

# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**Offered Collaboratively by**

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH**

**And**

**William R. Moore College of Technology**

**American Welding Society (AWS) Certifications**

**For**

**CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING**

**CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: GAS METAL ARC WELDING**

**CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING**

**CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY: FLUX-CORE ARC WELDING**

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE GENERAL TECHNOLOGY DEGREE**

## **I. Scope of the Program**

Arkansas State University Mid-South (ASU Mid-South) and William R. Moore College of Technology hereby establish an articulation agreement (Agreement) leading to articulated coursework required for the program(s) identified in this Agreement. The courses identified are applicable to certificates of proficiency in the ASU Mid-South Welding Program and are also applicable to the Associate of Applied Science General Technology Degree. These credentials will be conferred by ASU Mid-South.

## **II. Length of Agreement**

This Agreement will begin the fall semester 2018. The parties commit to an annual review for two consecutive years beginning the summer semester 2019. After that, reviews will take place every other year.

## **III. Course Articulation**

Students completing welding coursework and AWS Certifications in SMAW, GMAW, GTAW, and FCAW at William R. Moore College of Technology may be granted up to 50% of college credits required for the various Certificates of Proficiency in Welding at ASU Mid-South via Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit by portfolio (see *Exhibit A* for course specific crosswalks). An additional 15 credit hours applicable to the Associate of Applied Science General Technology Degree could be awarded via the PLA process for other applicable coursework not specified in this Agreement. Students must (1) complete a transcript evaluation request form, available from the Registrar's Office; (2) provide evidence of completion of AWS Certification to accompany the Credit by Portfolio Application; (3) enroll in the Associate of Applied Science General Technology Degree and complete at least two courses in the degree program before articulated credits will appear on a transcript; and (4) complete a minimum of 15 semester credits of general education core coursework at ASU Mid-South or other regionally accredited higher education institution, have completed a minimum of 45 semester credit hours of technical education, and have earned 60 total semester credit hours to complete the degree program. This also includes a residency requirement of completion of 18 credit hours while enrolled as an ASU Mid-South student. Upon completion of the associate degree requirements certified by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the meeting of all graduation requirements, an Associate of Applied Science General Technology Degree and all associated certificates of proficiency will be awarded. *Exhibit B* provides an overview of the degree requirements.

ASU Mid-South requires placement testing for all award-seeking students and recommends placement testing for all students. When placement test scores and other admissions documents indicate academic weaknesses in reading, English, or mathematics, award-seeking students will be placed in appropriate developmental courses or in college-level courses together with a required tutorial lab to strengthen these skills if scores are close to the cut-off for college-level work. Award-seeking students are advised to successfully complete all

developmental education requirements either by successfully completing coursework or by meeting required college placement test scores prior to enrollment or prior to taking college courses with developmental education prerequisites. Exceptions must be approved by the Senior Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction or designee.

#### **IV. Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and fees will be billed to each student at ASU Mid-South's rate for William R. Moore College of Technology students, including certification testing fees. Materials fees for certification testing may also be included.

A \$25 administration fee will be charged for each course being articulated through Prior Learning Assessment/Portfolio application.

#### **V. Admissions Policy and Requirements**

##### Application and Admissions Information:

Arkansas State University Mid-South  
Admissions Office  
2000 W. Broadway  
West Memphis, AR 72301  
(870) 733-6728

For questions about the application/enrollment processes at ASU Mid-South, contact the Admissions staff. Email [admissions@asumidsouth.edu](mailto:admissions@asumidsouth.edu) or call 870-733-6728.

#### **VI. Financial Aid**

**Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** Students may submit an application electronically at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students must be sure to include ASU Mid-South's Title IV school code: 015862. Once the application has been processed, the student will receive an e-mailed Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processor. The ASU Mid-South Financial Aid Office will receive an electronic version of the student's FAFSA within 5-7 business days after it has been completed. At this point, ASU Mid-South will communicate with the student regarding any additional documentation needed, as appropriate.

**Apply for scholarships.** ASU Mid-South provides numerous scholarships based on talent, academic achievement, community service, and/or financial need. A student can submit a scholarship application to the Financial Aid Office along with a 300-500 word typed essay indicating the student's educational plans and goals. It is important that students submit the required documents as soon as possible to ensure consideration for the most beneficial aid package available, if eligible.

**Verification.** Students who are selected for verification will be required to submit additional documents. When ASU Mid-South has received all required documentation, the student's application will be verified for accuracy. The verification process can take one to two weeks, depending on the time of the year.

**Federal Aid Eligibility Determined and Awards Processed.** When the student's file is complete, eligibility will be determined, and the student will be awarded the federal aid for which he/she is eligible. NOTE: Not all awards (i.e. Academic Challenge) may be visible on the student's account at this time. This includes institutional, state, and private scholarships, which will be added at a later date.

#### **VI. Teach-Out Obligations**

The teach-out obligations pursuant to this Agreement shall terminate when all William R. Moore College of Technology students accepted by ASU Mid-South pursuant to this Agreement have graduated from ASU Mid-South, have ceased to be continuously enrolled at ASU Mid-South, or four years from the effective date of this Agreement, whichever comes first.

#### **VII. Contact Information**

<b>Function/Office</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Admissions	(870) 733-6728
Financial Aid	(870) 733-6729
Registrar	(870) 733-6728
Learning Success Center	(870) 633-6766
Lead Welding Instructor	(870) 733-6776
Senior Vice Chancellor of Learning and Instruction	(870) 733-6731

#### **VIII. Modifications**

Any changes or modifications to this Agreement shall be accomplished by amendment to this Agreement, fully executed by the authorized organizational representatives of each party.

#### **IX. Termination**

This Agreement may be suspended or terminated at any time by either party upon ninety (90) days written notification to the other party.

In the event that either party is in breach, violation or default of any of its obligations under this Agreement and shall fail to remedy such default within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice thereof, the party not in default (reserving cumulatively all other remedies and rights under this Agreement and at law and in equity) shall have the option of immediately terminating this Agreement upon written notice thereof.

Termination or suspension of this Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the parties accrued prior to termination.

**X. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement, with any attachments and references, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all previous understandings, commitments, or agreements, whether oral or written, relating to the performance of this Agreement.

**XI. Execution of Agreement**

The undersigned have read and agree with the applicable policies for the defined articulation Agreement described in this document.

Date Effective: August 1, 2018

**Arkansas State University Mid-South**

Debra West 6/25/2018  
Dr. Debra West, Chancellor

Cliff Jones 6/25/2018  
Dr. Cliff Jones, Sr. Vice Chancellor for Learning & Instruction

**William R. Moore College of Technology**

Skip Redmond 7/30/2018  
Skip Redmond, President

David Penna 7/30/2018  
David Penna, Chief Academic Officer

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Course Crosswalk**

<b>William R. Moore College of Technology</b>	<b>Equivalency/ Prerequisite</b>	<b>ASU Mid-South</b>
Introduction to Welding 111	=	Fundamentals of Welding WELD 1053
Intermediate Welding 112 with AWS SMAW Certification	=	Shield Metal Arc Welding WELD 1123
Intermediate Welding 112 with AWS GMAW Certification	=	Gas Metal Arc Welding WELD 1133
Intermediate Welding 112 with AWS GTAW Certification	=	Gas Tungsten Arc Welding WELD 1143
Intermediate Welding 112 with AWS FCAW Certification	=	Flux Core Arc Welding WELD 1113
Intermediate Welding 112 with any 3 AWS Certifications (SMAW, GMAW, GTAW, FCAW)	Prerequisite	Prerequisite to enter the ASU Mid-South Introduction to Welding Fabrication WELD 2203

**EXHIBIT B**  
**Degree Requirements**

<b>ASU Mid-South Associate of Applied Science General Technology Degree (Welding Emphasis)</b>
*course will be taken at William R. Moore Technical College
<b>General Education (15-16 credit hours)</b>
English (6 credit hours) 1. ENGL 1113 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I 2. ENGL 1123 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II <u>or</u> ENGL 2303 ORAL COMMUNICATION
Math (3-4 credit hours) 1. MATH 1104 APPLIED TECHNICAL MATH <u>or</u> MATH 1113 COLLEGE ALGEBRA
Computer Literacy (3 credit hours) 1. COMP 1113 COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS
Social Science (3 credit hours) 1. HIST 2123 U.S. HISTORY BEFORE 1877 <u>or</u> HIST 2133 U.S. HISTORY AFTER 1877 <u>or</u> POLS 1143 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT <u>or</u> PSYC 1403 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY <u>or</u> SOCI 1303 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
<b>Welding Core (25 credit hours)</b>
Courses 1. BUSN 1201 CAREER PREPARATION 2. TECH 1003 INTRODUCTION TO BLUEPRINT READING 3. TECH 1013 SHOP ESSENTIALS 4. TECH 1303 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY 5. WELD 1053 FUNDAMENTALS OF WELDING* 6. WELD 1113 FLUX-CORE ARC WELDING* 7. WELD 1123 SHIELDED METAL ARC WELDING* 8. WELD 1133 GAS METAL ARC WELDING* 9. WELD 1143 GAS TUNGSTEN ARC WELDING*
<b>Other Technical Courses (20 credit hours)</b>
Additional courses can be taken from WELD, MANF, MACH, HTDM, PTEC, BUSN, ISTC, HMTG, AMTG, DIGM, or TECH