

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
And
GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Partnership for Greenville Technical College Honors Program
– Coastal Carolina Honor Program within HTC Honors College

This Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) is made between Coastal Carolina University (hereinafter “CCU”) and Greenville Technical College (hereinafter “GTC”).

Greenville Technical College is a publicly supported comprehensive community/technical college, part of the SC Technical College System and is authorized to award associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. Coastal Carolina University is a public, mid-sized, comprehensive liberal arts-oriented institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees. Both institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOA is to articulate the terms and conditions of eligibility of GTC’s students who have successfully completed or been enrolled in the GTC Honors Program to transfer and enroll in the Honors Program within the HTC Honors College at CCU. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, GTC students who graduate from the GTC Honors Program with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be automatically accepted into the CCU Honors Program; students who are in good standing in the GTC Honors Program but have not graduated from the GTC Honors Program will be invited to apply to the CCU Honors program. Both graduated transfers and non-graduated transfers from the GTC Honors Program will transfer up to 18 credit hours of GTC honors courses (in which a B or higher is earned) toward their requirement of earning 24 credit hours in honors courses for the CCU Honors Program. Both types of transfers will be required to complete one 300-level HONR course and an Honors Thesis Project at CCU.

TERM

This MOA shall be effective for a term of five (5) years, commencing **August 1, 2021** and ending **July 31, 2026**. This MOA shall terminate at the conclusion of said term, unless a party chooses to terminate earlier pursuant to the Termination Section in this Agreement. This agreement is renewable provided both parties accept the continuation of the terms.

AVAILABLE COURSES

GTC courses officially designated as honors courses are eligible to transfer to CCU Honors Program. Up to 18 credit hours will be counted toward the 24 credits of honors courses that is a requirement for graduating from the CCU Honors Program.

TARGET STUDENTS

A student entering Coastal Carolina University under this agreement will be defined as a student who has:

- 1) Graduated from the GTC Honors Program with a 3.5 GPA or higher or transferring from GTC Honors Program in good standing;
- 2) Expressed intent to enroll at CCU, contingent upon admission; and
- 3) Been admitted to Coastal Carolina University and has enrolled as a student.

OBLIGATIONS OF GTC

- A. GTC shall be responsible for the salary compensation and any expenses for GTC faculty, to include employee benefits, professional development and related travel or instructional expenses.
- B. GTC shall provide classroom space with sufficient size, lighting, accessibility and technology access for GTC students to meet their academic needs.
- C. GTC shall be solely responsible for providing services, assistance and resources it is required to provide by law to accommodate the physical, emotional and practical needs of students with disabilities who are enrolled in their courses.
- D. GTC will advise its students of the details of the agreement as they pertain to admission requirements and transfer credits.
- E. GTC will appoint a GTC Honors Program staff or faculty member to be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the honors courses that students take at GTC which have the potential of counting toward the 24 required credits of honors courses for the CCU Honors Program.
- F. GTC shall update CCU on relevant curricular changes.
- G. GTC shall promote the agreement between the two honors programs widely among its faculty, staff, and students.
- H. In all hiring or employment made possible by or resulting from this Agreement, GTC agrees there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, age, race, religion, sex or national origin. In addition, all personnel of GTC working pursuant to this agreement shall hold appropriate qualifications for the services they provide.
- I. GTC agrees to purchase and maintain workers' compensation insurance and liability insurance covering its agents and employees for their acts, failure to act or negligence arising out of or caused by the activity which is the subject of this agreement.
- J. GTC shall adhere to all confidentiality regulations promulgated by federal, state or local governments with regard to the treatment of student records as well as those governing the information retained and distributed by CCU.

OBLIGATIONS OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

- A. CCU shall accept a maximum of 18 credit hours of honors courses toward the 24-credit-hour requirement in the Honors Program and a maximum of seventy-six (76) credit hours of articulated GTC coursework towards CCU's graduation requirement of 120 credit hours.
- B. There are 86 universally transferrable courses approved by the public colleges and universities and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education as well as additional courses that are already approved for transfer by Coastal Carolina University (see list here: www.coastal.edu/media/2015ccuwebsite/contentassets/documents/admissions/pdf/2020_2021_Transfer%20Guide%20&%20Academic%20Plan%20booklet.pdf). These courses are hereinafter "standard equivalencies." CCU shall continue to accept standard equivalencies as well as MOU-specific course equivalencies not included in the standard equivalencies. MOU-specific course equivalencies are those equivalencies created by this agreement.
- C. In all hiring or employment made possible by or resulting from this Agreement, CCU agrees there shall be no discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of disability, age, race, religion, sex or national origin. In addition, all personnel of CCU working pursuant to this agreement shall hold appropriate qualifications for the services they provide.
- D. CCU shall adhere to all confidentiality regulations promulgated by federal, state or local governments with regard to the treatment of student records as well as those governing the information retained and distributed by GTC.

MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF CCU AND GTC

- A. For MOU-specific course equivalencies not included in the standard equivalences, CCU and GTC shall work together to try to ensure that these equivalencies last the life of the MOU. Yearly evaluations and inter-institution communications will alert both parties to curricular changes that may necessitate revision of the MOU. Should it be determined that any of the MOU-specific course equivalences are ultimately ineligible for a course equivalency due to factors unforeseen at the time of this agreement, both CCU and GTC will work to notify students of this change.
- B. CCU and the GTC agree to jointly and collaboratively recruit students and develop guides and related materials for use in advisement and recruitment activities. Such materials shall include but not be limited to brochures, fliers, and informational sessions for GTC students.
- C. CCU and GTC agree to notify the other of changes in the curriculum.
- D. CCU and GTC shall work collaboratively to ensure consistency in student advising as it relates to the terms of this agreement.
- E. Both CCU and GTC agree the requirements of the Articulation of Credit for CCU course equivalencies shall be subject to but in no way limited to the following conditions:
 - 1. The students must be enrolled at GTC on or after the date of this Agreement;
 - 2. Only those students who have graduated from the GTC Honors Program or who transfer in good standing and are accepted into the CCU Honors Program will be eligible to transfer up to 18 credit hours honors coursework;
 - 3. For a student to be eligible for credit to be applied toward the 24-credit-hour requirement, the student must earn no less than a B in any honors course that is intended to transfer to CCU;
 - 4. A student's eligibility to receive course credit shall be based on the equivalency requirements and terms and conditions stated within this Agreement. Students shall be eligible to receive only course credit; no grade will be transferred to the CCU transcript.
- F. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as guaranteeing GTC students, who complete some eligible courses for transfer credit, admission to Coastal Carolina University.
- G. CCU and GTC shall comply with all requirements of applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Drug Free Workplace Act.

OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS

- A. Students shall not take any GTC courses with the expectation that the course will be eligible for CCU honors course equivalency upon admission to CCU without jointly consulting the honors programs of GTC and CCU.
- B. Students shall consult CCU's Course Catalog, University policies and procedures, and admission requirements for guidance on specific academic programs and additional details regarding admission to the HTC Honors Program and to the University.
- C. Students shall meet with a Coastal Carolina University advisor prior to enrolling in CCU's coursework. The student's meeting with an advisor shall take place prior to graduation from GTC, or as soon as possible following the student's completion of the associate degree and the GTC Honors Program.
- D. Students shall meet GTC class attendance requirements, maintain appropriate behavior, complete all course assignments, shall graduate from the GTC the Honors Program or be in good standing in that program and enroll in courses at CCU in order to be eligible for CCU course equivalency.

TERMINATION

Either CCU or GTC may terminate this MOA at any time by giving written notice of said termination, should the other party fail to substantially perform its obligations under the MOA. Either party may terminate this MOA without cause at any time, upon mutual agreement between the parties, or by giving the other party at least 60 days advance written notice which does not interrupt the conclusion of a course or course sequence in progress.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. This MOA constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto, and supersedes all prior understandings with

- respect to the subject matter hereof.
- B. This Agreement, including any and all Appendices may be amended only by an instrument in writing executed by both parties hereto. The modification of any future Appendix or Appendices shall in no way alter any other terms and conditions in the Agreement.
 - C. Should any provision of this MOA be declared or be determined by any court to be illegal or invalid, the validity of the remaining parts, terms and provisions shall not be affected thereby, and said illegal or invalid part, term or provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this MOA.
 - D. This MOA may not be assigned by either party hereto without prior written consent of the other parties. Nothing in this MOA, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any person, other than the parties to this MOA and their successors and permitted assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this MOA.
 - E. This MOA shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
 - F. If default be made in the performance of or compliance with any obligations herein, by either party, the non-prevailing party in any action brought to enforce the terms of this MOA shall be responsible to the prevailing party for the reimbursement of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the prevailing party in such action.
 - G. The Section and paragraph headings in this MOA are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this MOA.
 - H. This MOA may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute the same instrument.
 - I. This MOA shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.
 - J. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this MOA shall be in writing and shall be deemed given to a party when (a) delivered by hand or by a nationally recognized overnight courier service (costs prepaid), (b) sent by facsimile or e-mail with confirmation of transmission by the transmitting equipment, or (c) received or rejected by the addressee, if sent by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, in each case to the following:

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If to CCU:

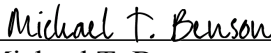
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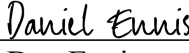
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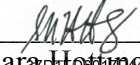
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Coastal Carolina University has caused this Memorandum of Agreement to be executed as of the date first above written.

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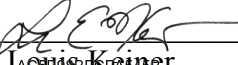
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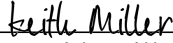
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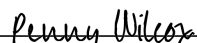
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