INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE and ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY SANTA BARBARA

Antioch University, dba Antioch University Santa Barbara ("AUSB" or "Antioch University Santa Barbara") and Santa Barbara City College ("SBCC") recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from SBCC to Antioch University Santa Barbara to pursue and achieve their educational goals. The main objective of this unique collaborative partnership between SBCC and AUSB is to assist SBCC students in completing a baccalaureate degree. This partnership effectively complements the educational offerings at each institution. Moreover, this joint program will enhance the overall educational experience/geographic convenience for students residing the greater Santa Barbara area.

Antioch University Santa Barbara is a campus of Antioch University, a private, non-profit liberal arts institution. Antioch University Santa Barbara nurtures in its students the knowledge, skills and habits of reflection to act as lifelong learners, democratic leaders and global citizens who live lives of meaning and purpose. Antioch University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission; 230 S. LaSalle Street- Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621 -7440.

Santa Barbara City College is a public two-year institution. SBCC offers more than 155 degree and certificate programs in both technical and transfer programs. SBCC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949 (415) 506-0234 an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, AUSB and SBCC do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation agreement:

1. **Student Acceptance.** Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate's degree (AA/AS/AAB), Antioch University Santa Barbara will guarantee admission and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS / AAS/AAB degree from Santa Barbara City College, provided their grade point is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. However, admission into a particular degree program is not guaranteed and will require a review of applicable credits. Applicants will be considered for program admission according to the admissions policy and standards of Antioch University as outlined in the AUSB catalog. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to those criteria. Transfer credits for students following a 3 + 1 pathway will be outlined in specific degree pathway agreements (See Addendum for details).

2. Credit Transfer

a.) Students who transfer to AUSB may transfer all eligible credits (non-developmental courses in which students have earned a grade of at least a C or better) up to a maximum of 90 semester credits. For students transferring 60 or more eligible credits, Antioch University Santa Barbara will conduct a transcript evaluation to determine credit eligibility for major coursework.

- b.) Discipline-specific maximums will also be observed. Santa Barbara City College and Antioch University Santa Barbara will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation agreements supporting this institutional agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Antioch University Santa Barbara. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of Antioch University Santa Barbara
- c.) The number and type of credits transferred to Antioch University Santa Barbara will determine the amount of time it will take for a student to graduate and the number of credits to do so. Antioch University Santa Barbara cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from Antioch University Santa Barbara within two years of entry.
- 3. Status of Transfer Students. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.
- 4. **Grading.** It is understood by the parties that Antioch University Santa Barbara adheres to the assessment and evaluation policies of Antioch University that preclude the issuance of official letter grades or grade point averages. The evaluation of student academic performance is documented through narrative assessments that serve as official supplements of the student's academic record (i.e. the transcript). Letter grade equivalencies are available on an individual basis and in accordance with AU policy. Undergraduate credit is awarded for coursework that is the equivalent of a C grade or better in a graded system, both for native students and for transfer students.
- 5. **Confidentiality.** The parties agree that all confidential or proprietary information acquired under this Agreement, including institutional and student information, is "Confidential" and shall remain so during the term of this Agreement and thereafter.
- 6. **Reporting.** Antioch University Santa Barbara will report the aggregate number of transfer students from Santa Barbara City College for the previous academic year, annually no later than July 1.

7. Recordkeeping.

a.) While this agreement is active, and for a period of three years after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records of all revisions to the agreement and make such records available to both parties as either may reasonably require.

- b.) It is understood by the parties that SBCC is a community college. Any record kept by SBCC that is deemed a public record is subject to release if a proper request is made. Both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this agreement.
- 8. **Financial Aid.** Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through SBCC ends when the student commences progress toward a bachelor's degree program at Antioch University Santa Barbara. (For students following a 3 + 1 pathway see Addendum for details.)

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9. **Contacts.** Santa Barbara City College and Antioch University Santa Barbara will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Santa Barbara City College. All notices required or permitted under this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered when delivered in person, or deposited in U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or delivered electronically, addressed as follows:

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Dr. Barbara Lipinski, Provost & CEO Antioch University Santa Barbara 602 Anacapa Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 blipinski@antioch.edu (805) 962-8179 x5333 10. **Communications and Advertising.** Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this institutional articulation agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Santa Barbara City College will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

Antioch University Santa Barbara will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer agreements and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training, when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the SBCC transfer student.

- 11. **Term; Modification.** This Institutional Articulation Agreement is effective as of May 2, 2018, and has an initial term through June 30, 2020. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed by written agreement every two years. Should the precepts of this agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to insure that agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing agreement.
- 12. **Termination.** Antioch University Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College each reserve the right to terminate this agreement provided that at least one year's notice of a process termination date is given. All students who have transferred from SBCC and are enrolled at AUSB at the time of termination will be covered under the terms of the existing agreement for as long as they maintain continuous enrollment at Antioch University Santa Barbara. Termination of the 3 + 1 program is governed by Exhibit A (3+1 Addendum).
- 13. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, replacing all other written and/or previous agreements except those attached hereto, which shall become a part of this Agreement.
- 14. Severability. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and wherever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any statute, law, ordinance, order or regulation, the latter shall prevail. If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared to be invalid in whole or part by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15. **Section Headings.** Section headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not be used in any way to construe the terms of this Agreement.
- 16. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 17. **Waiver.** The waiver of any breach or violation of any term or condition hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or condition, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same term or condition. No waiver of any right or remedy under this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing and executed by the Party so to be charged. The rights and remedies of the Parties to this Agreement are cumulative and not alternative.

18. **Amendment.** This Agreement shall not be modified or amended except in a writing signed by a duly authorized representative of both Parties.

Antioch University Santa/Barbara
Provost and Chief Executive Officer

June 6, 2018

Santa Barbara City College President and Superintendent

June 6, 2018

Exhibit A

3+1 ADDENDUM TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY SANTA BARBARA

AND

SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE

This addendum outlines the conditions for Santa Barbara City College students to complete their Bachelor's degree at Antioch University Santa Barbara under a 3+1 agreement. Under this agreement Santa Barbara City College students may complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at Antioch University Santa Barbara along specified pathways and in the optimum time.

Credit Acceptance

Antioch University Santa Barbara will accept a maximum of 90 credit hours from Santa Barbara City College. All eligible courses must be evaluated by Antioch University Santa Barbara. *A* maximum of 30 credit hours from SBCC beyond the 60 credit hours that meets the requirements for an Associate's Degree as listed on the transfer guide will be accepted at Antioch University Santa Barbara as long as the student earns a grade of "C" or higher in a course.

Graduates of Santa Barbara City College who obtain 90 eligible credits and participate in a 3+1 pathway can complete the designated 30 credit hours from Antioch University Santa Barbara, to be awarded a Bachelor's degree by Antioch University Santa Barbara.

Advising

Antioch University Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College will provide advising services for interested students. Such services may include, but are not limited to, on site presentations, information sessions, on site advising sessions, telephone advising, interactive videos, computerized and or Internet communications. Antioch University Santa Barbara will provide SBCC with advising materials, including transfer guides specific to the pathways agreed upon by both AUSB and SBCC.

Tuition

Santa Barbara City College students will complete 90 credit hours at SBCC tuition rate and complete 30 credits hours at Antioch University Santa Barbara tuition rate for a total of 120 credits. For the purposes of Financial Aid and Consortium Agreements Santa Barbara City College will be considered the home institution through the Associate's degree. Antioch University Santa Barbara shall be considered the home institution thereafter until completion of the Bachelor's degree.

Financial Aid

Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through SBCC ends when the student completes their SBCC associate's degree and commences progress toward a degree program at Antioch University Santa Barbara. At this point Antioch University will serve as the home institution. For the purposes of student headcount the student is included in the home institution. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to qualified students pursuing a bachelor's degree at Antioch University Santa Barbara.

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Either party may dissolve this agreement provided that at least one year's written notice of a process termination date is given to the cooperating institution's president or chief academic officer. Termination by either party must be accompanied by a plan to allow all currently enrolled students to complete their program of study and obtain their degree under the terms of this agreement. Termination of this 3+1 addendum agreement does not nullify the original articulation agreement between Santa Barbara City College and Antioch University Santa Barbara for students not following a 3+1 pathway.

Term

The term of this agreement will commence on the date it is executed by both parties, and the term will continue from year to year until terminated in accordance with this agreement.

Antioch University Santa Barbara

June 6, 2018

Santa Barbara City College June 6, 2018