


**Signatures;**

The signatures below will finalize this **Articulation Agreement** between Mercer County Community College and Thomas University and form the basis of a lasting relationship that will benefit each institution and its students.

  
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Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Thomas University

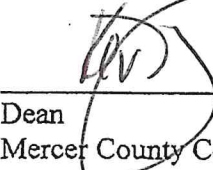
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MLS Program Director  
Thomas University


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President  
Mercer County Community College

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MLT Program Director  
Mercer County Community College

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## **Articulation Agreement Between**

Mercer County Community College Medical Laboratory Technology Program and Thomas University.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to set guidelines for establishing a cooperative relationship between Mercer County Community College and Thomas University and to facilitate mobility of students who have completed their associate degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, and desire now to complete a baccalaureate degree in Medical Laboratory Science.

### **Agreement**

**Whereas** Mercer County Community College and Thomas University are committed to expanding educational opportunities for Medical Laboratory Technicians.

**Whereas** the two institutions are committed to providing a smooth transition for students wishing to earn an associate degree and a baccalaureate degree, and

**Whereas** the intent of the two institutions is to avoid duplication of curricula where appropriate within articulated programs of study, and

**Whereas** the two institutions can better serve the educational growth of students and the economic development of the community through cooperative educational planning and optimal utilization of community resources, and

**Be it Resolved** that this agreement commits the partners to fully support an articulation process between similar academic programs offered by the two institutions.

### **Mutual Terms and Conditions**

1. Both educational institutions will cooperate toward developing, disseminating and presenting the articulated program information to students.
2. Graduates of the Mercer County Community College program who have completed the associate degree with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or better and have achieved the MLT credential will automatically be accepted into the baccalaureate program at Thomas University.

Those with a GPA of less than 2.75 will be considered for admission to the Biomedical Laboratory Science program.

3. Students transferring from Mercer County Community College may transfer up to a maximum of 79 credit hours toward their baccalaureate degree upon the successful completion of the MCCC MLT program. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at Thomas University to be eligible for a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.
4. Students are subject to the policies and procedures of both institutions.
5. Students intending to transfer should complete the admissions process for Thomas University following the final semester of their associate degree program.
6. A Curriculum Equivalency Guide will be created by Mercer County Community College and Thomas University to identify courses that will effectively transfer and prepare Mercer County Community College students for success in the Thomas University program.
7. Mercer County Community College and Thomas University will enter into a Financial Aid Consortium by complying with the necessary information sharing, to entitle students in these programs to the appropriate federal, state and institutional assistance. This process includes annual reporting of tuition fees and academic calendar dates.
8. Both parties will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and all associated regulations, taking the necessary steps to ensure that confidential personal information is not disclosed or distributed.
9. All parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed and National origin, and other applicable laws as well as the provision of the American Disabilities Act.
10. To the extent permitted by law, Mercer County Community College and Thomas University shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless its agents and employees from any claims, demands or causes of action arising out of negligent acts or omissions of duty.
11. The term of this agreement is for three years from the date of execution and shall automatically renew for successive one year periods unless a party gives notice of non-renewal 12 months in advance of the expiration of the applicable term.
12. Both institutions Mercer County Community College and Thomas University may at any time initiate changes to this articulation agreement. Both institutions reserve the right to modify programs as deemed necessary and agree to inform the appropriate individuals of said changes.