

**Institute of Agricultural Technology**  
**Michigan State University**  
**and**  
**Lansing Community College**  
**Consortium Program in Agricultural Technology**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The Institute of Agricultural Technology at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (referred to as 'IAT' or "MSU") in cooperation with Lansing Community College ("LCC") agree to make available the IAT certificate programs referenced in Exhibit A and LCC's Associate in Applied Science Degree ("AASD") to the students of both institutions (jointly called "Program"). The Program will allow students to begin their educational experience at either institution. Subject to complying with LCC's admission requirements, MSU students may transfer credits earned through the IAT certificate programs towards an AASD at LCC. Likewise, LCC students, subject to complying with IAT admission requirements, may transfer the credits earned from taking general education courses at LCC towards the IAT certificate programs. While the Program is designed to be completed in two to three years, the length of time may vary depending on the number of courses chosen by the student and the need for prerequisite or general education courses. The students will be expected to meet the graduation requirements determined by LCC for an AASD and the requirements for IAT certificate programs as determined by MSU. This Program will be implemented in the Fall of 2008.

**II. ADMISSION**

Students may enter the Program through one of two pathways. A student may begin taking general education courses at LCC, and apply to the IAT for admission to a specific program as outlined below. Alternatively, students may be admitted first to a specific certificate program in the IAT and then decide to enter the Program to receive an AASD from LCC.

**A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO MSU**

MSU will review applications and admit students into a specific program according to standards and policies set forth by the IAT. Maximum enrollment is program dependent and each program usually accepts 25 to 40 students per year. Applicants may be required to participate in an assessment and selection process.

**B. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO LCC**

LCC will admit students with appropriate preparation according to the open admissions policy as set forth in the LCC catalog and by the LCC

Enrollment Services Office. Basic skills assessment tests in reading, writing, and mathematics will be required prior to enrolling in general education classes. Other options to meet basic skill prerequisites are outlined in the LCC catalog or at the LCC web site [www.lcc.edu/catalog/policies\\_procedures/admissions.htm#assessment](http://www.lcc.edu/catalog/policies_procedures/admissions.htm#assessment). Students completing general education courses at LCC who wish to matriculate in the Program will be expected to make a formal application to the Program.

### **C. ENROLLMENT STATUS**

Students who begin their education at LCC will register, pay fees, and receive financial aid from LCC as long as they are taking courses only at LCC. LCC students who begin taking courses at the IAT must register, pay fees and will receive financial aid from MSU. For students pursuing an AASD, there may be semesters when courses will be taken at both institutions. In that instance, students will be required to register and pay fees at each respective institution.

## **III. STUDENT ACCESS**

### **A. ACCESS TO MSU AND LCC FACILITIES**

Students accepted into and in good financial and academic standing with the IAT certificate program, regardless of enrollment as LCC students, will be granted those privileges provided to MSU students. Amenities include, but are not limited to, housing, commuter parking, libraries, athletic facilities, student organizations, athletic tickets, and special events. Health care coverage is available through MSU with the purchase of a health card from Olin Health Center. Students, enrolled in this Program will also be eligible for a LCC student ID permitting facility utilization, library use, and other student opportunities associated with LCC student status. Students will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of both institutions.

### **B. FINANCIAL AID**

Under this Agreement, the responsibility for providing financial aid will be a shared arrangement. LCC will assume the responsibility of processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid for those students who qualify for aid prior to the initiation of their MSU course work. LCC will also be responsible for monitoring student eligibility, monitoring satisfactory academic progress, refund/repay calculations, record retention and reporting including the National Student Loan Data System and FISAP. When students are admitted to the Program at both institutions and begin MSU course work, MSU will assume the responsibility of processing, awarding and disbursing financial aid, to the extent that the students are eligible at MSU for financial assistance as a part of the broad consortial commitment of the Program. MSU also will assume responsibility for monitoring student eligibility, monitoring satisfactory academic progress, refund/repay calculations, record retention and reporting including the National Student Loan

Data System and FISAP when students are admitted to the Program at both institutions. Financial aid refunds received by students through MSU may be used to help cover the costs of tuition and fees for coursework at LCC. Once students complete the certificate program, LCC will process the financial aid for any student still matriculating at LCC to complete the AASD.

MSU will notify LCC of any dually-enrolled students receiving financial aid through this Agreement so that they will not be dropped for non-payment prior to the start of the semester and so that LCC may provide MSU with hours of enrollment changes, including drops and withdrawals, and grades received for the enrolled classes at the end of the semester.

#### **IV. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

##### **A. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

Students enrolled in the Program are required to comply with the academic standards set forth by the MSU policy for maintaining good academic standing. Students also will be required to meet the academic standards at LCC. If the MSU and LCC standards differ, the more demanding of the two shall apply. The students' GPA will be monitored by the IAT and by LCC. The IAT will provide the LCC Registrar with a copy of each student's academic performance. These reports will be made within 10 days of the MSU grade reporting deadline for each respective semester. Similarly, LCC will provide IAT with academic performance reports, within 10 days after the end of each LCC semester, of the students enrolled in the Program that have taken courses at LCC.

Any student whose academic record does not meet one or more of the requirements to remain in good academic standing is subject to appropriate academic action.

In the event that the student meets LCC's academic status requirements but is recommended for dismissal from the Program based on MSU general or program requirements, the student will have the option to apply as an LCC student outside the Program. In this case, the student would receive general science transfer credit for all IAT courses with an earned grade of 2.0 or higher.

##### **B. DEGREE OPTIONS**

Students enrolled in the Program will work toward an AASD. The degree will be awarded by LCC upon the student's successful completion of the curriculum approved by both institutions. A minimum of 60 semester credits is required for the AASD. To qualify for the AASD, students must successfully complete a minimum of 20 semester credits of general educational courses through LCC and a minimum of 40 credits of IAT course work through MSU.

## **V. OPTIONS AND SECTIONS.**

### **A. COURSE OFFERINGS**

Both LCC and MSU will strive to keep each other informed about significant changes in courses included in the Program.

### **B. GENERAL**

This Agreement will be reviewed by each institution every three years. Either institution may dissolve the Agreement upon giving notice of one full semester in advance and upon appropriate notification to enrolled students. Students impacted by a dissolution will have the opportunity to complete, in the intended time frame, the Program in place at the time of their admission.

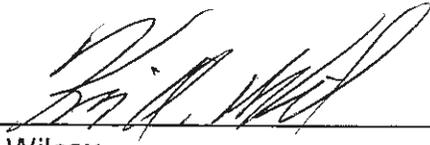
## **INDEMNIFICATION**

To the extent permitted by law, each party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify, defend and hold the other party (the "Indemnified Party"), harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses, including but not limited to, attorney fees asserted by any third party, whether or not represented by a final judgment, for such claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses which arise out of or result from, in any way, a student's participation in or a party's operation of the Program on its campus or in its facilities, except to the extent of the Indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The provisions of this paragraph shall include, but not be limited to, any such claims, damage, loss, liability, cost or expense which:

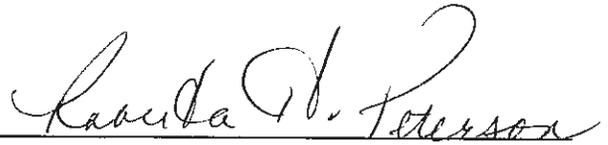
1. is attributable to bodily injury, illness, or death;
2. is attributable to any other personal injury including, but not limited to, libel, slander, product disparagement or invasion of privacy;
3. is attributable to injury or to destruction of property, and is caused by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of the student.

The Indemnified Party agrees that the Indemnifying Party shall have sole and exclusive control over the defense and settlement of any such third party claim. However, the Indemnifying Party shall not acquiesce to any judgment or enter into any settlement that adversely affects the Indemnified Party's rights or interests without prior written consent of the Indemnified Party. The Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Indemnifying Party of any such claim of which it becomes aware and shall: (a) at the Indemnifying Party's expense, provide reasonable cooperation to the Indemnifying Party, in connection with the defense or settlement of any such claim, and (b) at the Indemnified Party's expense, be entitled to participate in the defense of any such claim. Failure of the Indemnified Party to give prompt notice of any claim shall not relieve such party of its indemnification obligation, except to the extent of liability that would have been avoided had prompt notice been given. This indemnification provision shall survive the termination, expiration or completion of the Program.

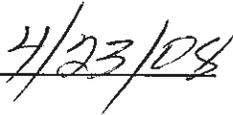
Therefore, in support of the Consortium Program in Agricultural Technology, Michigan State University and Lansing Community College are signatories to this agreement.



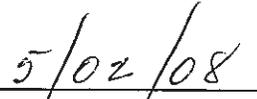
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## **Appendix A – Program Offerings**

Listed in Alphabetical Order:

Agricultural Industries

Beef Cattle Management

Dairy Production

Horse Management

Organic Farming

Swine Management

Turfgrass Management: Golf Emphasis

Turfgrass Management: Sports and Commercial Turf Emphasis

## Appendix B –

### LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULUM GUIDE

Agricultural Technology  
Associate in Applied Science Degree

Curriculum Code: xxxx (Effective Fall 2008 - Summer 2013)

The agricultural technology program is designed to train individuals to work in agri-business. This program is offered through a joint agreement between Lansing Community College (LCC) and the Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology (IAT). Concentrations within this degree include Dairy Management, Beef Cattle Management, Horse Management, Swine Management, Turf Grass/Golf, Turf Grass/Sports and Commercial, Agricultural Industries and Organic Farming.

Students may enter this curriculum in one of two ways. A student may begin at LCC, taking general education classes, and apply to the IAT for admittance to one of the specific concentrations listed above. Alternatively students may be admitted first to a specific Certificate program in the IAT and then decide to enter the joint program to receive the AAS degree. **Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges.** Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor or counselor before enrolling in any course.

#### PREREQUISITES

Students should see Course Descriptions or Course Offerings for course prerequisite information. See the Assessment and Placement Testing section for skills assessment and advising information.

#### INFORMATION

Contact the Science Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 301, telephone number (517) 483-1092 or the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology at 517-355-0190 (517) 353-7267 or Counseling and Advising Center, Gannon Building, Room 204, telephone number (517) 483-1904.

#### LIMITED CHOICE REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL: 60-66 CREDITS**

Complete the indicated number of credits from EACH CHOICE listed below.

#### CHOICE 1: General Education Core Areas

**16-21 Credits**

(See General Education Core Requirements for information on how to fulfill these requirements. Core area proficiency exams, where appropriate, are available for each core area.)

Communication Core Area (See Note 1)	3-4
Global Perspectives and Diversity Core Area (See Note 2)	3-4
Mathematics Core Area	3-5
Science Core Area (See Note 3)	4-5
Writing Core Area (See Note 4)	3-4

#### CHOICE 2: Electives

**0-4 Credits**

Choose any Lansing Community College (LCC) class or classes so that the total number of credits taken at LCC is 20 or more per college policy.

#### CHOICE 3: MSU Agricultural Technology Courses (See Note 5)

**40-45 Credits**

Required Agricultural Technology courses taken at Michigan State University

**MINIMUM TOTAL**

**60**

NOTES:

1. Students may choose any approved Communication core course. SPCH 110, SPCH 120 or SPCH 130 is recommended.
2. Students may choose any approved Global Perspectives and Diversity core course. ECON 260, GEOG 200, MGMT 234, ADMN 275, POLS 260, SOCL 120 or SOCL 260 is recommended.
3. Students may choose any approved Science core course. BIOL 120, BIOL 145 or CHEM 135 is recommended.
4. Students may choose any approved Writing core course. WRIT 124 or WRIT 127 is recommended for students do not intend to enter a Bachelor's program. WRIT 121 is recommended for those who do.
5. Specific Agricultural Technology courses are necessary to fulfill this requirement. These courses must be taken at Michigan State University.