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**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY  
AND  
THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ON BEHALF OF LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**



January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and Delaware Valley University (DVU) enter into this articulation agreement in order to facilitate the enrollment of students completing the Maryland Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs of study in Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE), Classification of Instructional Program code (CIP) 01.0050, and Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH), CIP 01.0650, into DVU.

The purpose of this document is to outline responsibilities for ensuring that students earn college credit for the MSDE CTE CASE and CPH programs of study. MSDE, DVU, and participating local school systems share responsibilities for adherence to this agreement. The goals of this articulation process are to:

- provide students with academic coursework that will allow them to earn college credit towards completion of a recognized postsecondary degree or certificate;
- recognize and reward students for college-level competencies achieved during high school; and
- assist students in transitioning from secondary to postsecondary education.

Subject to terms of this agreement, students who successfully complete either the CASE or CPH programs of study from participating schools and enroll at DVU will be awarded credits at DVU for the following:

<b>Program of Study and Course Titles:</b>	<b>Minimum End-of-Course Assessment:</b>	<b>DVU Course Code(s):</b>	<b>DVU Course Title(s):</b>	<b>Number of Credits Awarded:</b>
<b><u>CASE Program of Study</u></b>	"B" average or higher (3.0 GPA)	LAES 1120	Sustainability	3

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Course: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</li> <li>• Principles Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animal Systems</li> <li>○ Plant Systems</li> <li>○ Natural Resources and Ecology</li> <li>○ Agricultural Power and Technology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Specialization Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animal and Plant Biotechnology</li> <li>○ Food Science and Safety</li> <li>○ Environmental Sciences Issues</li> <li>○ Mechanical Systems in Agriculture</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	on a 4 point scale)			
<p><b><u>CPH Program of Study</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Horticulture</li> <li>• Plant Production</li> <li>• Landscape Design and Management</li> </ul>	"B" average or higher (3.0 GPA on a 4 point scale)	Varies	Restricted Electives in Plan Science major	3

All eligible students will have completed either the Maryland CTE approved program of study in CASE or CPH.

**THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Maryland Local School Systems will:**

- Offer the Maryland CTE program of study in CASE as detailed in the MSDE CTE Program of Study (CIP 01.0050), or CPH as detailed in the MSDE CTE Program of Study (CIP 01.0650);
- Communicate details of this agreement to principals, parents/guardians, teaching staff, school counselors, and students;
- Identify a CTE contact person at the local school system's central office who will communicate with DVU regarding this articulation agreement;
- Provide proof of successful completion of the Maryland CTE CASE or CPH programs of study to the individual student, and upon request, to DVU.
- Communicate to students the following expectations:

- Completion of the Maryland CTE CASE or CPH programs of study by taking all required courses;
- Earn a passing grade of B or above in all courses as noted on the official high school transcript in the CASE or CPH programs of study;
- Meet admission criteria for entrance into DVU as well as the admission dates and procedures that apply to all new students at DVU;
- Earn a high school diploma;
- Apply within five years of high school graduation to be accepted into DVU; and
- Upon acceptance into DVU, enroll as a full time student for the subsequent semester.

Delaware Valley University will:

- Communicate details of this agreement to admissions staff, the registrar, chairs of academic departments, faculty, and academic administrators;
- Award the appropriate number of academic credits upon the student completing all of the requirements as specified in this agreement and upon appropriate review of the student's transcript and standing at DVU;
- Ensure credits are recorded on the student's transcript;
- Annually provide MSDE with the number of students matriculating to DVU from the Maryland CTE CASE or CPH programs of study; and
- Supply MSDE with promotional literature that will be used to assist students with the admission process.

Maryland State Department of Education will:

- Communicate details of this agreement with CTE Directors of local school systems;
- Provide DVU with a list of Maryland local school systems approved to offer the CASE and CPH programs of study;
- Provide DVU with a list of approved courses in the Maryland CASE or CPH programs of study as the lists are updated/revised; and
- Update the approved list of courses biannually, if necessary.

The undersigned agree to uphold all requirements of this agreement, including periodic reviews with appropriate updates. For just cause, either party can terminate the agreement given ninety days written notice. If the agreement is terminated, all student credits previously awarded will remain unaffected.

For Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, PA:



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