

Pillar College

And

Mercer County Community College

Guaranteed Admissions Transfer Agreement

In the interest of providing educational opportunities to students and to foster completion of baccalaureate degrees, Pillar College and Mercer County Community College enter into this guaranteed admissions transfer agreement. The agreement provides a pathway so that students completing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees at Mercer County Community College can transfer with full junior standing into Pillar College.

Degree Programs

Students graduating from Mercer County Community College with the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree are eligible to transfer into Pillar College Baccalaureate programs in Business Administration and Management, Psychology and Counseling, and Biblical Studies. As a supplement to this transfer agreement Mercer County Community College and Pillar College both commit to establishing course transfer recommendations to ensure correct alignment of program requirements including prerequisites. Mercer County Community College graduates with the A.A. or A.S. degree will have satisfied all lower division Pillar College core curricular requirements, described in this agreement as the “core-to-core waiver.”

Eligibility

Eligibility for the Guaranteed Admissions Transfer Agreement requires the following:

1. The student must graduate from Mercer County Community College with the appropriate Associate degree.
2. The student must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
3. For course to course transfer, a minimum grade of “C” is required for each course to receive transfer credit.

Obligations of Mercer County Community College

1. Publicize this Guaranteed Admissions Transfer Agreement to current and prospective students via both print and electronic communication resources.
2. Assure that Pillar College promotional materials are available to students.
3. Communicate annually with Pillar College officials regarding any curricular changes that have impact on this transfer agreement.
4. Provide recruitment opportunities for Pillar College such as invitations to college transfer fairs, individual recruitment visits, and promotional literature displays.
5. Assign responsibility to the Transfer Counselor to oversee the Transfer Agreement and ensure continued effectiveness of the Agreement.
6. Include Pillar College on listings of institutions with which Mercer County Community College has Transfer Agreements.

Obligations of Pillar College

1. Waive the admissions application fee for Mercer County Community College students who fulfill the *Obligations of Eligible Students* described below.
2. Work collaboratively with Mercer County Community College to ensure proper curricular alignment of degree requirements.

3. Admit eligible Mercer County Community College graduates into Pillar College with full junior standing.

Obligations of Eligible Students

1. Submit all documentation required for admission by Pillar College including: a letter of intent to transfer, official transcripts from all colleges attended, high school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, the required personal statement and other documents or health records as required by the Pillar College.
2. Submit the Pillar College application for admission with all required documentation in a timely fashion.
3. Submission of required documentation does not obligate the student to accept admission to Pillar College; however, the student must notify Pillar College Office of Admissions if he/she wishes to terminate participation in the Guaranteed Transfer Admissions Agreement.

Terms of Agreement

Pillar College and Mercer County Community College will notify one another of curricular changes that impact the Agreement at least 120 days in advance.

This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party by providing advance written notice of at least one (1) year prior to the effective date of termination. This Agreement will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Mercer County Community College and Pillar College have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

Mercer County Community College:

Pillar College:

**Dr. Patricia C. Donohoe
President**

**Dr. David Schroeder
President**

Date

Date

Dr. Donald Generals
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Alford Ottley
Vice President Academic Affairs and
Dean of the College

Date

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