

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER CRIME CENTER (DC3)
AND
ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (“DC3”), 911 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090 and Anne Arundel Community College, 101 College Pkwy, Arnold, MD 21012 (hereafter referred to as “the Parties”).

To better serve students intending to pursue careers in cybersecurity within the Department of Defense (DoD), and to better serve those within the DoD with a cybersecurity skillset to attain college credit towards a formal university degree, Anne Arundel Community College and DC3 Cyber Training Academy (“CTA”) share a common interest in facilitating the smooth transition of students transferring from CTA to Anne Arundel Community College.

CTA designates national Centers of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence (“CDFAE”) to establish best practices for digital forensics education. CDFAE is a partnership between academia, standards bodies, and the U.S. Government to establish best practices for digital forensics education. Education providers are held to digital forensics education standards based upon knowledge, skills, and abilities (“KSA”) used in the field. This approach advances the discipline of digital forensics and increases the number of qualified professionals to meet the needs of law enforcement, counterintelligence, national defense, and legal communities.

CDFAE recognizes two certifications, the Digital Media Collector and the Digital Forensic Examiner. The courses articulated in this document relate to courses required by these two certifications.

The parties hereto agree to offer an articulated program pathway leading to relevant DoD certifications to be provided by CTA for Anne Arundel Community College students who have successfully completed courses in the program pathway leading to the award of an Advanced Digital Forensics Certificate and/or Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity - Digital Forensics.

While DC3 and Anne Arundel Community College do not presently have a dual enrollment program, should one be agreed to, this agreement will not preclude students from participation and students may apply for and receive the benefits of dual enrollment. Those students would then be subject to the policies of said program should they apply.

The parties further agree,

1. Every student completing core courses at CTA will be allowed to transfer to Anne Arundel Community College for purposes of completing said certificate or degree.
2. Every student completing courses at Anne Arundel Community College will be recognized as having completed the equivalent CTA courses/training for the purpose of receiving relevant DoD certifications.
3. Upon successful completion of all institution (degree) program requirements, Anne Arundel Community College will present the student with a CDFAE Certificate of Completion and instructions for receiving corresponding DoD digital forensics certifications. The certification will benefit the student if the student is hired by the DoD or another Federal Government Agency.
4. Every student completing courses at CTA will have the opportunity to receive up to 22 credits toward the Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity - Digital Forensics at Anne Arundel Community College, contingent on the student's academic requirements. For the specified degree, general education requirements must also be satisfied. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken through Anne Arundel Community College for degree completion. Every student completing courses at CTA will have the opportunity to receive up to 18 credits toward the Advanced Digital Forensics certificate at Anne Arundel Community College, contingent on the student's academic requirements. A minimum of 7 credits must be taken through Anne Arundel Community College for certificate completion.
5. Institutions have to articulate a minimum of 25% of the courses listed at CTA, which equals a minimum of four (4) courses.
6. Any curriculum modification by either party affecting more than 25% of the curriculum must be conveyed within three (3) months of the modification in writing to Anne Arundel Community College through the Signatories at Anne Arundel Community College and to the CTA through the chair of the DC3 Academic Cyber Curriculum Alliance. Students must follow all enrollment and graduation procedures in accordance with Anne Arundel Community College policy. Summary of articulated credits, current credit awards, and program requirements are set forth in Exhibit A incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement.
7. Agreement shall become effective upon date of last signature by officials from both parties.
8. Agreement may be dissolved upon mutual agreement of the Signatories at Anne Arundel Community College and the Executive Director of DC3. Such dissolution will not jeopardize the completion of the program by students then currently enrolled.
9. DC3 and Anne Arundel Community College further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DoD Cyber Crime Center and Anne Arundel Community College have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered on the date of last signature by their duly authorized representatives.

For the DoD Cyber Crime Center

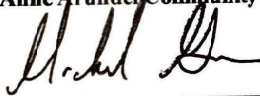
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JEFFREY D. SPECHT, SES, DAF
Executive Director, DC3

May 4, 2020

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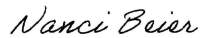
For Anne Arundel Community College



Michael H. Gavin, Ph.D.
Vice President for Learning, AACC

4/22/2020

Date



Nanci A. Beier
Registrar, AACC

4/27/2020

Date

This Agreement will be reviewed by both parties every three (3) years effective from the date of last signature.