requirements.
- b) The **LWTECH** student must have completed his/her work at **LWTech** in good academic, behavioral and financial standing.
- c) Only courses in which the **LWTECH** student earned a grade of "2.5 or B-" of higher, or which were completed with a "S" on an approved pass/fail system, and which were applicable toward the BAS in Applied Accounting at **BC** will be accepted. The courses must also have been completed within the last 5 years. If they were completed prior to that time, please consult the **BC** Accounting department.
- d) **BC** reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant who poses an undue risk of harm to others or the property of **BC** or others, who submits false or misleading credentials or application materials, who is not competent to profit from the program, or whose presence or conduct would create a disruptive atmosphere within the college that is not consistent with the college's purposes.
- e) **BC** reserves the right to deny the granting of credit for courses completed, continued matriculation, and to rescind certificates, credits or degrees already earned with respect to any person found in violation of **BC's** student conduct code and/or provisions of the **BC** Accounting program handbook, or otherwise determined to be ineligible for participation in the **BC** Accounting program of study.

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

- 1. **LWTECH** students are eligible upon completion of the AAS- Accounting program at **LWTECH** with a grade point average of 2.0 in all required courses. All accounting prerequisites must attain a grade of 2.5 or B-. All students must fill out the BAS application by the prescribed deadline to be reviewed for admission. Additional **LWTECH** students who are eligible may be granted acceptance on a space available basis after the application deadline.
- 2. **LWTECH** students must complete a minimum of 90 credits in residence at **BC** in order to be granted the BAS degree in Applied Accounting. (See attached addendum for list of required BC courses).

STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Each admitted **LWTECH** student will be afforded all of the rights and privileges offered to all accepted students at **BC** as established in the official policies and procedures of **BC** as they may be amended from time to time, including without limitation, participation in the financial aid programs, student counseling and advising and other student services.
- Except with respect to the articulation protocol established in the Articulation Agreement, LWTECH students must comply with and will be bound by the standards and regulations of BC in effect at the time of their application for admission to BC.
- 3. This Articulation Agreement is not intended to and shall not be so construed as to create any independent rights in any students of **LWTECH** nor include **LWTECH** students as parties hereto.

II. PROVISIONS & OBLIGATIONS

LWTECH and **BC**, as accredited institutions of higher education, agree to generally accept for transfer purposes credits earned by students at the other institution. As both institutions desire to establish a designated protocol to facilitate the transfer of students into the BAS in Applied Accounting at **BC**, the parties jointly agree to use reasonable efforts to:

LWTECH AGREES TO:

- 1. Promote the opportunity for LWTECH students to transfer to BC to students who express an interest in Applied Accounting and to students who were initially referred to LWTECH by BC.
- 2. Provide each student enrolled in its certificate and degree programs with advisors, counselors or coaches who will advise them of the articulation protocol established under this Articulation Agreement.

3. Connect interested students with their **BC** representatives so that **BC** may assist said students in their application or admissions process.

BC AGREES TO:

- 1. Authorize **LWTECH** to identify **BC** as an institutional partner on the **LWTECH** website and in print publications. **BC** also authorizes **LWTECH** to use its logo on the **LWTECH** website and in print publications as pertains to this agreement.
- 2. Provide written material to **LWTECH** for ongoing dissemination of information to students who express interest in transfer to the BAS in Applied Accounting at **BC**.
- 3. To the extent permissible under federal and state law, including the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), establish a mechanism to provide information on the academic progress of the **LWTECH** student enrolled as a result of this agreement, including but not limited to statistical data compiled from non-specific student information.

BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO:

- 1. Designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of implementing this Articulation Agreement. Such person shall have the authority to administer the interests of the party she/he represents in pursuit of the terms and provisions hereof. Both institutions will encourage and maintain a high degree of cooperation between their staff members in the implementation of the terms and provisions of this Articulation Agreement.
- 2. Meet regularly to revise or discuss the Articulation Agreement.
- 3. Reserve the right to request and review in advance any information disseminated to the public or students about the articulation protocols established herein or that identifies the relationship between the parties hereunder.
- 4. Communicate the conditions of this Articulation Agreement to their respective stakeholders external and internal.
- 5. Maintain their respective individual accreditation with the understanding that this MOU shall be binding only so long as accreditation is maintained by both parties.
- 6. Recognize that they are bound to comply with FERPA, as the law may be amended from time to time, in the handling of educational records of students enrolled in their institutions.

III. TERMS

Implementation and interpretation of this Articulation Agreement will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies and procedures established by the appropriate accreditation bodies, the United States Department of Education, and other agencies that have jurisdiction over the operation of either institution. To the extent any provision of this Articulation Agreement is inconsistent with Washington law, or applicable rules or regulations, including rules or regulations from the U.S. Department of Education or the Washington Student Achievement Council this Articulation Agreement will be considered null and void.

The Parties agree to defend, indemnify, and hold each other harmless from and against any loss, claim, or damage, including without limitation the cost from any reasonable attorneys' fees and/or litigation, to the extent it arises or is alleged to arise from the negligent acts or omissions of their respective officers, employees, students or agents in the performance of their duties under this agreement. The Parties are independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement will constitute either Party the agent, partner, or legal representative of the other Party for any purpose, or constitute the Parties as partners. Neither Party has any right, power, or authority to create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of the other.

REVIEW & TERMINATION

Both parties agree to review and revise the agreement bi-annually **or** when related curriculum changes are made at either institution. Review or revision can be requested by either party as deemed appropriate for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties and shall continue for three (3) years or until either party gives the other party a 90-day advance written notice of withdrawal from the agreement. However, in the event that this Articulation Agreement is terminated, **BC** commits that **LWTECH** students who are at any stage of their Degree studies and who have been pre-admitted to **BC** shall be entitled to pursue completion of the BAS in Applied Accounting at **BC** under the articulation protocols established herein unless prohibited by applicable law, rules, or regulations.

IV. NOTICES

All notices concerning this memorandum of agreement and understanding shall be in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the Parties. Date of Notice receipt will be considered to have been given at the time of receipt of notice by the other Party. When there is a substantial change in statutes or regulations that interfere with the Parties' ability to comply with this Agreement, the Parties will negotiate in good faith an amendment to this Agreement

1. Notices to **LWTECH**:

Suzanne Ames

Vice President of Instruction

Lake Washington Institute of Technology

2. Notices to BC:

Rebecca Cory

Associate Dean of Instruction

Bellevue College

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Bonita Corliss

Program Manager, BAS Applied Accounting

Bellevue College

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or approved this agreement to be in effect as of the date in which the last signature was received:

Suzanne Ames (May 12, 2020)	May 12, 2020
Dr. Suzanne Ames	Date
Vice President of Instruction,	
Lake Washington Institute of Technology	
Bonita Corliss (digital approval 5/13/2020)	May 13, 2020
Bonita Corliss,	Date
Program Manager, BAS Applied Accounting	
Bellevue College	
Kristen Jones	May 19, 2020
Kristen Jones	Date
Provost, Academic & Student Affairs,	
Bellevue College	

ADDENDUM A

This agreement also requires that **LWTECH** students who transfer to BC complete a minimum of <u>90</u> <u>credits</u> worth of core curriculum in residence at **BC** in order to meet the minimum degree requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science Applied Accounting. Following is the list of courses for the BAS in Applied Accounting that **LWTECH** students complete:

Bellevue College					
Program of Study- A					
Course Number		Credits			
BUS 375	Research Methods in Accounting	5			
CMST 340	Applied Organizational Communication	5			
PHIL 360	Business Ethics, Theory and Practice	5			
ACCT 490	Capstone I	5			
ACCT 491	Capstone II	5			
	Any Lab Science from AAS-DTA transfer list	5-6			
	Life Science class from AAS-DTA transfer list	5			
ECON&201	Microeconomics	5			
ECON&202	Macroeconomics	5			
ACCT 300	Finance	5			
ACCT 350	Intermediate Accounting II	5			
ACCT 351	Intermediate Accounting III	5			
ACCT 360	Cost Accounting	5			
ACCT 370	Forensic Accounting	5			
ACCT 400	Accounting Information Systems	5			
ACCT 420	Auditing	5			
ACCT 450	Federal Income Tax II	5			
ACCT 470	Advanced Accounting	5			
	Total BAS Credits = 90-91				