

UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS

Memorandum of Agreement

Between

University of the Cumberland

and

Northeast State Community College (“NESCC”)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to facilitate a seamless and supportive transfer process for (Partner School) students to University of the Cumberland (UC) in continued pursuit of their academic aspirations. The goal of this MOA is to define and facilitate the terms by which UC will accept specific college credit hours earned at NESCC.

This MOA serves as the first phase of advancing seamless transfer and makes a promise to NESCC and its students, that UC is committed to them. It demonstrates that UC has made great strides to offer incoming transfer students a clear pathway, an affordable education, and a transformative student experience as they received at NESCC.

PROVISIONS

1. UC and NESCC will work together to increase the persistence of our students toward completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees, providing NESCC students interested in matriculating to UC with access to admissions and advising resources while they are completing an associate degree at NESCC.
2. UC will grant credit for all college-level work in which a passing grade is earned. Remedial courses are not transferable. Grades lower than ‘C’ will not be accepted in courses which apply toward the student’s major. Grades of P will be accepted as passing for the purposes of transfer.
3. Students who have completed an Associate degree with a minimum of 30 hours of coursework that satisfies each of the SACSCOC and UC required general education areas are considered to have completed University of the Cumberland baccalaureate general education requirements in full with the recommendation of one religion course if the transcript does not already include a religion course. NESCC will indicate, either on the transcript or as an attachment to the transcript, whether the student is Fully Certified in general education. NESCC will indicate on the transcript the conferral of an Associate degree. Students who transfer to University of the Cumberland with an Associate of Applied Science or an Associate of Fine Arts degree but without general education certification will be/may be required to complete University of the Cumberland general education curriculum and NESCC courses will be evaluated on a course-by-course and general education basis.
4. In support of this institutional agreement, UC and NESCC will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit.
5. General education courses may be required at UC if the courses are required for the major or are a prerequisite for a major course.
6. UC will maintain a transfer credit policy that allows flexibility for students transferring either before completing their associate's degree (<51 hours) or after (>=51 hours).
7. Collegiate-level coursework completed with a grade of ‘D’ or higher may transfer toward elective credit, consistent with UC policy. Courses applied toward a student’s major or program requirements must meet the minimum grade requirements established by UC for all students in the same academic program.

8. Transfer students who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution of higher education will be considered for admission according to the admission policy and standards of UC, according to catalog requirements.
9. NESCC students who transfer to UC will be offered the financial incentives available to all UC students as follows:
 - a. Tuition based on per credit hour plan
 - b. No application fee
 - c. No transfer evaluation fees
 - d. Free textbooks
 - e. No technology or lab fees for coursework
 - f. Academic support resources provided free of charge
 - g. No conferral fee

COMMITMENTS

University of the Cumberland will:

1. Have an admissions counselor or contact available to assist students in the transfer process and will attend transfer events at NESCC when possible.
2. Provide connections to UC advisors for NESCC students.

NESCC will:

1. NESCC will invite UC to participate in any events deemed relevant for partnership purposes, such as transfer fairs.
2. As needed, NESCC will encourage interested students to engage with any relevant on-campus student, academic support services (e.g. writing centers) for assistance with their writing on the essay portions of the UC transfer application for admission.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

1. Written notice of intention to terminate, modify, or withdraw from this articulation agreement will be submitted by the administrative or academic head of either institution at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of termination/withdrawal. Should a decision be made to modify or dissolve this agreement, students who are already attending UC at the time will be permitted to continue as long as their academic performance remains in good standing.
2. This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed and remain in effect for three years from the date below. After three years, the agreement may be renewed with or without modification by mutual agreement of both NESCC and UC.
3. This agreement may be amended only by the written consent of NESCC and UC.

IV. SIGNATURE APPROVALS

Dr. Quentin Young
President, University of the Cumberlands

Date Signed

Dr. Jeff McCord
President, Northeast State Community College

Date Signed

Dr. Flora Tydings
Chancellor, Tennessee Board of Regents

Date Signed