East Carolina University & Sandhills Community College
Pirate Promise Agreement

East Carolina University (ECU) and Sandhills Community College (SCC) enter into a co-admission agreement designed to improve transfer student access and success through a collaborative baccalaureate degree completion program.

Partnership Objectives:

- Improve access to baccalaureate degree programs.
- Improve transfer retention and graduation rates.
- Provide students with a seamless degree-completion pathway.
- Improved efficiency to degree completion.
- Remove student success barriers.
- Optimize student services and resources.
- Prepare students to succeed in a global society.
- Strengthen the partnership between ECU and SCC.

Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in an Early College, Career and College Promise program or be in their first year of community college enrollment prior to applying for Pirate Promise.
- Submit a completed Pirate Promise application for the available entry term.
- Commit to full-time status (a minimum of 12 semester hours) at SCC unless the student is enrolled in an Early College or Career and College Promise program.
- Students must complete the degree requirements at SCC for an Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA), Associate in Engineering (AE), Associate in Applied Science in Early Childhood Education (AAS), Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), or an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) for the B.S. Industrial Technology or B.S. Construction Management programs.
- Prior to registering for ECU classes, students must submit an admissions application and official transcripts, provide immunization documentation, complete the Campus Safety Questions, and meet admissions requirements as stated in the ECU Undergraduate Catalog (including a cumulative 2.5 minimum GPA).
ECU agrees to provide:

- An established admission procedure and criteria for the Pirate Promise program, including opportunities for holistic reviews.
- Sharing of data as it relates to Pirate Promise students and their performance at ECU. For purposes of the agreement, the parties are considered to be “school officials with legitimate educational interests” under FERPA and may share Pirate Promise student data between them.

Student Benefits:

- Guaranteed admission to ECU (note — admission to certain degree-completion programs are departmental decisions)
- Shared electronic records management system
- Waived ECU application fee
- Joint academic advising
- Joint financial aid counseling and micro-scholarship opportunities
- Access to ECU Libraries
- Access to ECU Transit
- Eligible to purchase an ECU One Card (student ID card)
- Eligible for discounted athletic tickets
- Eligible to purchase a fitness center pass
- Eligible to purchase a student parking permit
- Access to programming through the Office of Student Activities and Organizations at ECU
- Access to Pirate Promise Event days on ECU’s campus

This MOU shall be effective upon the date of the last signature and serves as the basis of the partnership between the institutions. The MOU may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other institution. It is subject to review by both parties every three (3) years.

ECU and SCC commit to maximizing student success and a review every three (3) years of this partnership agreement as stated above.

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