This agreement of articulation made and entered into this 18th day of September 2025

By and between:

BUTLER COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL SCHOOL

And

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL OF TRADES

Where, Butler County Area Vocational & Technical School (BCAVTS) and the New Castle School of Trades (NCST) have agreed and wish this document to serve as a memorandum of their agreement concerning cooperation related to advanced standing credit for graduates of the BCAVTS who successfully completed the **Welding Program** and wishing to pursue their careers in the Combination Welding Program at the New Castle School of Trades. To this end, the Administration of the New Castle School of Trades and Butler County Area Vocational & Technical School hereby agree as follows:

1. The objective of this agreement is to assist graduates of BCAVTS who wish to enroll in the Combination Welding Program at the New Castle School of Trades to increase their career potential and technical skills before entering the job market by receiving the opportunity for advanced standing credit in pursuit of a Diploma in their chosen career of welding.

2. Graduates of the BCAVTS Welding Program will receive credit for the first quarter (240 hours) of the Combination Welding Program (1200 hours) at NCST if the following conditions are met:

    a. Applicants for advanced standing credit must meet the admission requirements of NCST and register as a student.

    b. A high school transcript and request for advanced standing credit must be submitted to an Admissions Representative of NCST.

    c. Application for advanced standing credit must be made within two years of graduation from BCAVTS. When more than two years have elapsed, evaluation and acceptance of advanced standing credit shall be at the discretion of the appropriate NCST official.

    d. The graduate of BCAVTS must have graduated with a 3.0 (B) or higher G.P.A and with a B or higher grade in Welding.

- **In receiving credit for the first quarter of training, students will receive a grade of TR (transfer of credit) for the following courses in Combination Welding: W150 SMAW & Cutting – 4 credits; W151 SMAW & Cutting Lab – 7 credits; and M180 Trade Math – 4 credits.**

The above conditions and statements are agreed upon by the following signatures:

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL OF TRADES

Anthony Giovannelli: Education Director

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BCAVTS Administrator