

TWO PLUS TWO PIONEER PATHWAYS PROGRAM JOINT ADMISSION 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, and Mercer County Community College located at 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor Township, New Jersey 08550, to articulate the procedure for a Two Plus Two Pioneer Pathways Program Joint Admissions Agreement between William Paterson University and Mercer County Community College.

1. PURPOSE

- Encourage currently enrolled Mercer County Community College students to be conditionally admitted to William Paterson University.
- 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's degree from William Paterson University. Students graduating with Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate of Fine Arts degrees in good academic standing from Mercer County Community College are guaranteed admission to William Paterson University baccalaureate degree programs, subject to the additional requirements listed on page 2.
- 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 Pioneer Pathways Program Joint Admissions Agreement.

2. SIGNING UP FOR WPU'S PIONEER PATHWAYS PROGRAM

In order to sign up for this Two Plus Two Pioneer Pathways Program Joint Admissions Agreement, Mercer County Community College students must submit a quick link interest form on the William Paterson University website:

https://wpunj.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3BMS6A00t05nflp

3. AMENITIES

- Waiver of all WPU application fees when students are ready to transfer.
- Enjoy privileges of being a WPU student while enrolled at the community college including access to both institutions' libraries, and admittance to an array of WPU cultural events and athletic activities.
- Plan courses from the very first semester to allow for the maximum transfer credits possible and accelerate the completion of an undergraduate baccalaureate degree.
- Personalized advising to develop a plan to complete the degree in the shortest amount of time possible.
- Encourage community college students to achieve a 3.0 or higher in 30 or more credits, which make them eligible for the Phi Theta Kappa and Presidential transfer scholarships:
<https://www.wpunj.edu/admissions/undergraduate/scholarships/scholarshipsinstitutional.html>
- a) Effective Fall 2022 onward: Students meeting the established Presidential and/or PTK Scholarship eligibility will be awarded an additional \$500 Pioneer Pathways 2+2 Award.
- Some academic programs, such as nursing and education, have separate GPA requirements and limited enrollment (list is subject to change):
 - a) Public Health and Health Studies applicants need to have completed (with a grade of C or higher) A&P 1, A&P II, Statistics, and a 3 credits Health course.
 - b) A community college student will not be admitted to a William Paterson University B.S. in business program if they have a grade of C- or below in more than two business courses.
 - c) Nursing majors must graduate from the community college with a 2.5 GPA and pass the NCLEX licensure exam prior to beginning WPU nursing courses, with the exception of NUR 3500 and NUR 3271.
 - d) In order to begin the professional sequence of education coursework, education majors must have a minimum of sixty (60) earned credits, a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, and a qualifying score on the PRAXIS.
 - e) This agreement does not pertain to Music Majors, students applying to the Generic Transfer Nursing program, and BFA Majors (subject to change).

4. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall commence immediately upon the signatures of both Parties and terminate within three (3) years. 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.

- Associate degree students who have completed the course pre-requisites and 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.
- Community College students must be in compliance with the community college code of conduct and in good academic standing to enroll in the Pioneer Pathways Program.

5. TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- Academic programs covered by this agreement are listed in Appendix A
- 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.), Associate in Science (A.S), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A) 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.
- Student must complete the last 30 credits of their undergraduate degree at William Paterson University.
- To fulfill a William Paterson University graduation requirement, all students in this program must complete two semesters of one foreign language (two semesters of American Sign Language is acceptable) at either the community college within their associate degree or as part of their credits taken at William Paterson University.
- Tuition and fees for William Paterson University courses shall be established and collected by William Paterson University.

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.

7. MARKETING

Mercer County Community College and William Paterson University will assure that promotional material regarding the Program will be available to all students on their institutional websites and/or additional print publications.

Appendix A

Current Degree Programs Covered Under This Agreement

- A.A.S Advertising & Graphic Design*
- A.S Business
- A.A Education
- A.S Exercise Science
- A.A Liberal Studies
- A.A Psychology
- A.S Public Health
- A.S Sports Management
- A.S Math, Science, & Health Professions
 - Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences - Biology
 - Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences - Chemistry
 - Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences - Computer Science
 - Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences - Math
 - Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences - Physics
 - Associate in Science - Computer Info Systems
 - Associate in Science - Engineering Science
 - Associate in Science - Plant Science
 - Associate in Science – Sustainability

*There is no waiver of the U.C.C. requirements for A.A.S. degrees.

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