

**Articulation Agreement and Memo of Understanding**  
*Among*  
**Michigan Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing (M-CAM)**  
**Participating Community Colleges**

This Agreement is effective on the **8th** day of September by and among Bay College (BC), Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), Kellogg Community College (KCC), Lansing Community College (LCC), Lake Michigan College (LMC), Macomb Community College (MACC), Mott Community College (MOCC), and Schoolcraft College (SC).

The above-named community colleges (M-CAM institutions) wish and intend by this Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of engaging in M-CAM focus area programs to facilitate the transfer of students' earned credits among the M-CAM institutions.

**Article I**  
**Agreement on Program Integrity**

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All named institutions in this agreement will maintain the integrity of their separate curriculum and programs and enter into this Agreement as equal and cooperating partner institutions.

**Article II Agreement on**  
**Principle**

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This Agreement among all named institutions is intended to provide a smooth and seamless curriculum transition for students participating in an M-CAM sponsored program that transfer among the M-CAM institutions. The M-CAM Consortium colleges have agreed to awarding credit for industry certifications which may include, but not limited to AWS (welding), PMMI (multi-skilled), Siemens Level 1 (multi-skilled), NIMS (machining), and MSSC (production). All other standard admission, curriculum, and graduation requirements of all named institutions must also be met.

**Article III**  
**Agreement of Program Articulation**

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All named institutions agree that any student, who has earned credit in one of the four focus areas (Welding/Fabrication, CNC Machining, Multi-Skilled Technology, and Production Operations) may transfer the credits from their program to all other M-CAM institutions, as outlined in the attached appendix.

This agreement specifically allows for the transfer of successfully completed applied technology and applied science courses among and between M-CAM community colleges. If excess credits are earned in M-CAM courses, they will be applied as either departmental or elective credit at the transfer destination as needed.

Article IV  
Agreement on Student Support

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The M-CAM institutions agree to track the progress and success of articulation participants. A mechanism will be developed to track and report on students' use of this articulation shall be approved by all M-CAM institutions.

Article V  
Agreement on Communication

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The M-CAM institutions agree communicate with each other and through common and respective public forums concerning the established relationships among the M-CAM institutions. Communication will include the development of various kinds of publications to inform those who might benefit from the opportunities provided by this articulation agreement. The appropriate faculty and staff in all M-CAM institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and provide academic counseling to students and prospective students.

All M-CAM institutions further agree to promptly communicate when curriculum changes that may affect the agreed upon program relationship. Responsibility for communication related to this Agreement will rest with the individuals appointed under Article VI.

Article VI  
Agreement and Review Body Procedures

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Each M-CAM institution shall appoint one or more agents for the implementation of this Agreement, and communicate changes to respective faculty members, advisors, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for the oversight of this agreement rests with each M-CAM Consortium institution.

Article VII  
Regarding Independent Relationship

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In the performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Agreement, each party is an independent contractor and neither is the agent, employee, or servant of the other, and each is responsible only for its own conduct. Each institution is solely responsible for the development and design of its own curriculum. Changes on the part of either party will/may necessitate review of this document.

## Article VIII Agreement not to Discriminate

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Each party to this Agreement shall abide by all Federal and state laws pertaining to equal employment opportunity and agree no person shall on the basis of race, color or national origin, sex, sexual preference, age or handicap, be excluded from employment with or participation in or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement.

Each party shall be separately responsible for compliance with all federal and state laws, including nondiscrimination laws and all applicable sections of the Michigan Handicapper's Civil Rights Act. Illegal discrimination by either party may be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

## Article IX Entire Agreement

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This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are hereby merged into this Agreement. Each provision of this Agreement shall be a separate and distinct covenant and, if declared illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any governing law, shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.

The individual s signing below on behalf of the Members hereby represent and warrant that they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of the Members and that his Agreement is binding upon Members in accordance with its terms.

## Article X Amendment/Modifications/or Terminations Provision

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All M-CAM institutions agree to the terms of this Agreement. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any modification or amendment of this paragraph, shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by all parties or their Successors.

This cooperative arrangement will be in effect immediately upon signature and will be subject to review for continuance after a period of three (3) years. Renewal will be for three years unless any of the parties must notify the other parties in writing by December 31 of the year preceding the last year of the agreement of their intention to renegotiate or of non-renewal of this agreement.

This Agreement is effective immediately upon approval by all named institutions and shall remain in effect unless terminated by any of the parties by notifying the others by providing six months advance written notice. In the event that this Agreement must be terminated, all students currently enrolled in the program shall be allowed to complete the program as described.

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