

COLLEGE TRANSFER/ UNIVERSITY PARALLEL PROGRAMS

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Students planning to earn a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university may complete the first two years at Pellissippi State by earning either the Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science degree, each requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours. A broad selection of courses is offered that will transfer to four-year institutions. “University Parallel” program requirements are specified by

- **Articulation agreements.** Prescribed curricula developed cooperatively by Pellissippi State and area four-year colleges and universities
- **General associate’s degree requirements.** Programs designed with the flexibility to allow the student to select courses that parallel the requirements of the four-year institution to which he/she intends to transfer.

University Parallel core curriculum requirements are applicable to associate’s degrees earned by completing the requirements of an articulation agreement or a general associate’s degree. An academic advisor is provided for each University Parallel student. Prior to registering each semester, the student is expected to consult with his/her assigned advisor. The Academic Advising, Articulation and Curriculum Office coordinates transfer student advisement and inter-institutional articulation.

UNIVERSITY PARALLEL GUARANTEE

Pellissippi State will refund the tuition of any Pellissippi State graduate for any course passed with at least a C grade if that earned course credit does not transfer to a college or university within two years of graduation from Pellissippi State. Such courses must be listed as transferable on the transfer equivalency table provided by the receiving institution. The transfer guarantee program is limited to those institutions maintaining an articulation agreement with Pellissippi State and to the courses identified in transfer equivalency documents.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

An articulation agreement is a document that specifies the curriculum agreed to by Pellissippi State and a four-year college or university to satisfy the degree requirements at Pellissippi State and at the receiving institution. Completion of freshman and sophomore requirements leads to an associate’s degree at Pellissippi State. The remaining requirements for the baccalaureate degree are completed at the four-year institution. Students must successfully complete all courses outlined in a particular program and must satisfy all other academic regulations of Pellissippi State and the receiving institution. Exceptions to the agreement can **only** be approved by the four-year institution.

Pellissippi State has program-specific articulation agreements with Carson-Newman College, East Tennessee State University, Lincoln Memorial University, Maryville College, Nossi College of Art, Tennessee Technological University, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Tusculum College, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Watkins College of Art and Design.

Information on articulation agreement requirements is provided by academic advisors, the Student Assistance Center and the Curriculum Office. Agreements are also available online at www.pstcc.edu/departments/curriculum_and_instruction. Program-specific agreements include the following:

Accounting	French Language and World Business	• Landscape Design and Construction
Advertising	Health Care Administration	• Horticulture
Aerospace Engineering	History	• Turfgrass Science and Management
Agricultural Economics	Hotel and Restaurant Administration	Political Science
Anthropology	Human Resource Management	Pre-professional
Art	Industrial Engineering	• Clinical Lab Science Technology
• Graphic Design	Interior Design	• Medical, Dentistry, Pharmacy
• History	Journalism and Electronic Media	• Pre-veterinary Medicine
• Studio	Legal Studies	Psychology
Biological Sciences	Logistics Management	Public Administration
Biomedical Engineering	Marketing	Public Relations
Business Administration	Materials Science and Engineering	Retail and Consumer Science
Chemical Engineering	Mathematics	Secondary Education
Chemistry	Mechanical Engineering	Social Work
Child and Family Studies	Music (B.A.)	Sociology
Civil Engineering	Nuclear Engineering	Spanish
Communication Studies	• Radiological	Spanish Language and World Business
Comparative Literature	Nursing	Special Education
Computer Engineering	Organizational Management	Sport Management
Computer Science	Philosophy	Statistics
Construction Management	Plant Sciences and Landscape Systems	Theatre
Early Childhood Education	• Biotechnology and Horticulture	Women's Studies
Economics		
Electrical Engineering		
Elementary Education		
English		
Exercise Science		
Film Studies		
Finance		
French		

GENERAL ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES

Students not following an articulation agreement should plan their program of study in consultation with their Pellissippi State advisor and an advisor at the receiving institution. Tables listing Pellissippi State courses and equivalent courses at four-year colleges and universities in Tennessee are available for use in program planning. Transfer equivalencies have been developed for courses offered at Austin Peay State University, Carson-Newman College, East Tennessee State University, Lincoln Memorial University, Maryville College, Middle Tennessee State University, Nossi College of Art, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Tusculum College, the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the University of Tennessee at Martin, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Watkins College of Art & Design.

TBR GENERAL EDUCATION CORE AND

TRANSFERABILITY OF COURSES AMONG TBR INSTITUTIONS

Effective as of fall semester 2004, each institution in the State University and Community College System of Tennessee (the Tennessee Board of Regents System) shares a common lower-division general education core curriculum of 41 semester hours for baccalaureate degrees and the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees. "Lower-division" means freshman and sophomore courses. The courses comprising the general education curriculum are contained within the following subject categories:

Baccalaureate Degrees and Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees*

Communication	9 hours**
Humanities and/or Fine Arts	9 hours (At least one course must be in literature)
Social/Behavioral Sciences	6 hours
History	6 hours***
Natural Sciences	8 hours
Mathematics	3 hours
TOTAL	41 hours

- * Foreign language courses are an additional requirement for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees. The B.A. degree requires proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to completion of two years of college-level work. The A.A. degree requires proficiency in a foreign language equivalent to completion of one year of college-level work.
- ** Six hours of English composition and 3 hours in English oral presentational communication are required.
- *** Students who plan to transfer to Tennessee Board of Regents universities should take 6 hours of U.S. history (3 hours of Tennessee history may substitute). Students who plan to transfer to University of Tennessee System universities or to out-of-state or private universities should check requirements and take the appropriate courses.

Although the courses designated by Tennessee Board of Regents institutions to fulfill the requirements of the general education subject categories vary, transfer of the courses is assured through the following means:

- Upon completion of an A.A or A.S. degree, the requirements of the lower-division general education core will be complete and accepted by a TBR university in the transfer process.
- If an A.A. or A.S. is not obtained, transfer of general education courses will be based upon fulfillment of complete subject categories. (Example: If all 8 hours in the category of Natural Sciences are complete, then this "block" of the general education core is complete.) When a subject category is incomplete, course-by-course evaluation will be conducted. The provision of block fulfillment pertains also to students who transfer among TBR

universities.

- Institutional/departmental requirements of the grade of C will be honored. Even if credit is granted for a course, any specific requirements for the grade of C by the receiving institution will be enforced.
- In certain majors, specific courses must be taken also in general education. It is important that students and advisors be aware of any major requirements that must be fulfilled under lower-division general education.

A complete listing of the courses fulfilling general education requirements for all system institutions is available on the TBR Web site (www.tbr.state.tn.us) under Transfer and Articulation Information.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS (UNIVERSITY PARALLEL PROGRAM)

Candidates who were admitted for the first time for the 1989 fall semester and thereafter must have completed the required high school course units (commonly referred to as the “1989 Admission Requirements”) for programs leading to a baccalaureate degree or must have completed appropriate courses to remove any deficiency.

Effective fall 2007, students may remove deficiencies in social studies, history, visual/performing arts, science and geometry/advanced mathematics by completing courses approved to meet general education core requirements with a minimum grade of C. All requirements in the core category must be met for a related deficiency to be removed; e.g., students must complete 9 hours of humanities to remove a deficiency in visual/performing arts without taking an additional course. Courses taken to remove foreign language deficiencies may be counted as electives.

Students transferring to a TBR university without a degree from Pellissippi State will be responsible for completing any high school deficiencies before receiving a baccalaureate degree.

Minimum high school unit requirements (University Parallel program).

- English 4
- Algebra I 1
- Algebra II 1
- Geometry or other advanced math course
with geometry component 1
- Natural Sciences
One must be a laboratory course in biology,
chemistry or physics. 2
- United States History 1
- Social Studies 1
- Foreign Language 2 in same language
- Visual/Performing Arts 1

Exceptions to minimum high school unit requirements (University Parallel program). The minimum high school unit requirements listed above are required of all persons admitted to the University Parallel program as first-time freshmen except

as provided for below:

- Applicants who graduated from high school or who received a GED certificate prior to 1989 are admissible without regard to the high school unit requirements. However, GED recipients who have not taken American history in high school must complete a semester of American history before receiving a degree at any four-year public college or university in Tennessee.
- Applicants who received a GED certificate in 1989 and thereafter or an American Council on Education (ACE) external diploma are considered to have met all high school unit requirements except those in foreign language and visual/performing arts.
- Applicants with an Honors Diploma in General Education from a Tennessee public high school (Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Public Schools in the State of Tennessee, Book One, Chapter 0520-1-3-06(1)(e) are considered to have met all high school unit requirements.
- Applicants who graduated from high school and have a valid ACT composite score of 26 or higher are considered to have met all high school unit requirements except those in foreign language and visual/performing arts.
- The qualifications and needs of applicants who volunteer information about a disabling condition will be assessed on an individual basis. Assessment includes an evaluation of the applicant's potential for success in college and of any exceptions that may be warranted.
- Applicants who are residents of states other than Tennessee are subject to the same admission requirements as in-state applicants.
- International applicants who graduated from a foreign high school are admissible without regard to the high school unit requirements.

GENERAL ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Specific majors are not listed for the general Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees because baccalaureate degree program requirements vary at four-year institutions. General associate's degree requirements provide a range of course options that permit students to design a program of study that closely matches the first two years of most baccalaureate degree programs.

Contact(s): Enrollment Services, (865) 694-6400

General A.A. and A.S. Degrees—Courses and Course Sequence

This sequence can be followed by students who begin college-level work in the fall semester. Prerequisites may apply to specific courses; it is the student's responsibility to determine if prerequisites have been met. Prior to registering each semester, the student is expected to consult with his/her advisor.

Semester I (Fall)

ENGL 1010

English Composition I3

Elective	FREN/GERM/SPAN ¹ ..Intermediate Foreign Language	3
HIST ²	History Sequence Elective	3
NS ³	Natural Sciences Elective.....	4
SBS ⁴	Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective.....	3-4

Semester II (Spring)

ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
FREN/GERM/SPAN ¹	Intermediate Foreign Language Elective	3
HIST ²	History Sequence Elective	3
NS ³	Natural Sciences Elective.....	4
SPH 2100	Public Speaking	3

Semester III (Fall)

ELEC ⁵	Approved Electives	7
ENGL ⁶	Literature Elective	3
MATH ⁷	Mathematics Elective	3-5

Semester IV (Spring)

ELEC ⁵	Approved Electives	6
HUM ⁸	Humanities Electives	6
SBS ⁴	Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective	3

Total Credit Hours Needed for Graduation: 60

FREN/ A sequence is required for Associate of Arts degrees only. Students
GERM/ lacking two years of study in the same foreign language should take one
SPAN ¹ year of beginning foreign language prior to enrolling in intermediate
courses. Associate of Science students should substitute the 6 hours of
foreign language with electives.

HIST ² Select sequence from HIST 1010-1020, 1110-1120, 2010-2020. Students
who plan to transfer to Tennessee Board of Regents universities should
take 6 hours of U.S. history (3 hours of Tennessee history may
substitute). Students who plan to transfer to University of Tennessee
System universities or to out-of-state or private universities should
check requirements and take the appropriate courses.

NS ³ Chosen from BIOL 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020; BOT 1010, 1020; CHEM
1010, 1020, 1110, 1120; GEOL 1040, 1050, 1300; PHYS 2010, 2020,
2110, 2120

SBS ⁴ Chosen from ANT 1300; ECN 2010; GEOG 1000; HIST 2040; POL
1010, 1020; PSY 1010, 2100, 2400; SOC 1010, 1020; WMN 2200

ELEC ⁵ Any transferable course; check course equivalency tables and/or catalogs
of the college or university to which the student intends to transfer.
Associate of Arts degrees require 13 hours of elective courses; Associate
of Science degrees require 19 hours

ENGL ⁶ Chosen from ENGL 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220, 2310, 2320, 2331, 2510,
2520

MATH ⁷ Chosen from MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830,
1910

HUM ⁸ Chosen from ART 1720, 1730; ENGL 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220, 2310,
2320, 2331, 2510, 2520; HUM 2810; MUS 1030; PHIL 1030 or PHIL

GENERAL ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The community colleges and universities of the Tennessee Board of Regents system have joined together to develop a common core of courses for prospective elementary school teachers consisting of an introduction to teaching and technology course and standards-based mathematics and science courses. The common core for the Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T.) degree allows prospective teachers to transfer from Pellissippi State to any TBR university as a junior and without loss of credit. In addition to the curriculum requirements listed below, students must attain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.75, successfully complete the Praxis I exam and achieve satisfactory disposition assessment ratings.

Contact(s): Meg Moss, program coordinator, mvmoos@pstcc.edu, (865) 694-6673; Enrollment Services, (865) 694-6400

A.S.T. Degree—Courses and Course Sequence

This sequence can be followed by students who begin college-level work in the fall semester. Prerequisites may apply to specific courses; it is the student's responsibility to determine if prerequisites have been met. Prior to registering each semester, the student is expected to consult with his/her advisor.

Semester I (Fall)

BIOL 1310	Concepts of Biology.....	3
EDU 2010	Intro to Teaching & Technology	3
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
HIST 2010	U.S. History I	3
MATH 1410	The Structure of the Number System.....	3

Semester II (Spring)

CHEM 1310	Concepts of Chemistry	3
ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
HIST 2020	U.S. History II	3
MATH 1420	Geometry/Statistics	3
MUS 1030	Music Appreciation	3

Semester III (Fall)

ECED 2060	Development of Exceptional Children.....	3
ENGL 1	Literature Elective	3
GEOG 1310	Concepts of Earth Science	3
MATH 1530	Elementary Probability & Statistics	
or MATH 1010	Survey of Mathematics	3
SPH 2100	Public Speaking	3

Semester IV (Spring)

GEOG 1000	Introduction to Geography	3
HUM 2	Humanities Elective	3
PHYS 1300	Concepts of Physics	3
POL 1010	U.S. Government & Politics	
or SOC 1010	General Sociology	3

PSY 2100 Psychology of Human Development3

Total Credit Hours Needed for Graduation: 60

ENGL ¹ Chosen from ENGL 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220, 2310, 2320, 2331, 2510, 2520

HUM ² Chosen from ART 1720, 1730; ENGL 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220, 2310, 2320, 2331, 2510, 2520; HUM 2810; PHIL 1030 or PHIL 1500, 2010, 2400; THEA 1030

UNIVERSITY CONNECTION

Pellissippi State partners with Tennessee Board of Regents universities to allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree on the Pellissippi State campus. University Connection agreements with East Tennessee State University allow students earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in selected business, engineering and interior design programs to continue their work toward the bachelor's degree. Students interested in pursuing careers as elementary school teachers are able to complete their bachelor's degrees through Tennessee Technological University. For further information, contact the University Connection Office, (865) 694-6449; visit the Web site, www.pstcc.edu/uc; or contact Enrollment Services, (865) 6400.

REGENTS ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Tennessee Board of Regents colleges and universities have joined together in offering Regents Online Degree Programs. Courses completed in RODP are entirely online and are completely transferable among all the participating institutions that are accredited. Students are able to choose the college or university that will award their degree. All 13 TBR two-year colleges deliver and award associate's degrees, and all six TBR universities deliver and award bachelor's degrees.

Career/Technical programs leading to an associate's degree include—

- Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- Associate of Applied Science in Web Technology
- Associate of Arts in General Studies (University Parallel)
- Associate of Science in General Studies (University Parallel)
- Associate of Science in General Studies: Elective Concentration for Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals Preparation (University Parallel)

Students can further their education after the associate's degree by pursuing one of three bachelor's degree programs:

- Bachelor of Professional Studies/Information Technology Concentration
- Bachelor of Professional Studies/Organizational Leadership Concentration
- Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
(General Studies/Liberal Studies/University Studies)

Students can enhance their teaching degrees with RODP Undergraduate Teacher Education Programs:

- Occupational Licensure Program
- Teacher Education Add-on Endorsements (Must be certified to teach):

Special Education, English as a Second Language, Math, Biology and Chemistry

Online Professional Development for P-12 Teachers: recertification courses for teachers, in-service courses, workshops

Students who pursue online programs should be highly motivated, independent, active learners who have good organizational and time management skills. Students should also have the discipline to study without external reminders and be able to adapt to new learning environments. Visit www.tn.regentsdegrees.org or call 1-888-223-0023 for more information.