

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY AND SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF OF HOWARD COLLEGE

## General Transfer

This document establishes an articulation agreement between Gallaudet University, located at 800 Florida Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002 and the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf of Howard College, located at, 3200 Avenue C, Big Spring, TX, 79720. The intention of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer process of academic credits of qualified students from the regionally accredited Howard College/SWCID to the four-year program at regionally accredited Gallaudet University for the purpose of providing a matriculation program at the baccalaureate level.

Students completing the Associate of Applied Science degree, Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Arts of Teaching degree, or Associate of Science degree at Howard College/SWCID, in accordance with the minimum standards set by Gallaudet University, may be admitted to Gallaudet University's undergraduate program provided they meet the eligibility standards established by Gallaudet University's Office of Admissions. Students who do not meet the aforementioned minimum standards will be considered for admission to Gallaudet University on a case-by-case basis. The guidelines that govern this articulation agreement are described below.

- Deaf and hard of hearing prospective students must be accepted through the Gallaudet University's regular admissions process. Hearing prospective students must be accepted into the Hearing Undergraduate Students program (HUGS).
- Gallaudet University guarantees the transfer of college-level credits, provided that all coursework has been completed with a minimum grade of "C" or the equivalent.
- Course Equivalencies have been established to ease the transfer evaluation process. The equivalencies are subject to change and the current information is available on Gallaudet University Registrar Office's website.
- Undergraduate students, including those who transfer from Howard College/SWCID, are required to complete the General Studies Curriculum as a part of their degree requirements. General Studies courses, which follow an interdisciplinary curriculum, do not have exact equivalencies from Howard College/SWCID. A system of credit waivers has been established to waive these General Studies requirements, thus allowing students to complete their requirements in a timely manner. Information on the credit waiver system is available on Gallaudet University's General Studies Program website.
- Gallaudet University may require validation examinations in courses in which students have received transfer credit. Placement tests in English, American Sign Language and Mathematics are offered to determine appropriate placement in credit-bearing courses or non credit-bearing courses. An applicant may be admitted with conditions in English, American Sign Language, and/or Mathematics if the applicant corroborates academic potential and high motivation evidenced by good overall grade point average (GPA) in academic courses from Howard College/SWCID, acceptable scores on appropriate admissions exams, and letters of recommendation from school personnel, vocational rehabilitation counselors, or other professionals.

- Admitted hearing undergraduate students are eligible for financial aid through federal programs, but are not eligible for merit-based financial aid awarded to deaf and hard of hearing students.
- The Gallaudet University Office of Admissions reserves the right to request additional documentation and standardized testing from any potential transferee.
- Implementation and interpretation of this Articulation Agreement will be consistent with applicable and mandatory policies and procedures established by the accrediting and governing bodies of Gallaudet University and other agencies having jurisdiction over either institution. The District of Columbia laws prevail if there is a conflict between two jurisdictions.

This agreement becomes effective with the signatures of all parties and shall continue in effect unless voided by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. Gallaudet University and Howard College/SWCfD will consider in good faith any amendments either party proposes. The agreement may only be amended in writing, with amendments signed by both parties.

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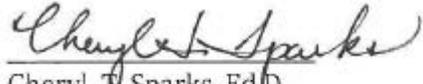


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