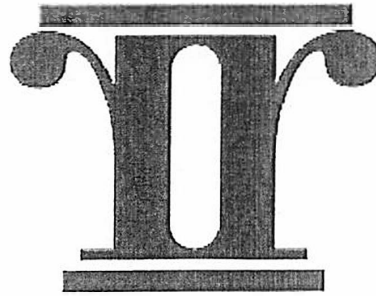


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## RU PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE



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## CHEROKEE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Articulation Agreement

# **An Educational Pathway for Public Safety Professionals**

## *Higher Education for Public Safety*

### **I. Introduction**

- a. This agreement formally recognizes that Reinhardt University (RU) and the Cherokee Marshal's Office (CMO) are partners in providing educational opportunities for employees in good standing with the Cherokee Marshal's Office.
- b. Agreement to this partnership requires a commitment by both entities to work cooperatively to offer quality facilities and quality collegiate level academic programs on-site at the Cherokee Marshal's Office.
- c. This agreement is entered by both parties with full recognition that higher education is intrinsically valuable to the student who experiences it, extrinsically valuable to the agency that supports it, and a valuable public good.

### **II. Communication, Marketing, Promotion, & Recruitment**

- a. RU and CMO agree to cooperate in communicating with each other concerning this articulation agreement.
- b. Communications may include common publications and announcements concerning RU and CMO's affiliation. Announcements of this articulation agreement and its updates will have a coordinated release to the public from both agencies.
- c. Both parties will work collaboratively to disseminate information about programs, scholarships, and grants in this agreement with interested and qualified students at CMO and the public.
- d. Annually, each party will provide the name and contact of the primary person, or persons, responsible for fulfilling this agreement.
- e. Annually, this agreement and its terms will be reviewed by both parties.
- f. Both agencies agree to provide appropriate advising and counseling to prospective students regarding the benefits of a college degree and the responsibilities associated with the costs of attendance.
- g. As part of the partnership, CMO allows RU to regularly promote its educational programs to Cherokee Marshal's Office officials on days and times previously agreed upon by both parties.

### III. Programs

#### a. Admissions

- i. Admission criteria for all programs listed below are available for review at Reinhardt University's website, [www.reinhardt.edu](http://www.reinhardt.edu).

#### b. Associate of Science in Criminal Justice - Police Academy Option (PA)

- i. Reinhardt University holds academy certification through the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council and is authorized to deliver the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course. The Police Academy Option allows degree seeking students to earn P.O.S.T. Basic Peace Officer Certification while satisfying 15 semester hours in criminal justice coursework toward an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice. The option consists of four criminal justice courses offered over a single 20 week semester on evenings and weekends. Successful completion of training imbedded within these courses satisfies basic certification requirements. Upon successful completion, students may satisfy remaining ACJ degree requirements online.

#### c. Associate of Science Criminal Justice (ACJ, Online)

- i. The Associate of Criminal Justice degree consists of 60 credit hours of academic work, 42 of which satisfy general education requirements and 18 of which are focused on topics of study in criminal justice. The degree program is offered 100% online. Students entering the program take two, three credit-hour courses every eight weeks during the regular academic year and two, three credit-hour courses every seven weeks during the summer. With full-time study, student may complete the ACJ program in five regular semesters.

#### d. Organizational Management and Leadership (OML)

- i. Organizational Management & Leadership is a Bachelor of Arts degree designed to educate the next generation of organizational and community leaders. The 52 credit-hour curriculum includes courses in managerial leadership, marketing strategy, non-profit leadership, accounting and finances, public relations, and ethics, values, and the law. The majority of the program is offered in a face-to-face format with select courses offered online. Candidates who apply are expected to bring 60 - 72 earned credit-hours of college level work, which allows the student to focus on completing the degree.

e. Master of Public Administration, Executive Command & Leadership (ExCL)

- i. The Master of Public Administration's Executive Command & Leadership Program is a 36 credit-hour curriculum that satisfies training requirements for the award of management and executive certifications through the Georgia P.O.S.T. Council. Sixty-four percent of the MPA ExCL program is offered in a convenient online environment, while 36% of the curriculum is offered in a face-to-face format in order to comply with P.O.S.T. requirements.

IV. Scholarships & Grants

a. The Leader's Scholarship of the Cherokee Marshal's Office

i. ACJ Police Academy Option

1. Reinhardt University will provide scholarship funding to cover one third of the tuition cost of the 15 credit-hour program for four candidates, two candidates per cohort. The candidates must meet admission requirements of the University and the program. Candidates must also earn official, written nomination by the Cherokee Marshal's Office. The Leader's Scholarship may not be applied when candidates enter under a provisional admitted status or when enrolled students are determined to be on academic warning or probation.

ii. Organizational Management & Leadership

1. Reinhardt University will provide scholarship funding to cover one third of the tuition cost of each four credit-hour course for the Organizational Management and Leadership program. This scholarship funding will support five candidates who meet admission requirements to the University and the program. Candidates must also earn official, written nomination by the Cherokee Marshal's Office. The Leader's Scholarship may not be applied when candidates enter under a provisional admitted status or when enrolled students are determined to be on academic warning or probation. Additional candidates (beyond the limit of five as indicated above) recommended for the Leader's Scholarship Program must be approved by Reinhardt University Administration.

b. Cherokee Marshal's Office Grant

- i. Reinhardt University will provide a 10% tuition discount for Cherokee County Public Safety personnel who have not been nominated for the Leader's Scholarship Program of the Cherokee Marshal's Office. The 10% discount applies to Reinhardt University's Police Academy and Organizational Management and Leadership Program. In order for the 10% discount to apply, candidates must meet admission requirements to the University and the program. The Grant may not be applied to candidates entering under a provisional admitted status or enrolled students determined to be on academic warning or probation.

c. Special Tuition for the Master of Public Administration ExCL Program

- i. Reinhardt University will provide a reduced graduate tuition rate of \$400 per credit hour for those interested in pursuing the Master of Public Administration ExCL Program. Applicants for this program must meet admission requirements both to the University and the program.

V. Points of Clarity

- a. CMO understands that RU may hire, on a part-time, semester-by-semester basis, qualified employees of the Marshal's Office to instruct courses in the educational programs offered. CMO further recognizes that such agreements are made between Reinhardt University policies and performance standards and may be retained or dismissed as Reinhardt deems appropriate.

VI. Conclusion

- a. Reinhardt University is excited to partner with the Cherokee Marshal's Office to meet the knowledge-needs of its employees, who valiantly serve our community.

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Harry B. Johnston, Chairman

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Dr. Mark A. Roberts, Provost, RU

23 April 2019  
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