

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### \$10,000 Degree Pathway

This agreement by and between Fayetteville State University (FSU) and Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) conveys the parties' mutual intention to partner together to offer online degree programs to North Carolina residents enrolled in FTCC for a maximum "out-of-pocket" cost of \$10,000 (\$10k Pathway Plan).

1. **\$10,000 Degree Pathway Plan:** The \$10k Pathway Plan will permit FTCC graduates to complete an online bachelor's degree at FSU. Current FSU online programs are: Accounting, Birth to Kindergarten (non-teaching), Criminal Justice, Fire and Emergency Services Administration, Business Administration (General), Intelligence Studies, Nursing, Professional Studies, Psychology, and Sociology. **Specific FTCC-FSU programs to be covered by this MOU will be identified in the "Approved Academic Programs Addendum," which may be revised each year without revising the entire MOU.**
  - a. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for \$10k Pathway Plan, an FTCC student must:
    - a. Earn an associate degree at FTCC that has been pre-approved for the \$10k Pathway Plan (See 1b below.)
    - b. Be a North Carolina resident for purposes of tuition calculation.
    - c. Meet all admission requirements to FSU.
  - b. **Intent to Enroll:** Students at FTCC are encouraged to complete an "Intent to Enroll" form as soon as they decide to participate in the \$10k Pathway Plan. The Intent to Enroll form seeks to obtain information on 1) the student's current degree program; 2) anticipated date of completion; 3) anticipated date of enrollment at FSU; and 4) the four-year degree the student will seek at FSU. FSU will communicate regularly with all students who complete an Intent to Enroll form. As the anticipated date for enrollment at FSU approaches, the student will be reminded to complete the FSU admission application. The application fee will be waived for all students with an Intent to Enroll form on file. (Applicants who have not submitted the Intent to Enroll form will be required to pay the application fee.)
  - c. **Costs:** FSU shall offer online degree programs to FTCC students at "out-of-pocket" costs not to exceed \$10,000. "Out of pocket" cost refers to the costs **not** covered by federal, state, or institutional grants. The following details "costs" as associated with the \$10k Pathway Plan:
    - i. The \$10k Pathway Plan will cover tuition and fees for online programs only. Housing, meal plans, and health insurance are not included.
    - ii. FTCC students who plan to participate in the \$10k Pathway Plan must file the FAFSA for each academic year in which they plan to enroll at FSU.
    - iii. FSU will apply all federal and state grants for which the student is eligible and award institutional aid, as needed, to ensure the student's total "out of pocket" cost does not exceed \$10,000, including the cost of the associate degree.
    - iv. FTCC graduates complete degrees within three calendar years from date of initial enrollment in courses at FSU. (For example: A student who enrolls initially on

May 15, 2019 must complete the degree by May 14, 2022.) Out of pocket costs may exceed \$10,000 for students who do not complete degrees by the deadline.

- v. In order to participate in the \$10k Pathway Plan, FTCC students will be required to enroll in required courses only and earn final grades of A, B, or C in all such courses. Out of pocket costs may exceed \$10,000 for students who enroll in non-required courses, withdraw and repeat classes, or earn final grades of D or F.

**2. FSU Support:** In support of this MOU, FSU will:

- a. Provide a primary point of contact who will visit the FTCC campus on a regular basis and respond to inquiries and comments about \$10k Pathway Plan from community college faculty, staff, and students.
- b. Facilitate collaboration between faculty and staff of FSU and FTCC to increase mutual understanding, improve program articulation, and strengthen the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- c. Provide effective academic advisement and support for students participating in the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- d. Communicate with the FTCC Point of Contact on a regular basis about any revisions to academic program offerings.
- e. Provide a report each year on the number of FTCC graduates participating in the \$10k Pathway Plan and the enrollment/graduation status of each.

**3. FTCC Support:** In support of this MOU, FTCC will:

- a. Provide a primary point of contact for communication with FSU and with students at the community college interested in the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- b. Publicize the \$10k Pathway Plan to qualified students and encourage interested students to complete the "Intent to Enroll" form.
- c. Facilitate communication between faculty and staff of FSU and FTCC to increase mutual understanding, improve program articulation, and determine ways for improving the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- d. Provide feedback on a regular basis about the success of the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- e. Notify FSU as soon as possible of impending increases in tuition and fees at FTCC.

**4. Mutual Areas of Support:**


- a. It is the intention of both parties to provide services and resources to facilitate efficient and seamless student transfer and to promote dialogue and cooperation between faculty and staff of the two institutions to promote continuous improvement of the \$10k Pathway Plan.
- b. Faculty and staff at FSU and FTCC will develop "dual degree curriculum plans" that will specify courses to be completed at FTCC and FSU, as well as those that may be completed at either institution. FTCC and FSU acknowledge that it may not be possible to develop dual degree plans for all FSU online programs, in which case these programs will be excluded from the "Approved Academic Programs Addendum."
- c. If both parties deem it beneficial, a financial aid consortium agreement may be implemented to enable payment of financial aid of one institution to the other. However, such an agreement is not required by this agreement.

5. **Advertising and Publicity:** All printed documents developed to advertise and publicize this program must be approved by both institutions.
6. **Compliance:** All components of this agreement shall comply with all relevant policies of both institutions and with the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
7. **Independent Contractors:** 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 for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives or employees of the other.
8. **Termination:** This agreement may be terminated by either party by providing 30-day written notification to the other party; though the benefits for any currently enrolled student will continue in accordance with the guidelines stated above.
9. **Expiration:** Unless it is terminated, this agreement will expire in five years from the date approved by both institutions.

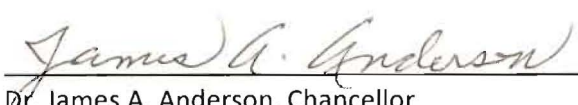
Fayetteville State University Primary Point of Contact: Dr. Jon Young, Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff, 1200 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC 28301; [jyoung@uncfsu.edu](mailto:jyoung@uncfsu.edu); 910-672-2489.

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Approved:

  
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Dr. J. Larry Keen, President  
Fayetteville Technical Community College

8-20-2018  
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Dr. James A. Anderson, Chancellor  
Fayetteville State University

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