

**Articulation Agreement  
Between  
Franklin County Career & Technical Center  
and  
Pennsylvania Western University**

This agreement, made on this date of final signature, provides a means by which graduates of the Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant Program (CIP: 51.0808) at Franklin County Career & Technical Center (Franklin County CTC) can receive advanced standing credit in the Biology Department's Veterinary Technology Associate and Bachelor Degree programs offered by Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest).

**I. Principles of Agreement**

- A. A student who has successfully mastered the competencies and skills outlined in the Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant Program Course Outlines/Competency List (see Appendix A) will be eligible to receive the following college credit upon enrollment in the Veterinary Technology Associate or Bachelor Degree programs at PennWest. The student must complete the Franklin County CTC courses below with a B average (3.00 average GPA) or better in all courses, pass the NOCTI Exam with an 80% or above and be recommended by the Franklin County CTC teacher. Credits only, not grades, will be recorded on the PennWest transcript for these courses, so these credits will not be used to calculate the student's university grade point average.

<u><b>Franklin County Career &amp; Technical Center</b></u> Competency List (B average-3.00 GPA)	<u><b>Pennsylvania Western University</b></u> VETT 1010, Intro to Veterinary Tech. 3 cr.
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- B. To participate in this program, a student must apply and be admitted to PennWest within two years of completing the Franklin County CTC Program. During the application, Franklin County CTC students must submit their PennWest admission application complete with all required components, a recommendation from the Franklin County CTC teacher, and a signed Letter of Intent (see Appendix B) to the following address: (Denise Zimcosky: 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419 Box 37).
- C. Franklin County CTC and PennWest agree to market this program. Franklin County CTC will promote and market the program to students, guidance counselors, teachers and administrators in their sending schools. Students' parents will be informed about the availability of the program through appropriate channels. PennWest will assist Franklin County CTC in marketing the program at the secondary level. Franklin County CTC will provide PennWest with opportunities to promote and market their Department options to students in the program, parents, guidance counselors, teachers and administrators.
- D. This articulation agreement and awarding of credit is acceptable up to two years after the student has graduated from Franklin County CTC. Students who apply for credit after the two year period must be able to document that they have been employed or are currently working in an area related to their Franklin County CTC program of study.

- F. To ensure that students entering the Biology Department schedule appropriate courses, the student must contact an academic advisor in the Department of Biology each semester to assist in making the most advantageous course selections.
- G. Franklin County CTC and PennWest agree to notify each other immediately of any modification in the courses, curriculum, competency lists, or any aspect of the articulated programs during the term of this agreement.

## II. Mutual Terms and Conditions

- A. *Term of Agreement.* The term of this Agreement shall be one year from the date of execution and will be reviewed annually for accuracy. This Agreement may not exceed a period of one (1) year.
- B. *Termination of Agreement.* Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days' notice. In the event of a substantial breach, either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of the breach by written notice that may be less than 90 days. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to PennWest under terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes.
- C. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination and related procedures to insure that students enrolled at PennWest are afforded the protections of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
- D. *Modification of Agreement.* This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- E. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- F. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.
- G. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

For Franklin County Career & Technical Center:

For Pennsylvania Western University :

*Terry Miller*

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Dr. Brenda Fredette  
Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Approved as to Form and Legality:

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University Legal Counsel

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Date

## **Appendix A**

**Franklin County Career & Technical Center – Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician  
and Veterinary Assistant Program (CIP: 51.0808) (attached)**

**Appendix B**  
**Student Letter of Intent to enter Pennsylvania Western University**

I plan to enroll at Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) upon completion of the Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant Program (CIP: 51.0808) at Franklin County Career & Technical Center (Franklin County CTC). I understand that my signature on this letter entitles me to advanced standing credit for courses completed at Franklin County CTC as outlined in the articulation agreement between Franklin County CTC and PennWest. I am familiar with the terms of the Agreement between Franklin County CTC and PennWest including the following requirements and conditions:

I must successfully master the competencies and skills outlined in the Franklin County CTC Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant Program (CIP: 51.0808) Competency List with a B average (3.00 GPA) or better in all courses and be recommended by the Franklin County CTC teacher. I agree to the release of my grades and academic performance records by Franklin County CTC to PennWest.

I must apply and be admitted to PennWest within two years of completing the program at LCCTC. Credits only, not grades, will be recorded on the PennWest transcript, so these credits will not be used to calculate the student's university grade point average.

The agreement and awarding of credit is acceptable up to two years after I have graduated from Franklin County CTC, and the awarding of credits included in this agreement may only be applied at PennWest and the Biology Department. I understand that the credits awarded in this agreement may not be accepted by or applicable to other degree programs at PennWest and that PennWest does not guarantee that the credits earned under this agreement will be transferable to another college or university.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Student Name (Print)
Parent/Guardian Signature	Student Signature
	Address _____
	_____
Date _____	Phone _____

**Complete and mail a PennWest admissions application along with this Letter of Intent and a recommendation from the Franklin County CTC teacher, to:**  
*Denise Zimcosky*  
*ATTN: Franklin County CTC Biology Department's Veterinary Technology Program Agreement*  
*Pennsylvania Western University-California*  
*250 University Ave, Box 37*  
*California, PA 15419*