

TWO PLUS TWO ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

AND

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Agreement is entered into by, and between, William Paterson University located at 300 Pompton Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470-2100, and Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, to articulate the procedure for a Two Plus Two Admission Program (Program) between William Paterson University and Mercer County Community College. William Paterson University (WPU) and Mercer County Community College (MCCC) are also referred to herein as “Party” individually and “Parties” collectively.

1. PURPOSE

- Provide a seamless transition from an associate degree to a chosen baccalaureate degree for students enrolled in Mercer County Community College who are interested in graduating with a bachelor degree from William Paterson University. Students graduating with Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees from Mercer County Community College are guaranteed admission to William Paterson University baccalaureate degree programs. Specific programs included with this agreement may change during the course of the agreement.
- Strengthen the academic and support partnership between Mercer County Community College and William Paterson University.
- Facilitate transfer credit and major program enrollment from Mercer County Community College to William Paterson University.
- Outline all amenities available to Mercer County Community College students enrolled under this Two Plus Two Admission Agreement.

2. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall commence immediately upon the signatures of both Parties. Either Party has the right to terminate this Agreement on thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by one Party, the other Party shall have the right and option to give the breaching Party written notice. In the event that the breaching Party fails to remedy the breach within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such written notice, the other Party may, at its sole option, terminate this Agreement. Students already enrolled in the Program will have the terms of this Agreement honored. The Parties agree to review the Agreement once every three (3) years starting from the Effective date, to update course offerings and adjust the terms of the Agreement as needed. If not reviewed by this time, it will sunset after the fourth year from the effective date.

3. OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE TWO PLUS TWO ADMISSION PROGRAM

- Mercer County Community College will publicize the Program with William Paterson University to current and prospective students in print and electronic publications.
- Mercer County Community College students are eligible to apply to the Two Plus Two Admission Program before earning 30 credits at MCCC.
- Mercer County Community College will provide William Paterson University a list of contact information of all enrolled students that are participating in the Program each semester.

4. CRITERIA FOR GUARANTEED PROGRAM ADMISSION

- Only Mercer County Community College Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree students who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater when entering under the terms of this Agreement are guaranteed admission into William Paterson University under the Program. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater to continue in this program. Students are advised that some baccalaureate degree majors at William Paterson University require a specific GPA for admission. See below for exceptions.

Indicated below are the GPA requirements for each of the majors covered by this agreement:

Major	Degree Sought	Minimum GPA for Entrance
Education	B.A.	3.0 (a)
Nursing	B.S.	2.5 (b)
Communication Disorders	B.A.	3.5 (c)
Public Health & Health Studies	B.S.	2.0 (d)
Business	B.S.	2.0 (e)
All other Majors	B.S. or B.A.	2.0

- a) In addition to William Paterson University's general requirements, Education students must meet the separate admission requirements specified for the WPU College of Education. For admission to the College of Education for the early childhood, elementary, and secondary subject field majors, students must have: (1) Earned a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0; (2) Taken and passed the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exam. Note: In order to qualify for teacher certification, New Jersey also requires teacher candidates to take and pass the Praxis Subject Assessment/Specialty Area Test in their chosen subject area. This is normally taken in a student's senior year. Students at WPU must pass this exam prior to student teaching.
- b) Graduates of Mercer County Community College may transfer into the baccalaureate nursing program at William Paterson University if they have graduated with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Nursing and a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must have passed the NCLEX licensure exam prior to beginning NUR courses, with the exception of NUR 3500 and NUR 3271.
- c) Communication Disorders currently needs a 3.5 GPA. It is under review by the department and may change Fall 2016. WPU will notify MCCC in writing if the GPA changes for this major.

- d) Public Health and Health Studies applicants need to have completed (with a grade of C or higher) A&P 1, A&P 11, Statistics, and a 3 credit Health course.
 - e) Business majors cannot have two or more business courses with a grade of C – or below.
- Associate degree students who meet the minimum GPA requirements listed above will be automatically admitted to upper division WPU courses. WPU GPA computation begins from the time of initial term admission to WPU.
 - Mercer County Community College students must be in compliance with the Mercer County Community College code of conduct to enroll in the Program.

5. TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- Students who earn an Associate degree at Mercer County Community College are guaranteed junior status admission to William Paterson University conditional upon meeting the prerequisites of the minimum requirements for admission to a particular major curriculum or area of study.
- William Paterson University agrees to accept all the general education credits included in this Agreement and will verify that students entering under this agreement with a completed Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree have met all UCC requirements for William Paterson University.
- Per its transfer credit policy, William Paterson University agrees to accept up to half of the credits required for the major.

6. INFORMATION SHARING AND EXCHANGE OF RECORDS

- William Paterson University and Mercer County Community College agree to share information about participating students to the extent permissible under the appropriate statutes, regulations and institutional policies regarding confidentiality of student records.
- Mercer County Community College will maintain a file containing all students enrolled in this program.
- Students will file a William Paterson University application during their final semester at MCCC.
- Upon graduation from Mercer County Community College, students are expected to request their official final transcript be sent to William Paterson University.
- William Paterson University and Mercer County Community College shall have the joint responsibility for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the curriculum, policies and/or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement no later than 120 days. The Parties shall provide written notice to each other of any curricular changes that impact the articulated majors as soon as the changes are approved institutionally.

- Tuition and fees for William Paterson University courses shall be established and collected by William Paterson University.

7. ADVISING AND COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS

- Program advising materials listing courses to be completed at the Mercer County Community College and subsequently at William Paterson University will be available on both campuses and will be distributed appropriately to designated advisors and students. The program articulation agreements between the two institutions will provide course and major requirements used as the basis for student advising.
- Each campus will identify the individuals responsible for administration and program advising.
- William Paterson University will provide advising/registration/enrollment information sessions for Two Plus Two Admission students on the Mercer County Community College campus and at William Paterson University.

8. AMENITIES


- Upon acceptance into this Two Plus Two Admission program, Mercer County Community College students participating in the Program with William Paterson University will be provided with a waived WPU application fee and special consideration for on-campus housing at WPU.

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Effective date: 9/15/16

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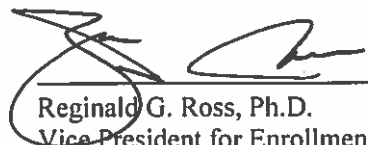
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