

Teach-Out vs. Articulation Agreement Explanation

Because Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology counts your progress in **clock hours** and Spartanburg Community College (SCC) counts progress in **college credit hours**, these two options affect your timeline very differently.

1. What is a Teach-Out Agreement? (The Seamless Path)

A Teach-Out Agreement is a special, protected partnership between schools specifically designed for campus closures. We have this agreement with Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology in Greenville as well as Paul Mitchell the School-Greenville.

- **How it works:** The receiving school agrees to a blanket acceptance of **all** the clock hours you have earned.
- **The Goal:** To make sure you do not lose a single day of time or a single dollar, allowing you to finish *only* the remaining hours you have left.

2. What is SCC's Articulation Agreement? (The Transfer Path)

An Articulation Agreement is a standard college transfer pathway. SCC has generously offered this to recognize the knowledge you have gained, but it follows regular college transfer rules rather than closure rules.

- **How it works:** SCC will recognize the academic subjects you have passed. However, it **cannot** directly accept your clock hours.
- **The Catch:** You must formally apply to SCC as a transfer student, match your completed chapters into their fixed semester courses, and fulfill their mandatory transfer policy. According to SCC, the registrar evaluates transcripts after the student has been accepted. SCC students do not sign enrollment agreements and they have an add/drop period once classes begin. If they do not sit in class, their classes are dropped with no charge to the student. Once the student is accepted, they have time to withdraw their application and registration if they are not satisfied with the transfer evaluation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: If I choose to transfer to SCC under the Articulation Agreement, will all my hours count?

A: No. SCC's transfer policy cannot accept standard clock hours. While they will recognize the academic content you learned and were tested on, your total hours will not transfer 1:1, and you will be placed into their credit-hour semester system.

Q: Will I have to retake any classes at SCC?

A: You might. SCC groups chapters into larger course blocks. If you only completed a portion of the chapters required for a specific SCC course, you will not receive partial credit and will have to retake that entire course block. For example, COS 101 consists of six chapters. If you have completed 3 out of those 6 chapters, then you will have to take COS 101 again if you transfer. However, if you have completed all 6 chapters, then you would not need to take COS 101 again. Meeting with their Admissions Department is the best way to determine the number of courses and semesters you would need in order to complete their program.

Q: Can I just go to SCC for a few weeks to finish up my remaining hours?

A: No. SCC has a mandatory residency rule stating that you must complete at least 25% of your program (essentially one full semester) with them to earn a diploma, regardless of how close you were to finishing at our school.

Q: Will my financial aid (Pell Grants or student loans) automatically transfer to SCC?

A: No, financial aid does not transfer automatically. You will need to log into your FAFSA account and add SCC's school code (**003994**) to your current application. Because SCC runs on semesters instead of clock hours, their financial aid office will have to recalculate what aid you are eligible to receive based on their tuition costs.

Q: What is Kenneth Shuler School of Cosmetology doing next to help me?

A: Our primary goal is to protect your time and money. We have secured true Teach-Out Agreements with two institutions that can accept 100% of your clock hours seamlessly, so you can graduate as quickly and affordably as possible. The Articulation Agreement with SCC is a completely separate option.

Q: I want to finish my education at SCC, what do I need to do now?

A: Speak with your School Director and complete a new Student Exit Pathway form and choose Option 4 for the Pro rata refund. Once completed, we will provide you with an official transcript so that you can meet with SCC on your own terms.