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Lake Land, U of I cooperate for articulation pact

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MATTOON - Lake Land College and the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign have developed an articulation agreement for graduates of Lake Land's agriculture program, according to a college press release.

"This is a groundbreaking agreement and we are thrilled to create this partnership with the University of Illinois," Lake Land College President Scott Lensink said.

Lake Land agriculture students can now complete a bachelor's degree in two additional years at the U of I. The articulation agreement spells out the specific classes the four-year college prefers Lake Land students to complete in order to ensure that they transfer in at a junior status.

"This agreement was a result of joint interest by the University of Illinois and Lake Land College to develop a seamless transfer to the University's College of Agricultural and Consumer Environmental Sciences (ACES)," said Curt Rincker, agriculture division chair. "Lake Land College has historically been one of the U of I's largest transfer colleges in the College of ACES."

Rincker and Maria Boerngen, agriculture transfer adviser, along with other faculty members' efforts, made this articulation agreement available to the college's students to further pursue their education.

"Usually the U of I likes to evaluate on a class-by-class basis, so for them to accept an agreement speaks highly of our agriculture program," said Jim Hull, vice president of academic services. "This is a testimonial of our excellent agriculture faculty."

Lake Land has numerous articulation agreements with several universities and colleges. The agreements are targeted at both traditional transfer programs and technical/career programs.

For a full list of articulation agreements, visit <http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/transfer/2plus2-transfer.htm>