

**Richmond Community College  
and  
Fayetteville Technical Community College  
Strategic Regional Partnership**

**WHEREAS**, Richmond Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College endeavor to provide students with a broad array of educational opportunities which can prepare students for a successful career; and,

**WHEREAS**, Richmond Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College recognize that both colleges offer unique programs that the other is not authorized to offer; and,

**WHEREAS**, Richmond Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College wish to expand access to each other's unique and specialized programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Richmond Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College will endeavor to reduce any administrative barriers that may interfere with the transferring of students between the two colleges; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, Richmond Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College enter into this Strategic Regional Partnership to facilitate the transferring of students into the Specialized Programs of the other College.

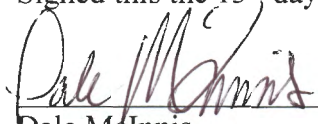
**STRATEGIC REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

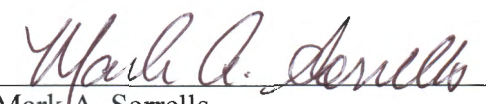
Richmond Community College (RCC) located at 1042 West Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, North Carolina 28345 and Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) located at 2201 Hull Road, Fayetteville North Carolina 28303, and both operating pursuant Chapter 115D of the North Carolina General Statutes do hereby agree as follows:

1. RCC and FTCC acknowledge that RCC is authorized by the State Board of Community Colleges to offer a specialized program of study in Electric Utility Substation and Relay Technology (CIP 46.0301).
2. RCC and FTCC acknowledge that FTCC is authorized by the State Board of Community Colleges to offer specialized programs of study in Funeral Service Education (A55260), Paralegal Technology (A25380), Speech Language Pathology Assistant (A45730), and Respiratory Therapy (A45720).

3. RCC and FTCC will engage in cooperative efforts to notify its students of the Specialized Programs, indicated above, available to students through this Strategic Regional Partnership. Students will be encouraged, but not required, to complete the general education requirements of any program at the college in which the student initially enrolls prior to transferring into the other college's Specialized Programs.
4. RCC and FTCC shall work cooperatively to reduce any administrative burdens that may impede a student's ability to transfer into the other college's Specialized Programs. The policies of the State Board of Community College's and the college receiving the transferring student shall govern any student's admission and transfer into the receiving college's Specialized Programs.
5. Students shall be responsible for paying the costs (tuition, registration fees, etc.) associated with the student's enrollment at either RCC or FTCC. In the event that students are enrolled contemporaneously in both colleges, financial aid will be processed by the college of the student's choice.
6. Students earning degrees pursuant to this Strategic Regional Partnership shall be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies of either College according to the choice of the student. However, any degree earned will be conferred only by the college authorized by the State Board of Community Colleges to offer the Specialized Program in which the degree was earned.
7. For the purposes of clarity, this Strategic Regional Partnership does not anticipate the sharing of resources or FTE. Further, this partnership does not authorize either College to offer any educational services outside of its own service area, as defined by the State Board of Community Colleges Code, and does not authorize the awarding of a joint or dual academic award.

Signed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Richmond Community College

  
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