



The AGREEMENT FOR ARTICULATION FIRE SERVICE PROGRAMS

LEWIS UNIVERSITY and HARPER COLLEGE

Introduction

The fire department has evolved over the years into an organization that provides a variety of services relating to the protection of life and property that go far beyond the ability to simply extinguish unwanted fire. The modern fire department is a complex organization that provides services such as fire suppression, emergency medical services, community safety education, community preparedness for man-made, natural, and war time disasters, fire prevention programs, special response teams for hazardous materials and special rescue situations such as high angle, below grade, confined spaces, urban rescue, and water rescue. In order for a fire service organization to fulfill its mission to provide state of the art fire protection services it is essential that the modern fire service organization employ concepts and proven procedures in the management of provided resources. Formal education in the career field of the Fire Service is essential for fire service personnel to better fulfill the fire department mission. Harper College and Lewis University intend to cooperate as fully as possible in the education of current and future fire service leaders.

In the spirit of the founder of the Christian Brothers, John Baptiste DeLaSalle Lewis University enters into articulation agreements in order fulfill its mission and foster the core values of Justice, Knowledge, Association, Wisdom, and Fidelity .

With mutual institutional respect our two institutions enter into an articulation agreement. The objectives of the agreement are;

To provide fire service professionals with a high quality formal education process directly related to the requirement of the modern fire service organization in order to enhance professional ability.

To provide perspective fire service personnel with a high quality formal education process directly related to the modern fire service organization in order to prepare for entry into the fire service profession.

To facilitate for both organizations the efficient flow of students from the Associate to the Bachelors degree programs.



Articulation Agreement

1. Under the provisions of the program the student will matriculate to the Lewis University Fire Service Administration Degree program after completing the pre-requisite *requirements specified in the Bachelor of Arts Fire Service Administration program which can include up to 72 hours of community college credit. Traditional students under the age of 24 will enroll in non-accelerated classes consisting of sixteen week courses.
2. Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fire Service Administration are required to fulfill the *requirements of the degree program which include a total of 128 credit hours 39 of which are major credit hours.
3. To meet University graduation requirements, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 and at least 2.00 GPA in the major.

* Requirements are detailed in the Fire Service section of the Lewis University Undergraduate Curriculum Guide.

Mutual Promotion of the Agreement

Harper College and Lewis University agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this agreement via basic marketing techniques and the dissemination of related information in a timely and complete manner.

Student Advisement

Both institutions are very interested in the success of the students, therefore every effort will be made to advise the students of the benefits and the actions needed to effectively participate in the programs of both institutions.



Force of Agreement

This agreement shall be in force until either institution decides to terminate the relationship. The decision to terminate agreement must be given in writing. For the benefit of the students in the program, at time of termination the termination will not be completely effective until all admitted students have the opportunity to complete the program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures the May 31 day of the year 2007.

For Lewis University

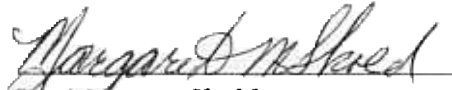
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APPENDIX

Evaluation of current transfer potential from Harper College Fire Science Technology Associate in Applied Science Degree.

Total transfer credit 60 hours as detailed below;

General Education;

ENG 101	3
Humanities*	3
Mathematics*	3
Natural Science*	3
PSY 101	3
SPE 101	3
	18 TOTAL

*courses listed in Lewis / Harper Transfer Guide

Core courses;

CIS 100 or 101	3
FIS 100	3
FIS 102	3
FIS 103	3
FIS 104	3
FIS 121	3
FIS 122	3
FIS 132	3
FIS 145	3
	27 TOTAL



Electives;

Minimum 15 credit hours from the following courses

EMS 110.....	7
FIS 109	12
FIS 123	3
FIS 133	3
FIS 200	3
FIS 202	3
FIS 203	3
FIS 210	3
FIS 212	3
FIS 220	3
FIS 230	3
FIS 240	3
FIS 250	3
	15 TOTAL