CSM Secures 126 Transfer Agreements with 52 Universities for Their Students Pursuing Four-Year Degrees

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LA PLATA, Md. - When the fall semester at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) begins later this month, CSM students who want to further their education will have the benefits of 126 transfer and articulation agreements with 52 partners based in 16 states across the country, as well as in Paris, France. These agreements offer students a seamless transfer experience from CSM to four-year colleges and universities and empower them to broaden their horizons—intellectually and geographically.

“Partnerships such as these provide our Hawks with opportunities to continue receiving a top-quality education according to their needs and ambitions,” said CSM Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation Jacqui Rogers.

Rogers said she has been focused on expanding the college’s collection of transfer agreements since she joined the CSM team a year and a half ago. Also called “articulation agreements,” transfer agreements are formal documents outlining a commitment between two or more academic institutions to guarantee a student transfer.

In May, CSM reported that it had landed its 100th transfer agreement to provide its students priority enrollment or guaranteed admission to 50 different four-year colleges. The new collaborations include new, renewed or expanded agreements with American Public University System; Trinity Washington University; Bowie State University; Notre Dame of Maryland University; Capitol Technology University; University of Maryland, College Park; Colorado State University - Global Campus; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Health Professions; Stevenson University; and University of Baltimore.

Here is a snapshot of the new guaranteed transfer options:

**American Public University System**

CSM graduates who receive their Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Accounting can continue with their Bachelor of Science (BS) at American Public University System (APUS).

Recipients of CSM’s two-year Associate of Arts (AA) can earn their four-year Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Communication and can choose from a concentration in either Digital Communication and Media Design or in Strategic Communication.

Aspiring restaurateurs, hoteliers, event planners and other hospitality industry professionals can continue their education from their associate degree at CSM to their bachelor’s at APUS, with available hospitality management concentrations in Food Service, Lodging and Event/Meeting Planning.

**Bachelor’s in Nursing**

New articulation agreements with American Public University System and Trinity Washington University, located in Washington, DC, allow graduates of CSM’s nursing program to continue their medical education with a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing (BSN).

**Bowie State University**

CSM graduates who earn their Associate of Science (AS) degree in Computer Science have new opportunities to refine their knowledge and skills in the constantly expanding and evolving field of IT. Bowie State University added easy transfer options for CSM students pursuing degrees in computer science or cybersecurity.

**Notre Dame of Maryland University**

CSM has expanded an articulation agreement with Notre Dame of Maryland University. Starting this fall, CSM graduates can pursue a bachelor’s in elementary education close to home, at the University System of Maryland here in Southern Maryland.

**Capitol Technology University**

CSM’s engineering graduates have new avenues of study open to them at the Capitol Technology University. Earning an associate degree in Engineering at CSM’s now paves the way to earn a bachelor’s in Mechatronic Engineering.

Recipients of CSM’s ASE in Electrical Engineering can likewise diversity with the four-year degree in Mechatronic Engineering or roll smoothly from their associate to bachelor’s in Electrical Engineering.

As an added incentive, students who graduate from CSM with a 3.0 or higher grade-point average (GPA) and transfer into the Mechatronic or Electrical Engineering bachelor’s programs as full-time students may be eligible for $10,000 in transfer scholarships.

**Colorado State University and University of Maryland, College Park**

Rogers said she has also secured articulation agreements with Colorado State University (CSU) - Global Campus and University of Maryland, College Park (UMPC).

UMCP and CSM signed a five-year renewal for the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program (MTAP). Through MTAP, students who complete 30 credits or more at CSM are guaranteed admission to UMCP to pursue their bachelor’s.

CSU Global offers CSM graduates a 10% discount on tuition, as well as an application-fee waiver. This discount is retroactive for all students who graduated from CSM within the past three years.
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Health Professions

Demand has surged nationwide for healthcare professionals of all stripes and specialties. Graduates of CSM’s AAS in Medical Laboratory Technology can continue their students at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Health Professions, culminating in a BS in Medical Laboratory Sciences.

University of Baltimore

CSM also closed a deal with University of Baltimore that provides recipients of four different CSM associate degrees with routes to two bachelor’s programs boasting 16 concentrations.

CSM grads who earned their degrees in Digital Media Production and General Studies: Media Studies have their pick from among four concentrations—Media Design and Production; Digital Theory and Culture; Public Relations and Social Media; and Media Writing—if they want to pursue their bachelor’s at the University of Baltimore in Digital Communication.

Also, Baltimore’s BS in Business Administration offers CSM accounting, hospitality and business grads their pick of 12 concentrations:

- Accounting
- Data Analytics
- Early Entry Law/Pre-Law
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- General Business
- Human Resource Management
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Real Estate and Economic Development
- Risk Management

CSM hosts transfer institutions virtually each Thursday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Representatives from two different institutions will be available to chat with students and help navigate their future transfer experience. RSVPs are required to access Zoom information. [https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/transfer-services/outgoing-transfer-students/transfer-out-of-csm/transfer-thursdays](https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/transfer-services/outgoing-transfer-students/transfer-out-of-csm/transfer-thursdays)

To learn more about all of the transfer agreements and opportunities available for CSM students, visit [www.csmd.edu](http://www.csmd.edu) to conduct an online search by institution or by area of study. For questions about CSM’s Transfer Services, please visit [https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/transfer-services/](https://www.csmd.edu/student-services/advising/transfer-services/) or contact Jacqui Rogers, Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation, at jrogers@csmd.edu.

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