

Memorandum of Understanding

between



Fayetteville Technical Community College

and

North Carolina State University

The logo for North Carolina State University consists of the words "NC STATE UNIVERSITY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, centered within a solid red rectangular background.

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (MOU) is made on April 24, 2023 by and between North Carolina State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College.

The NC State University Strategic Plan outlines an initiative to develop alternative pathways for admission to NC State through the North Carolina Community College System. Additionally, long-range enrollment goals include increased enrollment of transfer students, as well as increased enrollment of rural and low-to-moderate income students. The NC State Community College Collaboration (NC State C3) promotes achievement of these goals and initiatives by offering a transfer pathway for rural, first-generation, and low-to-moderate income students while promoting baccalaureate degree completion and fulfilling NC State's land-grant mission for the citizens of North Carolina.

NC State C3 is a dual-admission program between NC State and a group of community college partners. C3 is intended for high-achieving community college students from low-to-moderate income backgrounds who plan to transfer to NC State after completing their associate degree.

The C3 program creates predictable pathways from North Carolina Community Colleges to NC State, providing North Carolinians affordable access to higher education. C3 also provides program support for students during their time in community college and prepares them for a successful transition to NC State. In doing so, C3 aims to improve degree completion rates at both the associate and baccalaureate level for rural and low-to-moderate income students.

THEREFORE, the parties to this MOU mutually agree as follows:

1. Students admitted into the NC State C3 Program and who are enrolled at Fayetteville Technical Community College receive:
 - Up to 3 years from date of acceptance to the C3 program to complete the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Engineering, Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation, or Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation at Fayetteville Technical Community College

- Dual enrollment at NC State University as a Non-Degree Studies (NDS) student
 - Access to select NC State services consistent with Non-Degree Studies enrollment. (Some services are fee-based and will be unavailable to C3 students). C3 Staff will communicate and provide written information of available services to students.
 - Access to academic advising by designated advisors at Fayetteville Technical Community College and NC State to ensure students select courses to minimize their time to degree completion and optimize academic achievement.
 - Access to the NC State degree planning and degree audit tools
 - Access to financial aid advising and planning provided by NC State financial aid staff, to aid students in maximizing their aid and minimizing student debt as students transition from the community college to NC State
 - Invitation to participate in NC State-sponsored specialized C3 programming designed to build connections at NC State and support their timely and successful completion of their associate and baccalaureate degrees
2. Fayetteville Technical Community College C3 graduates with the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Engineering, Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation, or Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation degree who then matriculate to NC State receive:
- Admission into an NC State undergraduate degree program upon completion of the AA, AS, AATP, ASTP, or AE degree and continuous maintenance of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (*Note: students are not guaranteed admission into a particular major, as high demand programs may be more competitive.*)
 - Eligibility for scholarships and financial aid, subject to financial aid eligibility
 - Invitation to participate in NC State-sponsored specialized C3 program events designed to aid students with their transition to NC State and their timely and successful completion of their baccalaureate degree
3. NC State agrees to provide to Fayetteville Technical Community College:
- Established admission procedures and criteria for the C3 program. Selection will be determined by NC State in consultation with C3 liaisons on partner campuses.
 - Access to NC State online advising tools to a limited number of designated C3 liaisons on the Fayetteville Tech campus.
 - Open sharing of data as it relates to C3 students and their performance at NC State. For purposes of this MOU, the parties are considered to be "school officials with legitimate educational interests" under FERPA and may share C3 student data between them.
 - Use of NC State logo on C3 recruitment, advertising, and reporting materials. Neither party shall identify the other in any promotional advertising or other

promotional materials to be disseminated to the public or to use the name of either party's trademark, service mark, symbol, nickname or logo of either party, without the prior written consent of the other party's authorized representative, except to identify the existence of the Agreement and the nature of the relationship or location of program.

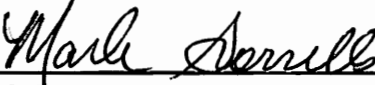
- Collaboration to develop inter-institutional arrangements for limited NC State academic coursework to be made available to C3 students. This coursework will not exceed the 25% transfer credit hour limit for the AA, AS, AE, AATP, or ASTP degree, as required by SACS COC.

4. Fayetteville Technical Community College agrees to provide to NC State:

- A designated C3 liaison(s) on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus to serve as a point of contact for C3 students on campus; to help identify, recruit, and select C3 students; to help facilitate visits and program activities of C3 staff or other campus representatives on the Fayetteville Technical Community College campus; and to serve on a C3 advisory board
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This MOU will be reviewed every five years. Both parties may renew their commitment to continue at that time. The agreement may be revised at any time when mutually acceptable and as necessary. The undersigned support the MOU between Fayetteville Technical Community College and NC State University.

Signed:

 5/1/2023

Mark Sorrells

President

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