



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – DEGREE ARTICULATION
February 2008

Lake Washington Technical College has submitted a proposal to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges requesting authority to offer a Bachelor of Technology degree in Applied Design. This degree program will enable students who possess an Associate of Applied Science degree in a design related field to develop the skills to become successful lead designers, supervisors and project managers. The proposed degree will have a common core of courses that meet the academic and professional requirements of industry. The applied design core courses will emphasize the process of design, managing creativity, design technology, project management, entrepreneurship and professional issues. The proposed degree will create an affordable baccalaureate pathway for community and technical college graduates.

Lake Washington Technical College has identified eight feeder colleges that have relevant Associate of Applied Science or related degrees (Bellevue, Everett, Green River, Highline, North Seattle, Pierce, Seattle Central and Shoreline). Graduates from these colleges will be eligible to enroll in the Bachelor of Technology degree at Lake Washington Technical College. An analysis of the feeder college's associate degrees is included on the Bachelor of Technology website. Meetings with the eight feeder colleges have recently been held. All eight colleges are aware of the proposed degree, its content, and the opportunity it will provide for their associate of applied science graduates.

We the undersigned agree that the Bachelor of Technology in Applied Science will create a viable pathway for associate of applied science graduates. We further agree to continue to collaborate on establishing a full articulation agreement when the Bachelor of Technology is approved. Ongoing discussions concerning transfer and admissions policies will continue to be discussed along with mutual efforts to market and publicize the degree to community college students. Articulation will be completed by Fall, 2008, to allow time for the recruitment of potential students during the 2008/09 academic year.


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