

## Types of Articulation Agreements

The following are examples of agreements and/or infrastructures that facilitate students' movement from one academic level to another:

- **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum:** The MnTC is the result of a collaborative effort by all of the two- and four-year public colleges and universities in Minnesota to help students transfer their work in lower-division general education.
- **Course Articulation:** Course articulation is the process of developing a formal, written agreement that identifies courses (or sequences of courses) from an institution that are comparable to, or acceptable in lieu of, specific course requirements at another institution. Appendix D shows an example of course articulation within MnSCU two-year colleges child development programs. Appendix H *E-LECT Articulation Agreement* also shows course articulation amongst the E-LECT (e-learning for early childhood teachers) in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities two-year colleges.
- **Guaranteed admission:** a contractual agreement between institutions. Students who meet and maintain stated admission and major requirements are guaranteed admission to a specific college or university.
- **2+2:** Pathway agreement between a community college and 4-year university designed so that students can earn associate's and bachelor's degrees without any loss of credits. Appendix A *Early Childhood Education and Care Articulation Agreements* shows examples of current 2+2 articulation agreements. Appendix G shows an actual example of an articulation agreement.
- **2+2+1:** Pathway agreement between a community college and university designed so that students can earn associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees with transfer of all credits.
- **4+2+2:** Pathway agreement developed among a secondary school, community college, and 4-year institution designed so that students can earn associate's and bachelor's degrees with transfer of all credits.
- **Program to program approach:** Agreements formed between individual institutions that guarantee transfer of specific credits from identified programs at sending institutions to receiving institutions.
- **Institution to institution:** Agreements formed between institutions that guarantee transfer of specific credits from the sending institution to the receiving institution.