



EXHIBIT "C"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 5.2.2

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 27, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS 

SUBJECT: ARTICULATION AGREEMENT – SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY  
AND SCHOOL BOARD OF HARDEE COUNTY

Approval requested to enter into an agreement that will create career opportunities for secondary school students enrolled in Career Pathways programs, supporting their successful transition into postsecondary education and meaningful careers through strong collaboration between secondary schools and postsecondary institutions. These agreements shall remain in effect from year to year unless the agreement is terminated or challenged per the stated terms.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**  
**Move to approve the agreement between the School Board of DeSoto County, the School Board of Hardee County, and South Florida State College as presented.**

CAREER PATHWAYS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
and SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE



In a continuing effort for the School District of DeSoto County, Florida (School Board) and South Florida State College (SFSC) to provide career opportunities for secondary school students in Career Pathways programs for transition into postsecondary institutions, SFSC agrees to extend at no cost to the student (other than the application fee) college credit at SFSC according to the following requirements:

**I. Articulation with South Florida State College**

To articulate courses taken in Career and Technical Education Career Pathways Program of Study at School District of DeSoto County Secondary Schools/Postsecondary Schools to South Florida State College, the following requirements apply to earn college credit:

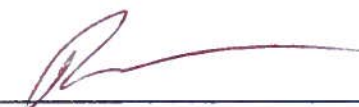
1. The student shall be considered a Career Pathways student, defined as a student in an articulated, sequential Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and enrolled in Level II or III courses that lead to a postsecondary certificate (C.C. or C.C.C.), A.S. or A.A. degree.
2. Additional credits per the Florida Statewide Articulation Agreements also refer to the Rule. 6A- 10.0401 Gold Standard Career Pathways Articulation Agreements will be accepted. When an industry certification included in an agreement is removed from the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List or the Master Credentials List, and the certification is no longer achievable, the agreement will be terminated the following academic year or upon expiration of the validity period.
3. Additional credits are available to students under accelerated experiential learning credits/clock hours are available to students under Statewide career pathways, Applied Technology Diploma career pathways, and local agreements.
4. Students who earned the certification during its validity period and enroll in the eligible associate degree program within five years of earning the certification remain eligible to receive credit, pursuant to subsection (4).
5. The student shall pay the SFSC Admissions application.
6. The student must meet regular SFSC entrance requirements, including appropriate placement and course prerequisite requirements of the college.
7. Credit may be earned based on current Statewide Active Gold Standard Career Pathways
8. The student must present the Career Pathways Certificate of Completion, copy of industry certification, and/or present a high school transcript verifying the successful completion of the technical courses and/or industry certification, if applicable, to SFSC's Admissions and Records Office.

II. Terms and Termination

This agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028. This agreement may be renewed annually upon mutual written agreement of the parties for additional one (1) year periods. Either party may terminate this agreement with ninety (90) days' written notice. This agreement is to be reviewed annually and is subject to change if changes are made to the School District of DeSoto County High School CTE Program/ Family Services Center CTE programs to the A.A., A.S. degree, or certificate programs at South Florida State College. Modifications to the agreement must be agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties.

APPROVED:

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
COLLEGE DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA


  
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Superintendent of Schools      4/28/2026  
Date

  
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Career and Tech Education Specialist      4/29/2026  
Date

APPROVED:

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE

  
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President      6-19/26  
Date

  
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Vice President      6/10/26  
Date

Family Service Center (DeSoto District)

Gold Standard

Industry Certification Code	Industry Certification Title	College Credits per Gold Standard	10 Digit CIP Number	College Credit Course	Associate Degree Program	Associate Degree Career Cluster	Associate Degree Program Length
NCSBN002	National Licensed Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN)	10	1351380100	NUR 1020C Foundations of Nursing Practice	Nursing R.N.	Health Science	72 credit hours

School District of DeSoto County

Florida College System Institution	School District Career Center	District Program Name	District Program CIP Number	District Program Type	FCS Institution AS/AAS/Certificate Program Name	Industry Certificate Code	College Course Credit/Clock hours	Type of Agreement	Credits Articulated
South Florida State College	School District of DeSoto County (High School)	Allied Health Nursing Assisting	0317060201	Career Certificate	3400 Nursing (Practical) Program	NCSBN002	PRN 0098 Practical Nursing Foundations	Local	Up to 165 hours

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
and SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE**

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**I. Articulation with South Florida State College**

To articulate courses taken in Career and Technical Education Career Pathways Program of Study at School District of Hardee County Secondary Schools/Postsecondary Schools to South Florida State College, students must meet the following requirements to earn college credit:

1. The student shall be considered a Career Pathways student, defined as a student in an articulated, sequential Career and Technical Education (CTE) program and enrolled in Level II or III courses that lead to a postsecondary certificate (C.C. or C.C.C.), A.S. or A.A. degree.
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**III. Notice**

When either party to this Agreement desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, and delivered by (i) United States certified or registered mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, (ii) a nationally recognized overnight delivery service, (iii) personal delivery with written receipt obtained, or (iv) email transmission with confirmation of receipt provided by the recipient via returned email, at the addresses set forth below. Notices shall be effective upon receipt. Presently, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

**FOR HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meredith Durastanti, Director Hardee Virtual Academy,  
MyDistrict Virtual School, AVID, Career, Technical and Adult Education  
901 West Main Street  
Wauchula, Florida 33873  
Phone: (863)773-3173  
[mdurastanti@hardee.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdurastanti@hardee.k12.fl.us)

**FOR SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE**

Dr. Kathleen Cappo, Dean of Health Sciences  
600 West College Drive  
Avon Park, Florida 33825  
Phone: (863) 784-7227  
[cappok@southflorida.edu](mailto:cappok@southflorida.edu)

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
HARDEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

  
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Superintendent of Schools Date

 6/19/26  
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President Date

  
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Career and Tech Education Specialist Date 5/19/2024

  
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Vice President Date 6/10/26

