

**PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
BETWEEN  
**REND LAKE COLLEGE**  
**INA, ILLINOIS**  
AND  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE**  
**CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS**

In an effort to provide a continued, articulated higher education baccalaureate degree program that will build on community college and university learning experiences, and also eliminate duplication of instruction, this agreement is set forth between Rend Lake College and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University on behalf of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC).

1. All graduates of Rend Lake College with the major listed below and meeting SIUC entrance requirements will receive preferential admission status, based on space availability, into SIUC's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Information Systems Technologies (IST) program in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts:

(a) AAS in Office Systems Technology/Microcomputer Support Specialist

2. A Rend Lake College graduate receiving an AAS Degree in Microcomputer Support Specialist will be accepted for the Capstone Option and admission to SIUC's IST program if the following are met:

- (a) a minimum of 60 transferable hours to SIUC
- (b) an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.25 or above (4.0 scale) on all accredited work received prior to the awarding of the AAS degree as calculated by SIUC's grading regulations
- (c) the completion of at least 12 hours of transferable University Core Curriculum (general education) credit including English Composition with a grade of "C" or better at Rend Lake College.

Acceptance into the Capstone program guarantees the AAS degree recipient in one of the programs listed above at Rend Lake College completion of the IST degree with a total of no more than 60 semester hours of work at SIUC. Rend Lake College students must complete the SIUC Capstone Application (separate from the admissions application) to be admitted to this Option.

3. Rend Lake College graduates receiving an AAS degree with a minimum of 60 transferable hours to SIUC in one of the majors listed above with less than a 2.25 overall GPA, but with an overall GPA of 2.0 to 2.24 (on all accredited work received prior to the awarding of the AAS degree using SIUC's grading regulations) will be eligible for preferential admission based on space availability to the IST program at SIUC. These students may require more than 60 semester hours to complete their Information Systems Technologies Bachelor of Science degree.

4. Rend Lake College students transferring to the IST baccalaureate degree program at

SIUC who have not completed all of their AAS degree requirements at Rend Lake College will have their related coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis by the appropriate SIUC program.

5. Students will be required to complete 60 senior institution hours and at least 120 hours with an overall GPA of 2.0 to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in IST. Coursework may include University Core Curriculum as well as IST at SIUC major courses.
6. An SIUC Information Systems Technologies representative will communicate periodically with Rend Lake College personnel in the majors listed above for general advisement and degree planning purposes.
7. Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, and following all policies and regulations stated in the program and university guidelines, Rend Lake College students will be eligible to receive the Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems Technologies, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
8. Should changes occur in course or program content, the school making the change agrees to notify the other school in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be given at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the semester when the change is implemented.

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