



**TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS  
ARTICULATION / TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Between

Nossi College of Art & Design

and

Chattanooga State Community College

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**THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT** (the "Agreement") is entered into on January 28, 2026 by and between Nossi College of Art & Design ("NCAD") and Chattanooga State Community College ("ChSCC"). The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of Chattanooga State Community College will be eligible for articulated course credits at Nossi College of Art & Design, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

**ACCORDINGLY**, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Articulation Program.**

- a. Definitions. Articulation criteria is defined in Appendix A.
- b. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of Chattanooga State Community College students to Nossi College of Art & Design; to provide specific advisement for Chattanooga State Community College students who intend to transfer to Nossi College of Art & Design; and, to encourage academic and administrative coordination between the institutions in the following specific programs:

Appendix A ("Program of Study")

- c. Annual Review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of institution. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The articulation requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- d. Program of Study. Changes by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed by both parties.
- e. Admission requirements. Students wishing to transfer credits to Nossi College of Art & Design must meet the admissions requirements for Nossi College of Art &



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Design, and the parties acknowledge and agree that Nossi College of Art & Design reserves the right to reject any such student's admission to Nossi College of Art & Design, in accordance with its standard policies and procedures. These students must also provide an official transcript of courses completed. If admitted, the students shall become subject to all Nossi College of Art & Design policies, procedures and rules.

- f. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.
- g. Promotion. Both parties agree to use commercially reasonable efforts to promote, publicize and advertise to its faculty, staff, alumni, students and potential students the opportunities contemplated by this Agreement.
- h. Liaisons. Each party shall designate a representative to serve as its liaison in all matters arising under this Agreement and shall furnish in writing the name of each representative to the other party.
- i. Chattanooga State Community College grants Nossi College of Art & Design permission to reach out to the Office of Records, [records@chattanoogastate.edu](mailto:records@chattanoogastate.edu), to request for a data feed containing prospective graduates' names and contact information for those students who have completed or will be completing the requirements for their Associate degree from Chattanooga State Community College.

### 2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, (the "Effective Date"), for three (3) years, or until terminated in writing sixty (60) days prior to the end of the next admissions application and review period by either party. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until the end of the next admissions application and review period of ninety days.
- b. Post-Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Chattanooga State Community College students previously accepted by or admitted to Nossi College of Art & Design shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement until such time such students have completed their coursework or have otherwise withdrawn.

### 3. Miscellaneous.

- a. Non-Discrimination. Both parties shall abide by all applicable Federal and State law pertaining to discrimination and hereby agree, warrant, and assure that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement or in the employment practices of both parties on the grounds of classifications protected by Federal or State law.



- b. Binding agreement. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee and the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- c. Governing Laws. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to its conflict of laws' provision.
- d. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice).

Nossi College of Art & Design  
Address: 590 Creative Way  
Nashville, TN 37115  
Attention: Dr. Joe Lucero

Chattanooga State Community College  
Address: 4501 Amnicola Hwy  
Chattanooga, TN 37406  
Attention: Dr. Karen Eastman

- e. Waivers. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.
- f. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- g. Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile and PDF signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- h. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- i. Confidentiality of Records. All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.

**SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE**



In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

**Nossi College of Art & Design**

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*Cyrus Vatandoost*  
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Dr. Cyrus Vatandoost, President/CEO  
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**Chattanooga State Community College**

Signed by:  
*Rebecca Ashford*  
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Dr. Rebecca L. Ashford, President  
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**Tennessee Board of Regents**

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*Flora W. Tydings*  
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Dr. Flora W. Tydings, Chancellor  
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**Appendix A**  
**ARTICULATION/TRANSFER AGREEMENT**  
**NOSSI COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN**  
**Bachelor of Graphic Art Design**  
**CHATTANOOGA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Associate of Applied Science Digital Media Design and Production**

<b>Chattanooga State Community College Course included in AAS Digital Media Design and Production</b>	<b>Equivalent Nossi College of Art &amp; Design Course in the Bachelor of Graphic Art Design</b>
CSDM 1000 - College Success Digital Media (3)	SS104 Success Strategies (4)
GATP 1310 - Design Principles (3)	BD101 Basic Drawing (3)
GATP 1340 - Basic Typography (3)	TY110 Typography (3)
ENGL 1010 – Composition (3)	ENG 270 English (4)
COMM 2025 - Fundamentals of Comm. (3)	EN280 English Written and Oral Comm. (3)
ART 2020 - Art History Survey 2 (3)	AH212 Art History (4)
GATP 1360 - Design and Print Production 1 (3)	GD1115 Graphic Design Fundamentals (3)
GATP 1370 - Photography for Designers (3)	PS142 Adobe Photoshop (3)
WEBT 1320 - Basic Web Design (3)	WD185 - Web Language 1 (3)
WEBT 2300 - Content Management for the Web (3)	No Equivalency (N/A)
Math/Science General Education Elective (3/4)	MA300 Contemporary Math (3)
Social Behavioral Science Gen Ed Course (3)	PS108 Psychology (4)
GATP 2310 - Graphic Arts 1 (3)	GD200 Conceptual Design (3)
GATP 2320 - Integrated Media Design (3)	ID160 Adobe Indesign (3)
GATP 2330 - Design and Print Production 2 (3)	PA205 - Production Art (3)
COMM 260 - Social Media (3)	No Equivalency (N/A)
WEBT 2310 - Intermediate Web Site Design (3)	WD185 - Web Language 1 (3)
GATP 2340 - Graphic Arts 2 (3)	GD230 Graphic Design Advertising (3)
GATP 2360 - Portfolio (3)	Students will need to take this class (0)
COMM 2050 - Motion Graphics (3)	MG250 Motion Graphics (3)
Directed Elective*(3) Credit Hours* *Choose from: ANIM, ART, ARTP, BUSN, COMM, GATP, PFTT or WEBT Courses.	Open for review (3)

<b>Remaining Courses for the Bachelor of Graphic Art Design at Nossi College of Art &amp; Design</b>		
<b>Nossi Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Notes</b>
AH302 American History	4	Gen Ed
WC301 History of Western Civilization	4	Gen Ed
HNE 110 Health Nutrition Exercise Science	3	Gen Ed
CT105 Color Theory	3	Core
TY216 Advanced Typography	3	Core
UI140 User Interface Design	3	Core
CW210 Principles of Copywriting and Editing	3	Core

WD195 - Web Language II	3	Core
UX240 User Experience Design	3	Core
UX340 Advanced UX Design	3	Core
WD290 Web Language III	3	Core
IL380 Exploring 3D	3	Core
ID280 Interactive Design	3	Core
GD405 Corporate Identity	3	Core
GD460 Advertising Art Direction	3	Core
GD490 Environmental Graphic Design	3	Core
MG360 Advanced Motion Graphics	3	Core
BM375 Business Marketing for Creatives	3	Core
PD380 Publication Design	3	Core
GD420 Capstone Graphic Design	3	Core
BU450 Portfolio and Promotion	3	Core
Internship	3	Core