

Memorandum of Agreement Between The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) And Sandhills Community College (SCC)

Purpose:

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a partnership between The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (hereafter "UNCP") and Sandhills Community College (hereafter "SCC") to create a Guaranteed Admission Program (hereafter "Program"). The Program is designed to provide SCC students with a guaranteed pathway to transfer to UNCP after completing an associate's degree.

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, located in Pembroke, NC is a four-year public university and part of the University of North Carolina system. UNC Pembroke is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral level degrees.

Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, NC, is a two-year public community college and part of the North Carolina Community College System. Sandhills Community College is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Program Description:

The Guaranteed Admission Program aims to simplify and streamline the transfer process for SCC students who wish to continue their education at UNCP. The Program includes early admission to UNCP, academic advising, access to UNCP resources, and co-curricular engagement opportunities, ensuring that students are well-prepared to succeed at the university level. Specifically, the Program offers:

- **Guaranteed Admission:** Students who meet the Program requirements will be granted guaranteed early admission to UNCP. Several programs at UNCP have additional admission requirements (i.e. Nursing, Social Work, Music, Musical Theater, and Art). Students cannot be guaranteed admission into an academic program with additional admission requirements.
- **Advising Support:** SCC students will receive pre-transfer advising from both SCC and UNCP to ensure they meet all academic requirements and are on track to earn their SCC degree as well as for successful transfer.
- **Access to Resources:** Program participants will have access to UNCP's online tools, special webinars, and access to campus events prior to their transfer.
- **Engagement Opportunities:** Students will be invited to participate in UNCP academic clubs, participate in leadership workshops, and attend special events at UNCP.

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Program Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Guaranteed Admission Program, SCC students must:

1. **Enrollment:** Be currently enrolled in an associate's degree program at SCC that aligns with transfer to a four-year institution.
2. **Application:** Submit an application for admission to UNCP.
3. **Good Standing:** Maintain good academic and disciplinary standing at SCC.
4. **Degree Completion:** Intend to complete an associate's degree from SCC.
5. **GPA Requirement:** Achieve and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
6. **Transfer Timeline:** Enroll at UNCP within one academic year (within the next two regular terms) after completing their associate's degree at SCC.

Responsibilities of Sandhills Community College (SCC):

- **Student Support:** Provide students with information about the Program and confirm they meet the necessary academic and conduct standards.
- **Advising:** Offer advising services to assist students in preparing for their transfer to UNCP.
- **Promotion:** Promote the Guaranteed Admission Program to eligible students.

Responsibilities of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP):

- **Guaranteed Admission:** Offer guaranteed admission to SCC students who meet the Program requirements.
- **Pre-Transfer Support:** Coordinate with partners at SCC, provide pre-transfer advising, access to academic resources, and opportunities for engagement in the UNCP community.
- **Orientation:** Facilitate the transition for transfer students through orientation and other support services.

Joint Responsibilities:

The parties grant each other a non-exclusive, non-transferrable license to use each other's trademarks and service marks in furtherance of the guaranteed admissions program coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to SCC students and alumni. Use of trademarks, service marks, and logos will comply with the use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at termination or expiration of this Articulation Agreement. Neither party grants the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or service marks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or service marks.

The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details of accomplishing its own obligations under this Program Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives, or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives, or employees of the other.

A duly authorized representative of each party may execute this Program Agreement, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.

This agreement will be reviewed and revised, at a minimum, of every 3 years. NOTE: The Director of Undergraduate Admissions will be responsible for revising all existing guaranteed admissions program agreements.

FERPA & Data Sharing

For the purposes of administering the Program and disclosing student education records to each other, partner institutions shall be deemed school officials of the other institution under FERPA.

To uphold student privacy and data security, no personal identifying information (PII) will be shared through email or any shared files. Only academic information relevant to advising, registration, and student progress will be exchanged.

Duration of Agreement:

This MOA shall be effective from the date of signature and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Either party may terminate this agreement with 60 days' written notice. UNCP will honor offers of admissions having been made in writing to all students at the time of program termination.

Contacts for Coordination:

Each party will notify the other party of any changes in the contacts. Contacts for each institution for the purpose of executing this agreement are:

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Official Signatures

Each party has caused this agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives as of October xx, 2024:

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President
Sandhills Community College