EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
BILATERAL AGREEMENT
FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING CLASSES INTO
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of the date of the last signature below (the "Effective Date") by and between EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina ("ECU") on behalf of its College of Human Ecology ("College"), Department of Child Development and Family Relations ("Department") and Richmond Community College ("Agency").

WHEREAS, ECU, through its educational programs, provides degree programs; and,

WHEREAS, Agency, through its educational programs, provides classes identified on Exhibit B, which Exhibit B is defined below in Section 3; and,

WHEREAS, ECU and AGENCY wish to allow students from Agency to be able to obtain academic credit at ECU for classes taken at the Agency that are identified on Exhibit B and to transfer credit for those classes to ECU (the "Program"); and,

WHEREAS, upon successful completion of ECU's academic requirements, the student shall be awarded a Bachelor's Degree from ECU (the "Degree Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants made each to the other, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement ("Term") shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of three (3) years. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing 30 days written notice to the other party. Additionally, this Agreement may be terminated as outlined herein or because of breach. However, any students who have matriculated at ECU pursuant to this Agreement shall be continued through completion of the Degree Program.

2. Attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit A", which "Exhibit A" outlines the academic requirements for acceptance into the Department.

3. Also attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit B", which "Exhibit B" contains the transfer course table.

4. ECU and Agency shall each appoint a designated representative to coordinate the Transfer Program.

5. Each party shall keep the other party informed of changes in curriculum, program and staff that may affect the Transfer Program. If courses listed in "Exhibit B" change, the parties will review the changes and, if acceptable, a new "Exhibit B" reflecting those changes may be
substituted. The parties shall indicate on the new “Exhibit B” the effective date of the changes. If the changes are not acceptable to either party then this Agreement may be renegotiated or terminated.

6. Agency shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, color, creed, sex, national origin or physical disability.

7. The ECU Bilateral Agreement Committee (“Committee”) shall review the Program biennially annually (the “Biennial Review to determine its effectiveness. The Committee’s review will be in accordance with the standards set out in Section 3 of ECU’s Regulation No. 02.07.04, Approval and Review of Bilateral Agreements.

8. Agency shall be considered an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for its work in accordance with this Agreement. Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to establish any agency, partnership or joint venture between Agency and ECU.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the liability of ECU, as an agency of the State of North Carolina, for any injury or damage arising out of ECU’s, its employees’ or agents’ performance under this Agreement is subject to the limitations of the North Carolina Tort Claims Act, N.C.G.S.§143-291, et. seq. (the “Act”). ECU does not waive any rights or defenses under the Act or the rights and authority of the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina to represent ECU.

10. Agency shall indemnify and hold ECU, its trustees, officers, employees and agents harmless for any and all claims, loss, liability, demands or damages, including attorney’s fees and court costs, due to the negligent acts of Agency’s employees or agents in Agency’s performance of this Agreement. This Section 10 shall not apply if the Agency is an agency of the State of North Carolina covered under the Act.

11. Notices: Any notices or other communications between the parties shall be in writing and shall be given effectively if: posted by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or delivered by an overnight delivery service that keeps proof of delivery. Any notice or communications shall be addressed as follows or at such other address as may be from time to time designated in writing in accordance with this Section 12:

If to ECU: Susannah Berry
130 Rivers Building
College of Human Ecology
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

With a copy to: University Attorney
210 Spilman Building
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858-4353
If to Agency:
April Chavis-Johnson
Richmond Community College
P.O. Box 1189
1042 W. Hamlet Ave.
Hamlet, NC 28345

12. The place of this Agreement, its situs and forum, shall be Pitt County, North Carolina, and in said County and of said State such matters whether sounding in contract or tort relating to the validity, construction, interpretation or enforcement shall be determined.

13. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducement or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions to this Agreement shall be in writing and executed by authorized representative(s) of each party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals, one of each which is retained by each of the parties, effective as of the date of the last signature below.
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
By: __________________________
Dr. Sharon Ballard, Department Head
Child Development and Family Relations

Date: _________________________

By: __________________________
Dr. Judy Sigauw, Dean
College of Human Ecology

Date: _________________________

By: __________________________
Dr. Marilyn Sheerer
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor
Division of Academic Affairs

Date: _________________________

RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
By: __________________________
April Chavis-Johnson, Program Coordinator

Date: _________________________

By: __________________________
Dr. Anthony Clarke
Chief Academic Officer

Date: 3/5/14

By: __________________________
Dr. William D. McInnis, President

Date: 3/5/14
EXHIBIT A
This Agreement governs Richmond Community College (hereinafter referred to as "RCC") students earning the degree of Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Early Childhood Education who pursue the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education.

Although AAS degree programs were not designed for transfer, the NC community college system and ECU have worked together to establish an agreement that allows students to potentially finish their AAS degree in Early Childhood education and complete their BS in Birth through Kindergarten at ECU. The purpose of the Agreement is to facilitate professional development of AAS Early Childhood Education graduates who wish to continue their education by earning the baccalaureate degree and Birth through Kindergarten licensure. This Agreement applies to these two programs and no other programs at either institution.

Community College students will be advised that the AAS Early Childhood was not designed for transfer to a four-year institution. However, due to program changes within the AAS degree, with careful planning students can fulfill AAS degree requirements and Foundations Curriculum requirements for ECU. If students plan to transfer to a four-year institution, they will be advised to either enroll in the College Transfer Program, completing General Education Core (Foundations Curriculum at ECU) at the two year school and completing requirements for the BK major at the four year institution, or choose electives carefully with the AAS to meet both AAS requirements and foundation curriculum requirements at ECU. This articulation agreement was prepared with the knowledge that some students make the decision to complete requirements for BK Licensure after having completed the AAS Early Childhood Education degree.

Contents of this Agreement are based on the ECU 2013-2014 Undergraduate Catalog and the 2012-2013 NC Community College catalog.

1. To be eligible for participation in this articulation agreement, students must have successfully completed the AAS in Early Childhood Education program with a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

2. Transfer students must meet the same requirements and follow the same procedures as all teacher education majors. They must successfully complete a minimum of 12 s.h. at ECU with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 prior to admission to Upper Division. In addition, acceptable scores must be earned on PRAXIS I. Transfer credit from community colleges and/or junior colleges will not be accepted for CDFR 2123: Early Experience in Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education.

3. All transfer students must earn a minimum of one-half the hours of credit required for graduation at a regionally accredited senior college: a minimum of 30 s.h. and one-half the hours in the major must be completed at ECU.

4. The following EXHIBIT B outlines transferrable credit from the community college to ECU for general education (foundations curriculum) and for requirements within the AAS Early Childhood Education program to the Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education major at ECU.

With dedication to citizenry of the State of North Carolina, ECU and RCC establish the Bilateral Agreement outlined herein regarding RCC students who complete the Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education program and then choose to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree with a major of Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Education in the Department of Child Development and Family Relations, College of Human Ecology at East Carolina University.
EXHIBIT B

Section 1: Foundation

The following courses, which are taken by community college students to fulfill general education requirements for the AAS degree in Early Childhood Education, are equivalent to the East Carolina University courses listed. Students will receive credit for these courses provided they earn a grade of “C” or better in each. Advisors at community colleges will assist students in selecting electives that meet requirements for both the Early Childhood Education AAS and Foundations Curriculum at ECU.

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**TOTAL HOURS, Section 1** 15 hours

ECU requires 42 semester hours of Foundation Curriculum. Section 1 and Section 3 of this agreement designate courses that could satisfy AAS requirements in Early Childhood Education as well as Foundations curriculum requirements at ECU. Community College students must select courses that are equivalent to ECU Foundations curriculum if they wish to enter ECU with 63 hours remaining for the Bachelor of Science degree.

Section 2: AAS Core

The following courses, which are taken by community college students to fulfill requirements for the Early Childhood Education AAS CORE coursework, are equivalent to the East Carolina University courses listed. Students who enter ECU under the articulation agreement will receive credit for these ECU courses provided they earn a grade of a “C” or better in each community college course.

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**TOTAL HOURS, Section 2** 13 hours

ECU accepts 13 AAS Early Childhood Education CORE course hours and provides 11 credit hours in the Birth through Kindergarten program. The additional CORE course hours will count toward the 7 semester hour General Elective in the ECU BK program. The courses that will transfer in as CDFR electives are as follows: EDU 119, EDU 131, EDU 153, EDU 280.
Section 3: AAS Other Major Hours

Community college students must choose 23-26 hours of additional courses from the following selections, which are equivalent to the ECU courses listed, in order to enter ECU with 63 hours remaining for the Bachelor of Sciences degree. Students will receive transfer credit for these courses provided they earn a "C" or better in each. Advisors at community colleges will assist students in selecting electives that meet requirements for both the Early Childhood Education AAS and Foundations curriculum at ECU.

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<td><strong>TOTAL HOURS, Section 3</strong></td>
<td><strong>23-26 hours</strong></td>
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* ECU requires 8 semester hours of science. The BK program requires one course to be a biological science and one to be a physical science. One of the science courses must include a lab.

Section 4: AAS Specialty

The following courses, which can be taken by community college students to fulfill requirements for the Early Childhood Education AAS should fulfill required content for the ECU courses listed. Students who enter ECU under the articulation agreement will receive 15 hours that will count toward hours in professional studies and specialty area in the Bachelor of Science degree, provided that the student earns a grade of "C" or better in each course.

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Transfer Totals:

- Section 1: Foundations= 15 hours out of 15
- Section 2: AAS Core= 13 hours out of 16
- Section 3: AAS Other Major Hours= Potential 23-26 hours
- Section 4: AAS Specialty= 15 hours out of 20
Total Transfer = 28 hours (15 Foundations + 13 AAS Core) + potential 15 hours (AAS Specialty) + potentially 23 additional hours in AAS other major hours that could be included in the POS that students could take to transfer = 66 hours of transfer.