

# CAREER PATHWAYS/TECH PREP ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

## Optometric Assisting and Opticianry

In a continuing effort to serve the needs of students in technical programs, Hillsborough Community College agrees to award college credit for **Manatee Technical College Optometric Assisting Program** graduates toward an Associate in Science degree in the Opticianry Program as delineated below:

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Completion of the Optometric Assisting Program (H170704)	<u>Program Requirements:</u>	Credit
	OPT 2463L Ophthalmic Skills Lab I	2
	OPT 2800L Vision Care Clinical I	2
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This agreement makes it possible for a student who has completed the Optometric Assisting Program with no less than a cumulative 2.5 GPA (based upon a 4.0) and an overall 2.0 GPA to receive four hours of college credit at Hillsborough Community College in the Opticianry Program. The transferring student must furnish an official copy of his/her transcript indicating program completion. The student must satisfactorily complete (i.e. receive a grade of "C" or better) any necessary preparatory work and at least 15 credit hours, excluding general education courses in the AS Opticianry degree program at Hillsborough Community College on either a full-time or part-time bases to have these credits on his or her transcript.

Documentation of competencies will be provided as agreed upon by instructors from Manatee Technical College and Hillsborough Community College. Methods of documentation may include portfolio and/or Hillsborough Community College's written final examination and/or performance assessment. Hillsborough Community College will review the contents of the curriculum and the qualifications of instructors in the Optometric Assisting Program at Manatee Technical College annually. The purpose of this review is to verify that competencies are being taught and are equivalent to the Hillsborough Community College course(s) which has been designated as an equivalent.

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Florida, without regard to its conflicts of laws rules. Each party agrees to comply with all applicable laws in the performance of this Agreement. All disputes are to be resolved in Manatee County, Florida by binding Arbitration before the American

Arbitration Association or other mutually agreed and similar forum. The costs of such dispute will be borne by the individual party.

Confidentiality:

Confidentiality is pursuant to Florida Public Records Laws and all Federal, State and Local Statutes and regulations, including but not limited to Trademark Protection, Copyright protection, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1996, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Genetic Information Non Discrimination Act of 2008.

Graduates (completers) will be eligible for credit for three years after the date of their program graduation.

This Agreement is effective beginning April 14, 2020 with an expiration date of June 30, 2022.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice.

<b>HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>	<b>SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY</b>
By: _____	By:
Chair, District Board of Trustees	Gina Messenger, Chair School Board of Manatee County
Attest:	Attest: _____
President	Cynthia Saunders Superintendent, SDMC
Date: _____	Date:
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Vice President Academic Affairs	