## **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

This agreement is between Touro College (Touro), an institution of higher education, formed and existing under the New York Education Law, and Rockland Community College ("Rockland"), a State University of the New York Institution of higher education.

WHEREAS, Rockland desires to provide for the preferential transfer admission of well-qualified Rockland students to Touro College, and;

WHEREAS, Touro desires to accept as transfer students such well-qualified enrollees;

**NOW THEREFORE**, Rockland and Touro agree as follows for the mutual covenants contained in this agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged:

Transfer Students Holding the A.A. or A.S. Degree.

Students who have been awarded the A.A. (Associate in Arts) or A.S. (Associate of Science) from Rockland will be deemed to have met the general academic standards for admission to Touro College. Pursuant to this Agreement, students with a Rockland A.A., A.S. may transfer up to 60 credits, exclusive of developmental or remedial work, toward a B.A. or B.S. degree. Each applicant for a Touro B.A. or B.S. degree must have his/her academic record evaluated by a Touro designee to determine acceptance and the Rockland courses for which credit will be applied toward the degree programs in which the student is to be admitted. Students who have been awarded the A.A. (Associate in Arts) or A.S. (Associate in Sciences) from Rockland with a cumulative average of 2.0 or higher will be deemed to have met the general academic standards for admission to Touro College. To earn a Touro baccalaureate degree (120 credits), students must achieve an overall GPA of at least 2.00 ("C" average) for classes taken at Touro. Within the major or concentration, students must achieve an average of 2.30 ("C+ average). Some departments may require a higher average in their major or concentration. Students should consult each department for its requirements. Students must complete at least fifty percent of their coursework for their major at Touro.

Nothing in this agreement guarantees that a student will be admitted to his/her program or major of choice at Touro. Students who are not accepted to their initial program or major of choice, may be accepted to a different program or major for which their coursework qualifies.

## Transfer Students Without an Associate Degree

A Rockland student applying to Touro without a Rockland Associate's degree must have his/her transcript evaluated by a Touro designee on a course-by-course basis to identify credits transferable to a Touro Baccalaureate degree. Upon acceptance, Touro will transfer credits toward a Touro degree as provided by this agreement. In addition to fulfilling major requirements, students without an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree will have to complete certain college core curriculum requirements.

In order to assist students who have not completed the Rockland Associate of Arts or Associate of Science, representatives of Rockand and Touro will seek to develop a "Transfer Guide", which will among other things, describe the Touro majors into which Rockland students may transfer if accepted, designate the Rockland courses for which transferring students will receive credits toward their Touro degree and provide information about Touro graduation requirements and minimum transfer requirements.

## Administrative Responsibilities:

Respresentatives of Touro and Rockland will meet from time to time to evaluate course sequence and content to facilitate transfers with minimal acdemic disruptions, and update the Transfer Guide, with particular attention to course equivalencies (i.e., Rockland classes for which students will receive Touro credits). Touro personnel will make themselves available as reasonably requested to meet with Rockland transfer services staff and, when Touro believes it to be helpful and necessary, prospective Rockland transfer students, to assist in the planning and coordination of transferring students. Touro reserves the right in its academic discretion to modify or amend its academic programs whenever it deems appropriate. Either Touro or Rockland may terminate this agreement upon receipt of written notice to the other party.

Touro and Rockland will make joint efforts to publicize the program internally. Each school must approve any information or statements about the program, whether published only in one school's materials (including admissions information, student bulletins, course guides, etc.) or otherwise.

It is the joint understanding that Touro will submit this proposal for review and approval to the New York State Department of Education and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. It is also our understanding that Touro and Rockland will meet the requirements of both Agencies.

Agreed to this 26 day of 54t, 2006

TOURO COLLEGE

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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