Michigan State University
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Institute of Agricultural Technology
and
West Shore Community College

CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Michigan State University’s College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (“MSU CANR”) and West Shore Community College, pursuant to this Consortium Agreement (the “Agreement”), agree to provide inter-institutional instructional programs in Agricultural Operations Certificate and Associate of Applied Arts & Science (AAAS) (each a “Program” and collectively, the “Programs”). The specific courses and requirements for the Programs are outlined in Appendix A (MSU IAT Certificates, additional AAAS requirements). The inter-institutional understanding includes the following major points:

A. Both Parties Desire to Enhance Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Post-Secondary Education in Michigan and Increase Student Access to Such Educational Opportunities

MSU CANR and West Shore Community College shall use reasonable efforts to:

1. Engage in an inclusive planning process to enhance post-secondary educational opportunities and student recruitment in the agriculture, food and natural resources disciplines.
2. Identify and recruit potential partners and sponsors of agriculture, food and natural resources programs.
3. Identify resource needs related to future programming.
4. Foster connections and partnerships with stakeholders that enhances post-secondary agriculture, food and natural resources education.

B. Certificate Program

MSU CANR, with instructional coordination provided by its Institute of Agricultural Technology (“IAT”), will offer coursework that, combined with credits from West Shore Community College, will allow students to complete a certificate program in Agricultural Operations.

1. MSU will provide students with a schedule of MSU courses needed to complete a certificate in the respective Programs (see Appendix A for list of MSU courses).
2. West Shore Community College will provide the coursework that students must complete in addition to the MSU courses required to earn a certificate in the respective Programs, including developmental and prerequisite coursework, and student tutoring in necessary (see Appendix A and Appendix A2 for list of West Shore Community College courses). Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all West Shore Community College courses that are to be transferred to MSU for completion of a certificate program.
C. Associate of Applied Arts and Science

1. West Shore Community College will offer an Associate of Applied Arts & Science for those students who wish to add an AAAS degree to an MSU certificate. West Shore Community College agrees to accept all MSU Certificate coursework in transfer toward the AAAS in where the grade is a 2.0 or better to be awarded an associate degree at West Shore Community College, students must complete all required coursework, with at least 15 credits of coursework at West Shore Community College, and program requirements for the AAAS.

2. MSU CANR will keep its course equivalencies up-to-date in Transfer MSU (http://transfer.msu.edu/) and will provide West Shore Community College with curriculum guidelines, as needed, beyond those found in the MSU Academic Programs catalog (http://www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/Print.asp?Section=1440).

D. Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Coordinator

1. MSU CANR agrees to designate a coordinator for the Institute of Agricultural Technology Program (the “MSU Coordinator”) for the purpose of student recruitment, curriculum coordination, workplace internship placements, certificate coursework review, academic advising assistance, support to students participating in the Program and work with the West Shore Community College-MSU Agricultural Operations stakeholder groups.

2. West Shore Community College shall reimburse MSU CANR 50% of the MSU Coordinator’s annual salary and fringe benefits costs. West Shore Community College shall make the reimbursement payment to MSU CANR within 30 days of receiving an invoice detailing such payments. West Shore Community College agrees that its reimbursement of the MSU Coordinator’s annual salary and fringe benefits shall remain in effect for all periods covered by this Agreement.

3. MSU CANR shall be responsible for supervising and evaluating the MSU Coordinator. A representative of West Shore Community College shall participate in the selection and annual evaluations of the MSU Coordinator; however, MSU CANR shall have final decision making responsibility.

E. Community College Program Representative and Academic Advisor

1. West Shore Community College agrees to designate a representative (the “WSCC Representative”) to serve as a single point of contact for the MSU Coordinator and for prospective students in the Programs. The WSCC Representative, working together with the MSU Coordinator, will coordinate inter-institutional communication and information regarding admissions and enrollment status, financial application and verification (via MSU’s Student Information System), as well as course scheduling. The program coordinator will serve as the academic advisor, for both WSCC and IAT, to work directly with students in the program and industry partners to establish workplace internships.
F. **West Shore Community College and MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Institute of Agricultural Technology Admissions, Dual Enrollment, Student Reporting and Financial Aid**

1. Institute of Agricultural Technology students shall apply simultaneously for admission to both West Shore Community College and the IAT Program offered by MSU, permitting them to enroll in the required coursework offered by both institutions. Fundamental to the effective and efficient administration of the Programs West Shore Community College and MSU is the need to regularly share information, including student records, between the institutions. To that end, MSU and West Shore Community College agree to share academic and other information, concerning dually enrolled students for the purpose of administering the Programs. Each institution agrees to comply with applicable law and regulations promulgated under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g et seq. regarding the use and redisclosure of any such records. All dually enrolled students will be notified that West Shore Community College and MSU will disclose their student records to the other institution and students seeking dual enrollment shall be required to sign consent with respect to such disclosures (see Appendix B for the student consent form).

2. Both WSCC and MSU will report student enrollment to the National Student Clearinghouse based the number of credits that the student is enrolled in.

3. MSU and West Shore Community College agree to cooperate in the administration of financial aid for concurrently enrolled students. West Shore Community College agrees to administer financial aid for eligible students while they are completing courses required to earn an IAT certificate, while concurrently enrolled at West Shore Community College and MSU. The MSU Coordinator will verify to the West Shore Community College Financial Aid Office the specific MSU courses fulfilling these certificate requirements for a certificate in one of the Programs. The guiding operational principle is that West Shore Community College will act as the home institution, and MSU as the host institution, during the period of time students are completing the requirements for a certificate in one of the Programs. West Shore Community College agrees to administer financial aid for eligible students completing Associate of Applied Arts & Science requirements beyond those required for completion of a Program.

As a practical matter, dually enrolled students who qualify for financial aid will receive aid through West Shore Community College; federal law prohibits students from receiving aid through more than one institution. The MSU Coordinator and the WSCC Representative share the responsibility of counseling students on these financial aid matters, and recommending appropriate academic schedules so that students sequentially qualify for aid.

Students will be eligible for scholarships from both MSU and WSCC.

G. **Use of Classroom Facilities on the West Shore Community College Campus(es) for Michigan State University the Programs**

1. MSU and West Shore Community College agree to cooperate in the use of classroom space and facilities. When MSU courses are offered on the campus(es) of West Shore Community College, classroom usage fees and equipment (such as those used for Interactive Television or other distance learning technology) will be waived. If there is a need for a classroom facilitator to operate equipment, MSU will be responsible for those charges.
2. West Shore Community College will provide a distance learning technology system that is compatible to the MSU system.
3. West Shore Community College will proctor MSU online course exams as needed in the Testing Center at no charge for students that are dually enrolled.

H. Additional Certificate Programs

1. This Agreement serves as the operating agreement for any additional IAT certificate programs as agreed to by both parties. Additional program will be jointly agreed upon and an additional Agreement will need to be signed before additional programs can be implemented.

I. Program Review & Termination

1. These programs will be reviewed annually by representatives from both institutions using assessment criteria to be developed by both institutions during the one year period after date this Agreement is signed.
2. Either Michigan State University or West Shore Community College may terminate the Agreement by notifying the other party in writing 90 days in advance. Should either party terminate the Agreement, and West Shore Community College student who has become dually enrolled in one of the Programs prior to termination will be allowed to complete such Program within 2 years from the date of enrollment, subject to the payment of applicable course fees and compliance with applicable academic regulations.
3. This Agreement is valid for 3 years from the last dated signature below. Prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the parties may modify, extend, or amend the Agreement in writing signed by authorized signatories of both parties.

Therefore, in support of the Programs, Michigan State University and West Shore Community College are signatories to this Agreement, which will take effect upon the last dated signature below:

WEST SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Kenneth Urban
President

Christina Christmas
Dean of Occupational Programs

Date 4/4/2017

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Jim Youatt
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date 4/25/17

Office of the General Counsel
Date Approved as to Form

Dr. Ron Hendrick
Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date 4/18/17

Dr. Randy Showerman
Director, Institute of Agricultural Technology

Date 4/18/17
Appendix A

West Shore Community College and Michigan State University
Associate of Applied Science – WSCC
IAT Agricultural Operations – MSU

Requirements for Agricultural Operations

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION = 55

MSU Courses
1. All of the following MSU courses (29 credits total):

   ABM 130  Farm Management I  (3 Cr)
   AE 131  Agricultural Water Resource Management  (3 Cr)
   AE 143  Application of Precision Agriculture Technologies  (3 Cr)
   AT 202  Agricultural Regulation, Compliance and Safety  (3 Cr)

   AT 293  Professional Internship in Agricultural Technology  (3 Cr)
   CSS 101  Introduction to Crop Science  (3 Cr)
   CSS 105  Agricultural Industries Seminar  (1 Cr)
   CSS 135  Crop Scouting and Investigations  (3 Cr)
   CSS 143  Introduction to Soil Science  (2 Cr)
   ENT 110  Applied Entomology of Economic Plants  (3 Cr)
   PLP 105  Fundamentals of Applied Plant Pathology  (2 Cr)

2. Complete a minimum of 5 elective credits in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources as approved by the program coordinator in the Institute of Agricultural Technology.

Community College Partner Courses

3. Required – Complete 21 credits from a West Shore Community College as approved by the Institute of Agricultural Technology program coordinator.
Requirements for Associate of Applied Arts and Science Degree – Agriculture

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE = 68

1. Complete 34 credits from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU as part of the Agricultural Operations Program in the Institute of Agricultural Technology.

2. All of the following WSCC courses (20 to 21 credits total):
   - ACC 121 Principals of Accounting (4 Cr)
   - BIO 122 General Biology I (4 Cr)
   - CHM 107 Introduction to Chemistry (3 Cr)
   - ECO 137 Macroeconomics (3 Cr)
   - ENG 111 English Composition I (3 Cr)
   - MTH 123 Intro. To Statistics or MTH 151 College Algebra (3 or 4 Cr)
   - ENG 112 English Composition II (3 Cr)
   - PHL 102 Introduction to Ethics or Humanities Elective (3 Cr)
   - SPE 101 Principals of Speaking or SPE 110 Interpersonal Com. (3 Cr)

3. Complete one of the following Courses:
   - CIS 160 Desktop Applications (3 Cr)
   - CIS 110 Introduction to Computer Concepts (3 Cr)

4. Complete a minimum of 6 elective credits as approved by the program coordinator.
Appendix B

Student Consent Form

My signature below indicates that I understand my enrollment in the Agricultural Operations Program offered by Michigan State University (MSU) in cooperation with West Shore Community College (WSCC) requires sharing of my student records at both institutions in order to provide advising, satisfy financial aid reporting requirements, and track progress toward and completion of the MSU IAT Certificate program.

NAME
(Printed)

WSCC Student ID

MSU Student PID

SIGNATURE

DATE