MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is between Neosho County Community College, Chanute, Kansas, and Kansas high school students who complete the KSDE approved high school Career Cluster Pathway (CCP) program. It will provide students with a smooth transition from high school to a postsecondary certificate in Welding Technology. The intent of this cooperative effort is to provide the students with a non-duplicative program of study leading to enhanced employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. The awarding of articulated credit is contingent upon the graduating high school's continuance of their KSDE approved Career Cluster Pathway.

2. Neosho County Community College will provide the courses for an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Welding Technology.

3. Successful completion of the following Manufacturing Career Cluster Pathway course(s) will result in the student being awarded college credit for the following equivalent course(s):

High School Courses	KS Course Code	NCCC Courses	College Credit
Agricultural Welding I *OR* Welding Processes I	18404 39207	MFGT 118 Shielded Metal Arc Welding	3
Agricultural Welding I and Agricultural Welding II *OR* Welding Processes I and Welding Processes II	18404 18407 39207 39208	MFGT 120 Gas Metal Arc Welding	3

4. To receive postsecondary credit for Welding Technology courses, the student must:

    a. Complete the KSDE approved high school Career Cluster Pathway (CCP) program with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.
    b. Earn a B or higher for any of the KSDE/high school courses listed.
    c. Attain completer status through successful completion of high school CCP sequence of courses. (A completer is a student who has earned a minimum of three secondary level credits in a single CTE pathway, with at least two of those credits being a combination of technical and application-level courses. The student must also earn or complete at least one or more of the following aligned to the Pathway/Program: Industry-recognized certification or passing score on a third-party, end-of-pathway assessment; Excel in CTE Qualifying Recognized Credential; Nine + college hours leading to completion of a certificate or postsecondary program; or High-quality work-based learning career preparation experience [KSDE, Kansas Career Cluster Guidance Handbook 2024-2025, p.50].)
    d. Provide a certified letter or official transcript from high school verifying the completion of the designated CCP to NCCC's Office of Registrar.
    e. Submit a CCP Credit Award Request Form signed by an authorized high school official verifying completion of the KSDE approved CCP to NCCC's Office of the Registrar.
    f. Submit documentation of meeting Excel in CTE/KSDE Benchmark 7.0 requirements performed by a Certified Welding Instructor (CWI). The requirements include:
        i. Demonstrate 1F single pass ¼" weld on ¼"x2"x12" Tee joint.
        ii. Demonstrate 2F 3 pass 3/8" welds on ¼"x2"x12" Tee joint.
        iii. Demonstrate 1G multi-pass welds on 3/8"x3"x7" Single V (45 degrees) plate with ¼"x1"x9" backing bar.
        iv. Prepare 1G weldment (#3) for root and face bend test.
        v. Pass bend test according to applicable testing criteria.
        vi. Complete requirements for industry certification(s) (e.g., AWS SENSE program).

    In the absence of documentation (e.g., Excel in CTE Testing Record, AWS Testing Record, etc.), students may be subject to a placement weld test conducted by NCCC. This test shall be at no cost to the student and only used when the student is unable to provide the preferred documentation.

The purpose for this alternate method is for high schools that do not have access to a CWI or the AWS SENSE program.

g. Meet all of NCCC's admissions criteria and program prerequisites.

h. Successfully complete the next postsecondary course in the sequence.

i. Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of NCCC's undergraduate coursework as a full-time direct from high school student in good standing with at least a 2.0 GPA.

5. To receive a Welding Technology Level I Certificate, students must complete a minimum of 16 hours of coursework. Requirements include the successful completion of all courses within the certificate and either a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or a grade of C or better in all courses within the certificate. Level I graduates have the option of furthering their education by pursuing the Level II certificate and the AAS degree.

6. NCCC and the partnering high school may advertise the programs and will jointly advise the students that this option is available to them.

7. This agreement may be revised/modified as needed, or in the event of cancellation, discontinuance, or disapproval of any course or program by the Kansas State Department of Education or the Kansas Board of Regents.

8. NCCC agrees to evaluate this program on an annual basis and in the context of student benefits, program efficiency, and effectiveness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties accept and approve THIS AGREEMENT.

Renee Lane — 8/5/25

KSDE Representative — Date

Sarah Robb (Aug 4, 2025 14:13:48 CDT) — 08/04/2025

Dr. Sarah Robb — Date
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