

**Articulation Agreement
Between
Fayette County Career and Technical Institute
and
Pennsylvania Western University**

This agreement, made on this date of final signature, provides a means by which graduates of the Engineering Technology (CIP:15.9999) Program at Fayette County Career and Technical Institute (Fayette County CTI) can receive advanced standing credit in the Mechatronics Bachelor's Degree or Robotics Associate's Degree program offered by Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest).

I. Principles of Agreement

- A. A student who has successfully mastered the competencies and skills outlined in the Engineering Technology Program Course Outlines/Competency List (see Appendix A) will be eligible to receive the following college credit upon enrollment in the Applied Engineering, Technology and Physics Department's Mechatronics Bachelor's Degree or Robotics Associate's Degree program at PennWest. The student must complete the Fayette County CTI courses below with a B average (3.00 average GPA) or better in all courses, pass the NOCTI Exam with an 80% or above and be recommended by the Fayette County CTI teacher. Credits only, not grades, will be recorded on the PennWest transcript for these courses, so these credits will not be used to calculate the student's university grade point average.

Fayette County Career and Technical Institute
Competency List (B average-3.00 GPA)

Pennsylvania Western University
IENG 1000, Intro to Engineering Technology 3 cr.

- B. To participate in this program, a student must apply and be admitted to PennWest within two years of completing the Fayette County CTI Program. During the application, Fayette County CTI students must submit their PennWest admission application complete with all required components, a recommendation from the Fayette County CTI teacher, and a signed Letter of Intent (see Appendix B) to the following address: (Denise Zimcosky: 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419 Box 37).
- C. Fayette County CTI and PennWest agree to market this program. Fayette County CTI will promote and market the program to students, guidance counselors, teachers, and administrators in their sending schools. Students' parents will be informed about the availability of the program through appropriate channels. PennWest will assist Fayette County CTI in marketing the program at the secondary level. Fayette County CTI will provide PennWest with opportunities to promote and market their department options to students in the program, parents, guidance counselors, teachers, and administrators.
- D. This articulation agreement and awarding of credit is acceptable up to two years after the student has graduated from Fayette County CTI. Students who apply for credit after the two-year period must be able to document that they have been employed or are currently working in an area related to their Fayette County CTI program of study.


- E. To ensure that students entering the Applied Engineering, Technology and Physics Department schedule appropriate courses, the student must contact an academic advisor in the Department of Applied Engineering, Technology and Physics each semester to assist in making the most advantageous course selections.
- F. Fayette County CTI and PennWest agree to notify each other immediately of any modification in the courses, curriculum, competency lists, or any aspect of the articulated programs during the term of this agreement.

II. Mutual Terms and Conditions

- A. *Term of Agreement.* The term of this Agreement shall be one year from the date of execution and will be reviewed annually for accuracy. This Agreement may not exceed a period of one (1) year.
- B. *Termination of Agreement.* Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days' notice. In the event of a substantial breach, either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of the breach by written notice that may be less than 90 days. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to PennWest under terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes.
- C. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination and related procedures to insure that students enrolled at PennWest are afforded the protections of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- D. *Modification of Agreement.* This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- E. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- F. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.
- G. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.


For Fayette County Carcer and Technical Institute:


Name *Executive Director*
Title *Cynthia A. Shaw*

For Pennsylvania Western University:


Dr. Brenda Fredette
Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Approved as to Form and Legality:

 Digitally signed by
Molly H. Passmore
Date: 2023.02.20
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University Legal Counsel

_____ Date

Appendix A

**Engineering Technology (CIP: 15.9999)
Program (See attached)**

Appendix B
Student Letter of Intent to enter Pennsylvania Western University

I plan to enroll at Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) upon completion of the Fayette County Career and Technical Institute (Fayette County CTI). I understand that my signature on this letter entitles me to advanced standing credit for courses completed at Fayette County CTI as outlined in the articulation agreement between Fayette County CTI and PennWest. I am familiar with the terms of the Agreement between Fayette County CTI and PennWest including the following requirements and conditions:

I must successfully master the competencies and skills outlined in the Engineering Technology (CIP:15.9999) Competency List with a B average (3.00 GPA) or better in all courses and be recommended by the Fayette County CTI teacher. I agree to the release of my grades and academic performance records by Fayette County CTI to PennWest.

I must apply and be admitted to PennWest within two years of completing the program at Fayette County CTI. Credits only, not grades, will be recorded on the PennWest transcript, so these credits will not be used to calculate the student's university grade point average.

The agreement and awarding of credit are acceptable up to two years after I have graduated from Fayette County CTI and the awarding of credits included in this agreement may only be applied at PennWest and the Applied Engineering, Technology and Physics Department. I understand that the credits awarded in this agreement may not be accepted by or applicable to other degree programs at PennWest and that PennWest does not guarantee that the credits earned under this agreement will be transferable to another college or university.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Student Name (Print)
Parent/Guardian Signature	Student Signature
	Address _____

Date _____	Phone _____

***Complete and mail a PennWest admissions application along with this Letter of Intent and a recommendation from the Fayette County CTI teacher, to:
Denise Zimcosky
ATTN: Fayette County CTI Applied Engineering, Technology and Physics Department's Mechatronics and Robotics Program Agreement
Pennsylvania Western University-California
250 University Ave, Box 37
California, PA 15419***