Core-to-Core Transfer Articulation Agreement
Between Philander Smith College and Shorter College

I. Overview: The purpose of this agreement between Philander Smith College and Shorter College is to assist students holding an Associate of Arts degree to transition from the two-year Shorter College to the four-year Philander Smith College. This agreement is designed to enable students to continue their education as juniors in one of Philander Smith College’s major fields of study.

II. Purpose and Scope:
1. To enhance student enrollment at Shorter College and Philander Smith College;
2. To provide a seamless transfer from Shorter College as a two-year institution to Philander Smith College for matriculation in an academic major field of study offered at Philander Smith College.

III. Agreement: As Philander Smith College’s General Education Core Curriculum, an Associate of Arts degree designed for transfer from Shorter College will be accepted to satisfy the General Education Core requirements at Philander Smith College. However, Core-to-Core transfer does not alter the requirements of the student’s major field of study or the requirements of the student’s Philander Smith College academic department/division. The transfer student must complete those General Education courses required by the major field of study.

1. Students who hold the Associate of Arts degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale will be accepted for transfer subject;
2. Courses taken to satisfy the Associate of Arts degree requirements must have a grade of “C” or higher to transfer to Philander Smith College;
3. Credits for grades of “D” will transfer only if they are part of a completed Associate of Arts degree with at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average;
4. Up to sixty-two (62) semester credit hours for courses passed at Shorter College will be accepted and added to credit hours earned at Philander Smith College;
5. Only grades earned at Philander Smith College will be counted in the cumulative grade point average. However, when calculating the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) for Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and for honors conferred at graduation, all grades received from all institutions will be used;
6. Transfer students who do not complete all Associate of Arts degree requirements or General Education requirements will be able to transfer credit on a course-by-course basis and must comply with all General Education requirements at Philander Smith College;
7. Shorter College graduates entering Philander Smith College under the terms of this agreement go through Philander Smith College’s normal transfer admissions process and therefore must meet all applicable Philander Smith College requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions that apply to all Philander Smith College students.
8. Shorter College courses accepted by Philander Smith College will be applied toward the 124 semester hours required for a degree at Philander Smith College.

IV. Implementation of the Articulation Agreement:
As part of this agreement, Philander Smith College and Shorter College will agree to the following:

1. Share performance data and analysis for the purpose of institutional effectiveness;
2. Shorter College and Philander Smith College will provide students in their programs with all information pertaining to this agreement;

3. Philander Smith College and Shorter College may list this articulation agreement in their publications;
4. Philander Smith College may visit and recruit students from Shorter College to their respective programs;
5. Any contracts/grant opportunities that materialize as a result of the Articulation Agreement will be shared by both institutions;
6. Philander Smith College will assist in providing scholarships, financial aid, work programs or any appropriate resources toward the affordability of the student's matriculation and graduation.

Revision, Renewal, and Termination of this Agreement:
Philander Smith College's Vice President for Academic Affairs and appropriate officers at Shorter College are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement.

This agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing, for students entering Philander Smith College on or after August 2014. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new agreement or formally terminated. The agreement may be modified in writing at any time upon request of any party. Any party may withdraw from this Articulation Agreement by giving a six (6) month notice to the other institution. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Philander Smith College under the terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes at Philander Smith College.

Philander Smith College and Shorter College shall act in an independent capacity in the performance of this agreement, and shall not be considered as employees, agents, affiliated, or subsidiaries of each other. Neither Philander Smith College nor Shorter College has the right to bind or obligate one another in any manner inconsistent with or unrelated to this agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Shorter College into Philander Smith College, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

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Dr. O. Jerome Green, President
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