



An Articulation Agreement Between  
University of West Georgia and Georgia Highlands College

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### Explanation of Agreement

To best serve the regional needs of both the University of West Georgia (UWG) and Georgia Highlands College (GHC), this agreement establishes an MOU to guide collaborative work in developing academic articulations, joint advertising and advising, streamlines admissions (including transient and reverse transfer), and enhances overall enrollment and graduation rates at both institutions.

### Markers of Success

The following will be monitored and jointly reported annually to the presidents of both institutions.

1. Student engagement events and student interactions at both institutions to promote, socialize, and raise awareness of the partnership opportunities
2. Associate to Bachelor matriculations
3. Bachelor to Master matriculations
4. Transient enrollment
5. Reverse transfer (maximizing completion at GHC)
6. Graduation rates at GHC and UWG for students participating in the program

## Program Specifics

UWG and GHC seek to advance an overall collaboration and pipeline of students between our institutions. This includes

- 2+2 programs wherein students complete their Associate level degree at GHC and then are automatically accepted and enrolled into Bachelor level programs at UWG
- 4+1 programs wherein students complete their Bachelor level degree at GHC and then are automatically accepted and enrolled into Master level programs at UWG

When appropriate, the Bachelor to Master pairing will leverage the USG policy that allows for up to 12 SCH of graduate level courses to be taken while an undergraduate; UWG and GHC will work together using transient status or other approaches to allow for GHC undergraduate students to take graduate UWG courses.

The appendices to this agreement establish specific program/course requirements, and others may be added in the future, but UWG and GHC will immediately work towards pairings that include:

- General articulation from AA/AS to BA/BS via Core IMPACTS
- AS in Computer Science to BS in Computing
- AS in Computer Information Systems to BS in Computing
- AS Early Childhood Education to BSEd in Elementary Education
- AA Film & Digital Entertainment to BS Mass Communication (Digital Media & Entertainment)
- AA Film & Digital Entertainment to BS Mass Communication (Film & Video Production)
- AA Film & Digital Entertainment to BS Film and Video Production
- BS Digital Media & Communication to MS Digital and Social Media Communication
- BS Environmental and Natural Resources to MS Biology
- BS Criminal Justice to MPA Public Administration in Criminology
- BS Organizational Leadership to MPA Public Administration
- BS Building Information Modeling Management to Master of Business Administration
- BS Organizational Leadership to Master of Business Administration
- BBA Healthcare Management to Master Business Administration
- BBA Logistics & Supply Chain to Master Business Administration
- BS Health Sciences to MS Integrative Health and Wellness
- BS Health Sciences to MEd School Counseling

### GHC Responsibilities

1. Provide advising and promotion of the program paths from GHC to UWG at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
2. Provide updated information to UWG if any GHC course or academic program is modified, allowing UWG to provide input on possible impacts to the partnership and academic pathways prior to implementation at GHC.
3. Facilitate the transfer to UWG of all viable college courses as required by GHC and the University System of Georgia core curriculum.
4. Provide space for UWG classes to be offered at GHC, when appropriate, to implement academic pathways and best serve students in the program.

### UWG Responsibilities

1. Automatically admit any student into the appropriate and approved UWG program based upon pre-approved GPA earned at GHC:
  - a. 2.5 or higher for admission into undergraduate programs
  - b. 3.0 in co-enrolled graduate coursework or higher for admission into graduate programs
  - c. 3.2 or higher for transient Bachelor-to-Master co-enrollment
2. Waive admission fees for any approved academic path from GHC to UWG.
3. Provide updated information to GHC if any course or academic program is modified, allowing GHC to provide input on possible impacts to the partnership and academic pathways prior to implementation at UWG.
4. Minimize redundancy or non-use for courses taken at GHC when taking UWG academic programs (i.e., maximize GHC course utility at UWG whenever academically viable).
5. Allow GHC students to take UWG courses as transient students within approved academic pathways, maximizing degree velocity (time to graduation) and reporting grades to GHC in a timely manner.
6. Support GHC developing new academic programs to meet their local/market needs and in coordination with UWG expertise.
7. Offer "GHC Appreciation nights" at UWG athletic events, recognizing the partnership and increasing opportunity for GHC students, faculty, and staff to connect with UWG.

### Mutual Responsibilities

1. Engage in promotional activities, tabling, hosting events, and coordinating on promotional emails and other collateral items.
2. Facilitate the transfer of Associate and Bachelor level credits (GHC) towards completion of Bachelor and Master level programs (UWG).
3. Create a seamless pipeline for students from GHC to UWG (and UWG to GHC for reverse transfer) to maximize degree completion at both institutions.
4. Share enrollment and student data to maximize the success of the program.
5. Both UWG and GHC will be responsible for managing their respective academic programs and complying with any accreditation standards.
6. The degrees offered at each institution remain independent except as coordinated under transient or transfer student policies of the USG.
7. Jointly develop and promote an annual report highlighting the success of the program, shared with the USGSO and regional business partners of UWG and GHC.
8. Undertake additional activities necessary to ensure the success of this partnership and student success/graduation.

### Miscellaneous Terms

1. While other agreements, MOUs, and programs may currently exist between UWG and GHC, this agreement guides and supersedes any previous agreement; such agreements, if needed, should be amended to conform to the approaches established herein.
2. In the event the agreement is terminated before a participating GHC or UWG student completes his or her program, the student will be allowed to continue pursuing his or her program under the agreement at the time when they began.
3. This agreement will be reviewed annually and automatically renewed without modification unless either UWG or GHC bring recommended changes 90 days prior to the renewal.
4. This agreement may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the appropriate officials of both UWG and GHC. Any modification shall be in writing and signed by both UWG and GHC.

In affirmation of our mutual goal to support our institutions and our students, faculty, and staff, by advancing academic programs and student success as described herein and the attached appendices, we hereby establish this partnership.

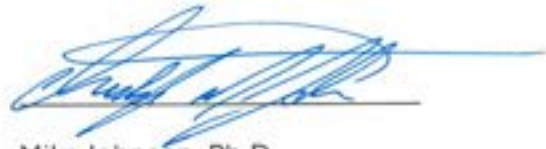
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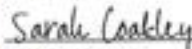
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Mike Johnson, Ph.D.  
President

Date 22 January 2026

Signed by:



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Sarah Coakley, Ph.D.  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Date January 22, 2026



Jon A. Preston, Ph.D.  
Provost and SVPAA

Date 1/22/26

## **APPENDIX A – Bachelor's-to-Master's**

### **Accelerated Bachelor's-to-Master's (ABM) and Automatic Admission Option**

To support timely and structured progression from Georgia Highlands College (GHC) bachelor's degree programs into University of West Georgia (UWG) graduate programs, the institutions agree to the following accelerated and automatic admission provisions. This appendix applies broadly to all BS-to-MS/MBA/MPA/MEd pathways identified in this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Graduate Coursework Allowed Prior to Bachelor's Completion**

Eligible GHC students may enroll in up to twelve (12) credit hours of approved UWG graduate coursework while completing their bachelor's degree at GHC. These credits may count toward both the GHC bachelor's degree and the corresponding UWG graduate degree once the student is admitted.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Enrolling in UWG Graduate Coursework**

To enroll in UWG graduate coursework while still completing the bachelor's degree at GHC, a student must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 84 undergraduate credit hours, of which at least 24 credit hours must be upper-division (3000/4000-level) within the GHC bachelor's program,
2. Have earned a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA in the GHC bachelor's degree,
3. Be enrolled in an approved GHC bachelor's program included in this MOU,
4. Complete a GHC/UWG bachelor's degree
5. Remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at both institutions.

### **Graduate Course Approval and Academic Standards**

1. Specific UWG graduate courses will not be prescribed in this MOU. The institutions agree that course options will be selected and approved collaboratively by advisors and program coordinators at both institutions. This approach allows flexibility for curriculum evolution and student choice.
2. Courses must satisfy degree applicability requirements for both institutions.
3. Students must earn a grade of B (3.0) or higher in every UWG graduate course taken under this agreement.
  - a. No course with a grade of C or below may be applied toward any UWG graduate degree, regardless of cumulative GPA.
4. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA across all UWG graduate coursework attempted to remain eligible for automatic admission.

### **Automatic Admission to UWG Graduate Programs**

Upon completion of the bachelor's degree at GHC, students who satisfy all requirements above will receive automatic admission into the aligned UWG master's program, provided they:

1. Graduate from GHC with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0,
2. Earn a minimum grade of B in each UWG graduate course completed under this agreement,
3. Hold a minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 in UWG graduate coursework attempted prior to admission,
4. Submit a UWG Graduate School application and required documentation.

\* No GRE or other standardized test will be required for automatic admission.

## APPENDIX B – AS Computer Science to BS Computing

Computer Science Pathway, A.S.			UWG Course Equivalency - Computing B.S.		
Georgia Highlands		Hours	University of West Georgia	Hours	Notes
<b>Core IMPACTS</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>Core IMPACTS</b>	<b>42</b>	
STEM Program Advice: Students are strongly encouraged to fulfill Core IMPACTS Mathematics and STEM requirements with courses required for completion of the Computer Science pathway.			MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus	4	Recommended for Area M
			MATH 1501 Calculus I	4	General Elective
<b>Field of Study</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>78</b>	
<a href="#">CSCI 1301</a>	Computer Science I	4	CS 1301 Computer Science I	4	Must take both CSCI 1301 and CSCI1302 at GHC
<a href="#">CSCI 1302</a>	Computer Science II	4	COMP 2320 Principles of Programming	4	
<i>Choose from the following to complete 18 hours:</i>					
<a href="#">CSCI 2153</a>	Intro to Database Systems	4	COMP 2200 Introduction to Databases	3	
			COMP 2XXX Elective	1	Major Elective
<a href="#">CSCI 2323</a>	Introduction to Networking	4	COMP 2400 Networking	3	New Course for Fall 2026
			COMP 2XXX Elective	1	Major Elective
<a href="#">STAT 1401</a>	Elementary Statistics	3	STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics	3	Recommended for Area T
<a href="#">MATH 2262</a>	Calculus II	4	MATH 2262 Calculus II	4	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2263</a>	Calculus III	4	MATH 2263 Calculus III	4	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2280</a>	Discrete Mathematics	4	MATH 2XXX Discrete Mathematics	4	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2285</a>	Linear Algebra	3	MATH 2853 Linear Algebra	3	General Elective
<b>Institutional Requirements Outside the Core</b>		<b>4</b>			
<a href="#">PHED 1010</a>	Concepts of Fitness and Health	2	PWLA 1600 Personal Fitness	2	General Elective
Additional two credit hours of physical education		2	PWLA 1XXX or 2XXX	2	General Elective
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>	6-9 Hours of General Electives Required
<b>Major Credit</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total Major Credit</b>	<b>18</b>	

Note: Computing, B.S. can be completed face-to-face on the Carrollton Campus or online.

## APPENDIX C – AS CIS to BS Computing

Computer Information Systems Pathway, A.S.			UWG Course Equivalency - Computing B.S.		
Georgia Highlands		Hours	University of West Georgia		Notes
Core IMPACTS		42	Core IMPACTS		42
<a href="#">Program Advice: Students are strongly encouraged to take MATH 1111 to fulfill the Core IMPACTS Mathematics requirement.</a>			MATH 1113 Pre-Calculus	4	Recommended for Area M
Field of Study		18	Field of Study		78
<a href="#">CSCI 1301</a>	Computer Science I	4	CS 1301	4	Must take both CSCI 1301 and CSCI1302 at GHC
<a href="#">CSCI 1302</a>	Computer Science II	4	COMP 2320	4	
<a href="#">ACCT 2101</a>	Principles of Accounting I	3	ACCT 2101 Principles of Accounting I	3	General Elective
<a href="#">ACCT 2102</a>	Principles of Accounting II	3	ACCT 2102 Principles of Accounting II	3	General Elective
<b>Choose from the following to complete 18 hours:</b>					
<a href="#">CSCI 2153</a>	Intro to Database Systems	4	COMP 2200 Introduction to Databases	3	
			COMP 2XXX Elective	1	Major Elective
<a href="#">CSCI 2323</a>	Introduction to Networking	4	COMP 2400 Networking	3	New Course for Fall 2026
			COMP 2XXX Elective	1	Major Elective
<a href="#">STAT 1401</a>	Elementary Statistics	3	STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics	3	Recommended for Area T
<a href="#">MATH 2040</a>	Applied Calculus	3	Math 1413 Survey of Calculus	3	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2261</a>	Calculus I	4	MATH 1501 Calculus I	4	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2262</a>	Calculus II	4	MATH 2262 Calculus II	4	General Elective
<a href="#">MATH 2280</a>	Discrete Mathematics	4	MATH 2XXX Discrete Mathematics	4	General Elective
<b>Institutional Requirements Outside the Core</b>		<b>4</b>			
<a href="#">PHED 1010</a>	Concepts of Fitness and Health	2	PWLA 1600 Personal Fitness	2	General Elective
Additional two credit hours of physical education		2	PWLA 1XXX or 2XXX	2	General Elective
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>	6-9 Hours of General Electives Required
<b>Major Credit</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total Major Credit</b>	<b>18</b>	

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**APPENDIX D – A.S. Early Childhood Education to UWG B.S.Ed in Elementary Education**

**B.S. Ed in Elementary Education Course Articulation with Requirements for Admission to Teacher Education at UWG**

Georgia Highlands College (GHC)	Hours	UWG Course Equivalency – B.S. Ed. in Elementary Education	Hours
<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>
M. MATH 1111 recommended		M. MATH 1111	
<b>Field of Study*</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Field of Study*</b>	<b>18</b>
ISCI 2001 Life/Earth Science	3	ISCI 2001 Life/Earth Science	3
ISCI 2002 Physical Science for Teachers	3	ISCI 2002 Physical Science	3
MATH 2008 Foundations of Numbers & Operations	3	MATH 2008 Foundations of Numbers & Operations	3
EDUC 2120 Exploring SOCI Cultural Perspectives on Diversity	3	EDUC 2120 Exploring SOCI Cultural Perspectives on Diversity	3
EDUC 2130 Exploring Teaching & Learning	3	EDUC 2130 Exploring Teaching & Learning	3
EDUC 2140 Foundations of Reading	3	**READ 3262 Reading Methods and Assessment I (PK-2)	3
<b>Institutional Requirements Outside the Core</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>COE Physical Education Requirements</b>	<b>3</b>
PHED 1010 Concepts of Fitness and Health	2	PWLA 1600 Personal Wellness	2
Additional two credits of physical education	2	PWLA Activity Course	1
<b>Total Hours: A.S. in Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Total Hours Articulated from A.S. in Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>63</b>
		<b>B.S.Ed. in Elementary Education Major Courses</b>	<b>60</b>
		<b>Total Program Hours Including Articulated Hours</b>	<b>123</b>
<i>* A grade of C or better is required in courses in Field of Study</i>		<i>** READ 3262 course will count in Elementary Education major Block II</i>	

**Admission Requirements to the Teacher Education Program in Elementary Education upon completion of the GHC A.S. in Early Childhood Education:**

1. Required **2.7 GPA**
2. Completion of Georgia Professional Standards Ethics Exam

**Notes:**

Elementary Education program delivery format:

- Cohort based with target enrollment of 20-25 candidates per cohort.
- Hybrid delivery with in-person courses held at both UWG Carrollton and GHC Cartersville.
- Field experience practicum and internship placements assigned in approved school districts within a 50-mile radius of GHC.
- Designated UWG advisor assigned to oversee teacher education admission.

## APPENDIX E: A.S. in Sport Management to B.S. in Sport Management

### A.S. in Sport Management Articulation Pathway

Georgia Highlands College (GHC)	Hours	UWG Course Equivalency – B.S. in Sport Management	Hours
<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>			
I. COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3	I. COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3
M. MATH 1001 Q. Skills and Reasoning	3	M. MATH 1001 Q. Skills and Reasoning	3
T. BIOL 1010/Lab Fundamentals of Biology	3	T. BIOL 1010/Lab Fundamentals of Biology	3
S. ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics	3	S. ECON 2105 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>18</b>
*SMGT 2100 Intro to Sport, Rec, & Fit Mgmt.	3	SPMG 2600 Intro to Sport Management	3
BUSA 2205 Fundamentals of Computer Applications	3	CISM 2201 Foundations of Business and Spreadsheet Analysis	3
ACCT 2101 Principles of Accounting I	3	Elective	3
SMGT 2440 Legal Aspects of Sport	3	**SPMG 4667 - Legal Issues in Sport Management (Professional Content)	3
SMGT 2230 Social Issues in Sport	3	**SPMG 3661 - Sociology of Sport (Professional Content)	3
<b>Choose One:</b>	<b>3</b>	Elective	<b>3</b>
SMGT 2220 Managing & Directing Rec Programs			
SMGT 2300 History of Sport			
SMGT 2400 Sport Media			
<b>Institutional Requirements Outside the Core</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>COE Physical Education Requirements</b>	<b>3</b>
PHED 1010 Concepts of Fitness and Health	2	PWLA 1600 Personal Wellness	2
Physical Education (PHED elective)	2	PWLA Activity Course	1
<b>Total Hours: A.S. in Sport Management</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Total Hours Articulated from A.S. Sport Management</b>	<b>63</b>
		<b>B.S. in Sport Management Major Courses</b>	<b>60</b>
		<b>Total Program Hours Including Articulated Hours</b>	<b>123</b>

#### Program Notes:

\*A grade of C or better is required in course

\*\* Courses count in the major. Additional course electives will be needed to satisfy required Core Impacts credit hours.

## APPENDIX F: A.S. in Recreation Administration to B.S.in Sport Management

### A.S. in Recreation Administration Articulation Pathway

Georgia Highlands College (GHC)	Hours	UWG Course Equivalency – B.S.in Sport Management	Hours
<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Core Impacts</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Recommended:</b>			
I. COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3	I. COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3
M. MATH 1111 College Algebra	3	M. MATH 1111 College Algebra	3
S. SOCI 1101 Introductory Sociology	3	S. SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>18</b>
*SMGT 2100 Intro to Sport, Rec, & Fit Mgmt.	3	SPMG 2600 Intro to Sport Management	3
BUSA 2106 The Environment of Business	3	Elective	3
SMGT 2220 Managing & Directing Rec Programs	3	Elective	3
SMGT 2230 Social Issues in Sport	3	** SPMG 3661 - Sociology of Sport (Professional Content)	3
BUSA 2205 Fundamentals of Computer Applications	3	CISM 2201 Foundations of Business and Spreadsheet Analysis	3
SMGT 2440 Legal Aspects of Sport	3	** SPMG 4667 - Legal Issues in Sport Management (Professional Content)	3
<b>Institutional Requirements Outside the Core</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>COE Physical Education Requirements</b>	<b>3</b>
PHED 1010 Concepts of Fitness and Health	2	PWLA 1600 Personal Wellness	2
Physical Education (PHED elective)	2	PWLA Activity Course	1
<b>Total Hours: A.S. in Recreation Administration</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>Total Hours Articulated from A.S. Recreation Administration</b>	<b>63</b>
		<b>B.S. in Sport Management Major Courses</b>	<b>60</b>
		<b>Total Program Hours Including Articulated Hours</b>	<b>123</b>

#### Program Notes:

\*A grade of C or better is required in course

\*\* Courses count in the major. Additional course electives will be needed to satisfy required Core Impacts credit hours.