



COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

AND

CERTIFICATIONS ON A 3, INC.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement between Columbia Southern University (CSU), 21982 University Lane, Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 and Certifications on A 3, Inc., PO Box 835367, Miami, Florida 33283 is to establish transfer criteria for undergraduate credit earned through Certifications on A 3, Inc. that can be applied to the corresponding bachelor programs at Columbia Southern University.

2. Background

CSU is an undergraduate and graduate level institution that is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), which is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As an accredited, degree-granting member of the DEAC, CSU is also an institutional member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CSU is licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Education pursuant to the Alabama Private School License Law Code of Alabama, Title 16-46-1 through 10. CSU is an Institutional member of the American Council on Education (ACE). CSU is a Title IV school approved for federal financial aid, Veterans Affairs benefits, and tuition reimbursement for active-duty military personnel through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

Certifications "On A 3" is dedicated to providing the knowledge needed to be ready for today and prepare you for the challenges of the future. Courses utilize the latest in audio/visual technology, PowerPoint presentations, video based scenarios, and extensive hands-on instruction along with state-of-the-art training equipment.



3. Fundamentals

CSU recognizes the professional integrity and academic stature of Certifications on A 3, Inc. training program. CSU does and will continue to offer academic programs and courses accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission. Likewise, Certifications on A 3, Inc. does and will continue to offer quality courses.

CSU prospective student information:

- 1) CSU will provide Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees information on degree program requirements and general education options. This information is located on the CSU website and in the course catalog. All CSU certificate and degree programs are eligible for transfer credit review.
- 2) CSU will not charge Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees and prospective students, alumni, or staff an application fee.
- 3) Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees entering CSU will be required to meet all CSU admission's requirements.
- 4) Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees are required to abide by CSU transfer credit policies as they appear in the CSU catalog at the time of application. See Appendix I below for an outline of transfer credit pathways.
- 5) While in a program at CSU, Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees are required to follow all institutional policies and procedures outlined in the University Catalog and Student Handbook.
- 6) Certifications on A 3, Inc. students or employees will receive a 10% tuition discount as part of an included Learning Partnership.
- 7) CSU bachelor degree programs require 36 hours of upper level credit. The amount of transfer credit awarded may vary in order to meet the 36 hour upper level requirement.

Disclaimer: CSU reserves the right to modify degree program requirements at any time to preserve the University's best practices and program integrity. CSU policies, regulations, procedures and curricula are subject to change without prior notice, if necessary, to keep the University in compliance with regulations of our accrediting bodies.




4. Commitment

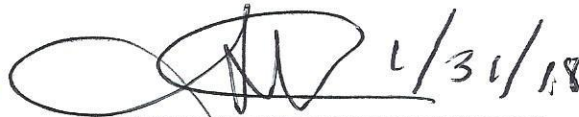
CSU and Certifications on A 3, Inc. are committed to serve our students and use technology to facilitate the transfer of students between both institutions. Students participating in the program must meet all criteria for admission into CSU and comply with all requirements in the awarding of a degree. This Agreement will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature, but may be terminated by either party by providing a written notification to the other party. CSU and Certifications on A 3, Inc. should review the agreement annually to determine whether it is achieving the desired results and continuing to meet our institutions needed. This Agreement may be executed by duly authorized representatives of each party, either by electronic facsimile or other digital means, each of which will be considered as original.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.

Columbia Southern University

Certifications on A 3, Inc.


Rachel Farris, M.A. Date
Registrar


Lt. Lloyd Kurtzman Date
Instructor / Owner


Dr. Joe Manjone Date
Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Special Programs



Appendix I

Certifications on 3 A, Inc. – General Course Equivalencies	Hours	CSU Equivalent	Semester Hours Awarded
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FIRE SERVICE ATPC2120	45	FIR 3302 – Building Construction	3 LL
COMPANY OFFICER ATPC2720	45	Elective	3 LL
CONSTRUCTION DOCS & PLANS REVIEW ATPC2521	40	Elective	3 LL
FIRE PREVENTION PRACTICES ATPC1505	45	FIR 3303 – Fire Prevention	3 LL
PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS ATPC1540	45	FIR 3305 – Fire Protection Structures and Systems	3 LL
FIRE SERVICE COURSE DELIVERY ATPC1740	45	Elective	3 LL
FIRE SERVICE COURSE DESIGN ATPC2741	45	Elective	3 LL
FIREFIGHTING STRATEGIES & TACTICS I ATPC1810	45	Elective	3 LL
FIREFIGHTING STRATEGIES & TACTICS II ATPC2811	45	Elective	3 LL
CODES AND STANDARDS ATPC1510	40	FIR 4311 – Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement	3 LL

CSU Bachelor degree programs require 36 hours of upper level credit. The amount of transfer credit awarded may vary to ensure the 36 hour upper level requirement is met.