

**Memorandum of Understanding and University Partnership Agreement
Between
North Carolina Wesleyan College and Southwestern Community College**

In partnership, SCC and North Carolina Wesleyan College (NCWC) will enhance and expand the educational opportunities of Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA), and Associate in Applied Science (AAS) graduates by offering SCC graduates access to the benefits of the Wesleyan Works program, pre-admission advising, generous transfer credit, and a clear definition of the transfer of courses from SCC to NCWC.

Students who graduate and transfer under this agreement may select any of NCWC's traditional programs of study or, may transfer to NCWC's Adult and Professional Studies programs utilizing the advantages of the Wesleyan Works program.

Wesleyan Works:

Wesleyan Works is a transfer program designed for community college students who plan to continue their education at NCWC. Wesleyan Works (for which SCC students who transfer under this agreement are automatically eligible) guarantees admission to NCWC for SCC's AA, AS, and AAS graduates. Students who participate in Wesleyan Works will have access to academic advising and financial aid counseling through NCWC, as well as access to attend events on NCWC's main campus in Rocky Mount, NC. The target population for this program is adult students who intend to attend NCWC's evening or online programs.

- Application – SCC students are eligible to apply for admission to NCWC at any time during their program at SCC gaining access to advising and a waiver of the application fee.
- Acceptance – NCWC guarantees acceptance upon completion of an eligible associate's degree.

Requirements of the program include:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing.
- Complete the associate's degree prior to final admission.
- Submit official transcripts for each school previously attended.

Transfer Program Specifics:

Associate in Arts and Associate in Science: Graduates of the AA and AS will transfer under the terms of the North Carolina Independent Colleges Comprehensive Articulation Agreement.

Associate in Applied Science: Graduates of an Applied Science degree, regardless of discipline, will matriculate as juniors with up to 60 hours of satisfactorily completed AAS coursework (minimum grade of “C”), transferred in as either major coursework, general education coursework, or elective coursework.

- Students transferring to traditional and Adult and Professional Studies programs will be eligible for and encouraged to seek early academic advising through NCWC’s admissions team.
- Transfer equivalencies and specific pathways for program transfer will be located on NCWC’s transfer admissions website.
- A student’s AAS discipline, as well as the baccalaureate pathway they choose, will determine the total number of hours remaining for graduation
- Once accepted to NCWC, graduates of CC’s AAS programs will be permitted to take up to an additional 15 hours of general education coursework at CC, for a total of no more than 75 credit hours in transfer, as outlined by NCWC.

Partnership Considerations:

NCWC agrees to:

- Accept AA, AS, and AFA coursework under the terms of the NCICU comprehensive and uniform agreements. Under these agreements, 60 credit hours transfer, and all general education requirements will be considered as met.
- Accept up to 60 credit hours from the AAS, and up to an additional 15 hours of general education coursework at the 100 level and higher into one of three categories – major coursework, general education coursework, or, elective coursework. These courses will be transferred into the degree of student’s choice and students will be advised of the status of their transfer credits through an individual transfer credit evaluation prior to commencement of the bachelors’ degree program. . In some cases, a student could need to complete more than 60 hours to graduate from NCWC.
- Admit all eligible SCC graduates after satisfactory completion of an admissions background check.
- Participate in a joint Advisory Committee comprised of faculty, staff, and administration. This committee will meet twice per year to review this partnership.
- Promote the partnership on the NCWC website, social, and traditional media.

Southwestern Community College agrees to:

- Post information about NCWC bachelor degree programs on SCC’s transfer website and include NCWC in all SCC transfer events.
- Provide NCWC with census information twice annually, for all SCC graduates.
- Support the presence of NCWC on the SCC campus.
- Promote the partnership through SCC’s website, social, and traditional media.

Assessment

- Courses taken in transfer from SCC to NCWC as part of this MOU will follow the same assessment procedures currently utilized byS CC.
- Yearly assessment of the MOU and partnership will take place during the partnership’s advisory committee meeting. Additional transfer courses may be added at that time.

Hold Harmless:

The entities, Southwestern Community College (to the extent permitted by the Tort Claims Act G.S. 143_291 et seq.) and North Carolina Wesleyan College, agree to hold each institution harmless in the implementation of this partnership.

Term of This Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to annual review and may be terminated by either party with 120 days’ notice. Any changes to this MOU, the partnership, or services provided by either party must be documented in writing and agreed upon by both institutions. This MOU replaces any previously signed general MOU. MOU’s which address specific programs will be updated separately.

 Dr. Don Tomas, President
 Southwestern Community College

 Date

 Dr. Evan Duff, President
 North Carolina Wesleyan College

 Date