MUSIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) and Western Michigan University (WMU) wish to facilitate the transfer of GRCC students earning the Associate of Music degree to the Western Michigan University Bachelor of Music programs, including music therapy. Both Western Michigan University and Grand Rapids Community College are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a subcommittee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The WMU music therapy program is certified by the American Music Therapy Association.

Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.
- 2. Details of the terms and conditions of this articulation are included in Attachment A, and additional attachments (B, C, D) include two transfer guides and a list of remaining WMU requirements.
- 3. Advising of GRCC Students Advising of GRCC students regarding admission and program requirements to Western Michigan University will be the responsibility of the regular advising staff at GRCC. The School of Music is designated the Western Michigan University point of contact. Each institution will monitor the academic performance of students enrolling under this agreement, and identify problems that may interfere with the successful transfer of students to Western Michigan University.
- 4. Communication Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University agree to cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective publics about the established relationship between the two institutions. WMU music therapy faculty members will visit GRCC as needed or requested to give presentations on careers in therapy and/or hold on-site interviews for admission to the major. The music therapy faculty members will assist the faculty and staff at GRCC in identifying courses that may be completed at GRCC prior to attending WMU.
 - Any marketing of the articulation in print will be subject to the prior approval of both parties. Each institution will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student and faculty populations.
 - Faculty and staff at both institutions will communicate information about this agreement to students and prospective students.
 - GRCC may provide at its website, a link to the Western Michigan University website.
- 5. Length of Agreement This agreement will become effective upon the execution of signatures by the responsible authority for each institution, and shall remain in effect until such time as either party wishes to terminate. The agreement shall be honored for two academic years immediately following the notification to terminate so students currently under the agreement may finish their plan of study.

- 6. Review and Modification of the Agreement Each institution will notify the other of any contemplated curricular changes that would affect the future of this agreement.
- 7. Exchange of Information Western Michigan University and Grand Rapids Community College agree to exchange transfer student information for the purpose of monitoring and enhancing student academic success. The information may also be used to enhance curricular offerings. At no time will Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements be violated.

Signature of Responsible Authorities at the Cooperating Institutions	
For Western Michigan University	For Grand Rapids Community College
Timothy J. Greene Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	Gilda G. Gely. Provost/Executive Vice-President for Academic & Student Affairs
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