

# **BI-LATERAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**2023-2024**

Between

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

AND

GASTON COLLEGE

## **Programs of Study:**

Gaston College

**Associate in Applied Science in Veterinary Medical Technology**

Appalachian State University

**Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

This Bi-Lateral Articulation Agreement in Veterinary Technology, a major in the Department of Rural Resilience and Innovation, formally recognizes that Appalachian State University ("Appalachian") and Gaston College ("Gaston") are active collaborative educational partners, committed to providing greater access, options and educational opportunities and services for students between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless articulation of transfer credit and assures that students from Gaston who complete the Associate in Applied Science degree in Veterinary Medical Technology with grades of "C" or better in all classes will receive up to 70 transfer credit hours toward the Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Technology at Appalachian. This program of study is available to students who intend to enroll either fall or spring and is effective beginning the 2023-2024 academic year.

## **II. JOINT OBLIGATIONS**

- A. For the purpose of this Agreement, Gaston students must complete the Associate in Applied Science degree from Gaston, apply to graduate, and have the AAS degree posted on their official transcript. Only grades of "C" or better will transfer to Appalachian.
- B. Gaston students must apply for admission and be admitted to Appalachian to articulate appropriate course credit as outlined in this Agreement. Qualified students will be admitted until the class is filled.
- C. After application, Gaston students who wish to participate in the Agreement should contact the Appalachian program director of Veterinary Technology and Transfer Admissions and Engagement at (828)262-7877 or [transfer@appstate.edu](mailto:transfer@appstate.edu) to inform them of their intent to enroll. Gaston students must complete a major declaration form prior to or at the time of orientation.
- D. The program director of the Veterinary Medical Technology program at Gaston will serve as the point of contact and coordinate all transactions regarding the Agreement with the Veterinary Technology Program Director and the Senior Director of Transfer Admissions and Engagement at Appalachian.

**III. EVALUATION**

- A. It is understood by both Appalachian and Gaston that there will be an evaluation and assessment of this Agreement every three years, the next of which will occur in July 2026. The information obtained from the evaluation will be used to improve and enhance the transfer process for the benefit of students.
- B. Appalachian and Gaston agree to exchange relevant and appropriate data and documents that will help to: identify and track students who take advantage of this educational partnership opportunity; contribute to the maintenance of this Agreement; and promote effective cooperation between both parties. The institutions will exchange admissions data obtaining appropriate permissions from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

**IV. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Agreement must be in writing signed by authorized representatives of each party. The courses of study subject to this Agreement may be changed or expanded periodically by addendum mutually agreeable to both parties.

**V. TERM / LONGEVITY**

This Agreement shall be effective from the date last signed below and shall begin for the Fall 2023 semester, until it is terminated by either Appalachian or Gaston by submitting written notification to the other partner at least one year prior to the effective date of termination to allow students that have been admitted to Appalachian to complete their respective program.

Appalachian and Gaston enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, political affiliation, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information or sexual orientation.

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Dr. Heather Woodson  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Gaston College

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Dr. Heather Hulburt Norris  
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