



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

The Chicago School-California Inc. dba The Chicago School

and

A-B Tech Community College

This Articulation Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is made effective as of the date of the last signature below (“**Effective Date**”) and is entered into by and between **The Chicago School** whose primary place of business is 707 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90017, operating a campus in Chicago, IL located at 325 N Wells St, Chicago, IL 60654 (“**The Chicago School**” or “**Chicago School**”), and **A-B Tech Community college** whose primary place of business is 340 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801 (“**Institution**”) (The Chicago School and Institution, individually a “**Party**” and collectively the “**Parties**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, this Agreement establishes the framework whereby Institution students who have completed an associate degree shall be permitted to transfer to a Chicago School undergraduate program (B.A. Psychology, B.A. Criminology, or B.S. Business Psychology) pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined below (“**Transfer Program**”), and

WHEREAS, A-B Tech Community College is an institutionally accredited college that offers online and campus-based diplomas and associate’s programs

WHEREAS, The Chicago School is an institutionally accredited University that offers undergraduate programs, and

WHEREAS, The Chicago School and Institution desire to establish a cooperative relationship to facilitate the transfer of credits and degree completion of students earning degrees identified herein; to avoid duplication of curricula where appropriate within articulated programs of study; and to serve the educational growth of students and the economic development of the community through cooperative educational planning and optimal utilization of community resources; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and of the mutual covenants herein, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

I. THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

A. **Eligibility.** All Institution graduates with at least an associate’s degree



("Institution Alumni") are eligible to enroll in any undergraduate program in the College of Undergraduate Studies at The Chicago School under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as long as the student meets the Qualifying Criteria (defined below).

B. **Qualifying Criteria.** To qualify for an undergraduate program, Institution Alumni must apply for admission to The Chicago School in accordance with the rules, policies, and procedures of The Chicago School in effect at the time of application ("**Qualifying Criteria**"). Admission criteria can be found by going to The Chicago School Student Handbook and Academic Catalog: (<http://www.thechicagoschool.edu/academics/catalog/>). Institution Alumni admitted to and enrolled with The Chicago School shall be held to all academic policies of The Chicago School.

C. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the Effective Date ("**Initial Term**"). After the Initial Term, this Agreement with the same terms and conditions may be renewed by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason without penalty or further obligation by giving the other Party ninety (90) days prior written notice; however, both Parties understand and agree that any written commitments made to Institution transfer students hereunder shall survive termination of this Agreement.

D. **Admission Guarantee.** All students who complete an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) with a 2.3 or higher GPA will be guaranteed admission to the College of Undergraduate Studies at The Chicago School. Students who have a cumulative GPA lower than 2.3 may still apply and the application will be reviewed in accordance with the admission requirements listed in The Chicago School academic catalog.

E. **Transfer Credit.** All courses applied to the earned associate degree will qualify for block transfer into College of Undergraduate Studies programs provided they meet The Chicago School's requirements. Courses taken but not applied to the associate degree will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

F. **Promotion.** The Parties consent to the limited and revocable mutual use of the Parties' names and logos solely for the purpose of promoting the Transfer Program, including on each Party's website, social media, public relations, and in other marketing efforts. The Parties also agree to use their best efforts to mutually promote and market the Transfer Program in a manner consistent with which they promote other academic partnerships. Such efforts shall include the use of:

- 1) campus images,
- 2) Parties' logos,
- 3) an outline of programs offered by The Chicago School on Institution's website,
- 4) a description of The Chicago School's transfer process for Institution students to have their Courses accepted toward a degree or certificate offered by The Chicago School and recognized for academic credit on Institution's website,
- 5) links to The Chicago School's website,
- 6) links to The Chicago School's social media presence and/or



7) other such items mutually agreed upon between the Parties.

Each Party shall review and approve all print, electronic (including website landing pages, banner ads, social media, such as on Facebook and Twitter, and other electronic media), scripts and other marketing materials (“**Marketing Materials**”) prior to use by the other Party. The Parties will use their reasonable best efforts to review and approve Marketing Materials related to the Transfer Program within ten (10) business days of receipt of the proposed materials.

In no event shall either Party use or distribute any Marketing Materials related to the Transfer Program which have been rejected or have not been approved by the other Party. The Parties agree that The Chicago School may send appropriate representatives up to twice an academic year to the Institution’s physical campus and present as many as two (2) virtual open houses to educate Institution’s students and faculty about The Chicago School. Institution agrees to facilitate and reasonably cooperate with such activities by The Chicago School.

II. FINANCES

A. **Partner Tuition Rate.** Institution Alumni will be eligible to receive an twenty percent (20%) reduction in the posted tuition rate for all eligible courses and programs (each a “**Partner Tuition Rate Program**”) from the full, base, current tuition rate as determined by University, and the reduction will remain at twenty percent (20%) for the duration of the entire Partner Tuition Rate Program so long as the student is continuously enrolled and eligible as described herein. University’s base tuition and available courses for subsequent terms are subject to change.

B. **Partner Rate Upon Termination.** Upon termination of this Agreement by either Party, the Partner Tuition Rate Program will no longer apply to new Institution Alumni beginning at the start of the semester following the termination date of the Agreement and the then prevailing annual program tuition rate shall apply. For clarification, any Institution Alumni who qualified for the Partner Tuition Rate Program and matriculated in the selected Chicago School program before the termination of the Agreement will continue their enrollment under the Partner Tuition Rate Program so long as they remain continuously enrolled in their selected Chicago School program and in good academic standing.

C. **Fees.** The Partner Tuition Rate Program applies only to tuition and not The Chicago School fee; however, The Chicago School shall waive the application fee and tuition deposit for Institution Alumni. Students benefiting from the Partner Tuition Rate Program under this Agreement shall be responsible to pay any and all other standard, compulsory fees applicable under The Chicago School policies.

D. **Financial Aid.** Students benefitting from the Partner Tuition Rate Program under this Agreement are not eligible for institutional scholarship, grant, fellowship, or other financial aid programs offered by The Chicago School. The Partner Tuition Rate Program does not impact a students eligibility for federal and/or state financial aid.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. **Statement of Non-Discrimination.** Each institution warrants that it shall not discriminate against any program applicant or participant on the basis of any protected class, including without limitation, the basis of sex, race national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, age, disability or veteran's status.

B. **FERPA.** Both Parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and all associated regulations, taking the necessary steps to ensure that confidential personal information is not disclosed or distributed without appropriate consent from the students.

C. **Amendments.** The terms of this Agreement shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented, or amended, in any manner whatsoever, except by written instrument signed by both Parties.

D. **Assignment.** Neither this Agreement nor any of the Parties' rights hereunder shall be assignable by any Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

E. **No Agency Relationship.** In carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of this Agreement, neither Party shall be acting as the agent or principal of the other with regard to dealings with third parties, including students. Neither Party shall have the authority to make any statements, representations, or commitments of any kind or to take any action binding on the other except as provided for herein or authorized in writing by the Party to be bound.

F. **Notices.** Notices which are required or may be given pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and are effective on the date of actual delivery to the other Party at the addresses provided below:

If to The Chicago School: 325 N Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60654 Attention: Jonathan Dodrill Phone: 312-467-2540 Email: jdodrill@thechicagoschool.edu	If to A-B Tech Community College 340 Victoria Road Ashville, NC 28801 Attention: Steven Huelett Phone: 828-398-7184 Email: stevenhuelett@abtech.edu
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G. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflict of law principles. The prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing Party may be entitled.

H. **Execution and Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined herein as of the Effective Date.

**THE CHICAGO SCHOOL-CALIFORNIA
INC. d/b/a THE CHICAGO SCHOOL**

A-B Tech Community College

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'for A. B. Tech', written over a horizontal line.

Title: _____

Title: President

Date: _____

Date: 10/3/25