



UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

JOHN MELVIN UNIVERSITY

CROWLEY, LOUISIANA

AND



JOHN MELVIN
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA



JOHN MELVIN
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

LONGWOOD, FLORIDA



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Between

John Melvin University, LLC

Crowley, Louisiana

And

John Melvin Christian College of Northwest Florida, LLC

Pensacola, Florida

And

John Melvin Christian College of Central Florida, LLC

Longwood, Florida

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This University Affiliation and Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on August **1, 2025**, by and between **John Melvin University, LLC ("JMU")**, located in Crowley, Louisiana, and **John Melvin Christian College of Northwest Florida, LLC ("JMCC-NWFL")** and **John Melvin Christian College of Central Florida, LLC ("JMCC-CFL")**, collectively referred to herein as the "Affiliate Institutions."

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a formal academic affiliation and articulation relationship between the parties for the advancement of higher education opportunities, student success, academic quality, and institutional growth while maintaining each institution's separate legal identity.

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

The parties desire to create a collaborative educational partnership that:

1. Expands educational opportunities for students.
2. Facilitates the transfer and articulation of academic credits.
3. Promotes shared academic standards and quality assurance.
4. Provides pathways for degree completion and advanced study.
5. Enhances student services and co-curricular opportunities.
6. Strengthens Christian higher education through a shared mission and vision.
7. Supports athletic, leadership, ministry, and workforce development initiatives.

ARTICLE II

AFFILIATION RELATIONSHIP

The Affiliate Institutions acknowledge that they are part of the broader John Melvin educational network and agree to collaborate in advancing the mission of Christian higher education.

The parties recognize a common commitment to:

- Academic excellence
- Christian values and character development
- Student success
- Community engagement
- Leadership development
- Faith-based education

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a merger of the institutions. Each institution shall maintain its own legal status, governance structure, financial records, and operational responsibilities unless otherwise agreed in writing.

ARTICLE III ARTICULATION OF ACADEMIC CREDIT

Section 3.1 Transferability

JMU agrees to recognize and accept academic credits earned at JMCC institutions, subject to the standards outlined herein.

JMCC institutions agree to recognize and accept academic credits earned at JMU, subject to institutional policies and applicable accreditation requirements.

Section 3.2 General Education Courses

Courses successfully completed with a grade of "C" or higher shall generally transfer between institutions when substantially equivalent in:

- Learning outcomes
- Course content
- Credit hours
- Academic rigor
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Section 3.3 Associate-to-Bachelor Pathways

Students who complete an Associate Degree at either JMCC institution may transfer into an appropriate Bachelor's Degree program at JMU with junior standing, subject to program-specific requirements.

Section 3.4 Bachelor's-to-Master's Pathways

Students who complete a Bachelor's Degree at any participating institution may apply for admission into graduate-level programs offered within the affiliated system according to institutional admissions standards.

Section 3.5 Maximum Transfer Credit

The receiving institution reserves the right to determine the maximum number of transfer credits accepted in accordance with institutional policy and accreditation requirements.

ARTICLE IV

ACADEMIC PROGRAM COLLABORATION

The parties agree to collaborate in the development and delivery of academic programs, including but not limited to:

- Theology and Biblical Studies
- Christian Leadership
- Christian Counseling
- Christian Coaching
- Business Administration
- Sports Management
- Kinesiology
- Sports Psychology
- Ministry Studies
- Education and Workforce Development Programs

The institutions may jointly develop:

- Degree programs
- Certificate programs
- Continuing education programs
- Dual enrollment opportunities
- Professional certifications
- Online learning initiatives

ARTICLE V

STUDENT SERVICES COOPERATION

The institutions may cooperate in providing:

- Academic advising
- Enrollment services
- Library resources
- Career development
- Student success initiatives
- Ministry opportunities
- Leadership development programs
- Student activities
- Athletic participation opportunities

Students enrolled at an Affiliate Institution may be permitted access to certain services and activities offered by another Affiliate Institution, subject to applicable policies.

ARTICLE VI

FACULTY AND STAFF COLLABORATION

The parties agree to encourage collaboration among faculty and staff through:

- Joint professional development
- Shared training opportunities
- Academic committees
- Curriculum development

- Research initiatives
- Conference participation
- Guest lectures and instructional support

Faculty qualifications shall remain subject to institutional and accreditation requirements.

ARTICLE VII

ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR COOPERATION

The institutions may collaborate in:

- Athletic competitions
- Student leadership initiatives
- Campus ministry programs
- Community service projects
- Conferences and special events
- Student recruitment initiatives

Participation shall remain subject to conference, association, and institutional regulations.

ARTICLE VIII

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND COMPLIANCE

Each institution shall maintain responsibility for:

- Academic integrity
- Student records
- Regulatory compliance
- Accreditation compliance
- Financial accountability
- Faculty credentialing

Nothing in this Agreement shall require either party to violate applicable state, federal, or accrediting agency regulations.

ARTICLE IX

USE OF NAME, BRAND, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The parties acknowledge the value of the John Melvin educational brand and agree that:

1. Authorized use of names, trademarks, logos, curriculum, and intellectual property shall be permitted within the scope of this Agreement.
2. All intellectual property remains the property of its respective owner.
3. Unauthorized use of institutional names, trademarks, or materials is prohibited.
4. Brand standards established by the owning entity shall be followed by all affiliated institutions.

ARTICLE X

DATA SHARING AND STUDENT RECORDS

The parties may share student information as necessary to facilitate transfer, enrollment, advising, and student success initiatives, provided that all information sharing complies with:

- FERPA

- Applicable state laws
- Institutional privacy policies

ARTICLE XI

FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP

Unless otherwise established through a separate management, licensing, or services agreement, each institution shall remain financially independent.

Nothing herein shall obligate either party to provide financial support to another party.

Any shared services, licensing fees, management fees, or revenue-sharing arrangements shall be governed by separate written agreements.

ARTICLE XII

TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by all parties and shall remain in effect for five (5) years.

The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms unless terminated by either party.

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other parties.

Termination shall not affect students already enrolled under established articulation pathways.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended only through a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of all parties.

ARTICLE XIV

GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the State of Florida, as applicable.

ARTICLE XV

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding affiliation and articulation and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and understandings related thereto.