

Statewide Articulation Requirement Questions and Answers

The following FAQ's relate to the "articulation" requirement for career and technical education programs in Iowa Code:

1) Q: What is a statewide articulation agreement?

A: An "agreed-upon" list of course "skills" or "competencies" pertaining to a course that has been approved by the community colleges "statewide" offering that course within a program.

2) Q: Does FCS have any "statewide" articulation agreements?

A: Yes, Nutrition, Child Development and Early Childhood

3) Q: When a student takes my FCS course/s that teaches the agreed upon competencies, then what?

A: When a student successfully passes the course/s with a minimum of 80%, enrolls in the coordinating program (i.e. early childhood) within one academic year, completes one semester of courses within the coordinating program...the student will be able to earn the agreed upon credit/s for the articulated course. (Generally, 3 credits)

4) Q: What's the difference between the college credit earned with an articulated course versus a concurrent course credit?

A: The "credit/s" earned is of equal value, the difference is that with "concurrent" credit/s, the student earns it immediately and it is added to their school transcript; with "articulated" credit/s, it is simply "delayed" credit/s that are added to the students' transcript after they achieve the requirements listed above.

5) Q: Do I have to teach "all" of the agreed upon competencies for an "articulated" credit and can they be taught in one semester FCS course?

A: As stated above, your students will be earning the equivalency of 3 possible college credits! Whether the course is articulated or concurrent, all of the competencies must be taught. In order to successfully teach all the competencies, often the competencies are taught within one year-long course or two semester courses.

6) Q: Is there some type of document that I can present to the student as "proof" of completion that could also be used for their portfolio?

A: YES! On the FCS website, there is a certificate of completion that should be signed by your administration and you, the instructor and presented to students who successfully complete the competencies.

7) Q: Is this a requirement in Iowa Code?

A: YES! Each program offered is articulated with at least one post-secondary institution (i.e., community college or apprenticeship program) 281—IAC 12.5(5)(i), 281—IAC 46.7(3)

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8) Q: What “evidence” will I need to provide during a site visit regarding articulation agreements?

A: The district must provide an articulation agreement for each program. (Samples above)
The articulation agreement must be dated within the last five years and reflect current program offerings. Concurrent enrollment agreements with a community college and/or statewide agreements* (when provided by the district) can also fulfill this requirement.

9) Q: Is there some type of special form that I use to “update” my articulation agreement with a community college?

A: Refer to the “articulation update form” on this webpage location above.

10) Q: How do I know who to contact at the community college regarding articulated or concurrent credit?

A: Refer to the Iowa’s Community Colleges contact list located on this webpage location above.