

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ASHEVILLE, NORTH
CAROLINA

AND

WARREN WILSON COLLEGE, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding "MOU," is made and entered into by and between Warren Wilson College (WWC or the College) and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech or ABTCC), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

I. BACKGROUND

Warren Wilson College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution committed to providing educational programs that prepare graduates to engage in groundbreaking scholarship and creative work; pursue meaningful careers with professionalism; and lead purposeful lives dedicated to fostering a just, equitable, and sustainable world. Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College is dedicated to student success, and a quality education that enhances academic, workforce, and personal development. The Parties are located in the mountains of Western North Carolina and serve prospective students in Buncombe County, Western North Carolina, and the State of North Carolina.

II. OWL-TRAILBLAZER PROMISE

Warren Wilson College and A-B Tech Community College will create and administer a program on each Party's campus called the Owl-Trailblazer Promise: A Direct-Entry Admissions Program (the "OTP"). The OTP name may be changed upon the mutual written consent of both Parties. The Direct-Entry Admissions Program discussed within this MOU pertains to admission to the College and not to a specific degree program. WWC offers some programs of study that require separate admission criteria, standards, policies, processes, and deadlines from general College admission.

The OTP will allow currently enrolled A-B Tech students a direct-entry pathway to Warren Wilson College available upon graduation from A-B Tech. Students who wish to participate in the OTP program must satisfy the following conditions:

- Be a currently enrolled student at A-B Tech Community College in a degree-seeking capacity;
- Submit WWC application and required forms for admission by WWC deadlines;
- Be in good academic standing at A-B Tech and other institutions attended;

- Providing guest speaker access to A-B Tech students for services and opportunities that will be available after transitioning to the WWC campus. Examples of guests that could be made available to A-B Tech students include, but are not limited to, academic program chairs, faculty, academic advisors, admission and financial aid counselors, student life staff, and student success representatives. This provision does not imply that instructional time will be provided for guest-speaker access.

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College will be responsible for:

- Assisting A-B Tech Community College students pursuing the benefits of the Owl-Trailblazer Promise to fulfill the requirements for admission to WWC;
- Educating participants as to program-level admission opportunities and requirements;
- Complying with all applicable Federal and State laws and A-B Tech policies, including but not limited to those related to financial aid;
- Working collaboratively with WWC staff assigned to serve on the Owl-Trailblazer Promise program committee.

Warren Wilson College will be responsible for:

- Assisting A-B Tech Community College students pursuing the benefits of the Owl-Trailblazer Promise in fulfilling the requirements for admission to WWC;
- Educating participants as to program-level admission opportunities and requirements;
- Complying with all applicable Federal and State laws, WWC policies, including but not limited to those related to financial aid;
- Disseminating information about the OTP to members of the WWC campus community;
- Providing representatives assigned to administer the OTP;
- Disseminating information about the Owl-Trailblazer Promise to candidates for admission who are not offered admission directly to WWC about the possibility to participate in the OTP as a student at A-B Tech Community College;
- Guaranteeing admission for applicants from A-B Tech Community College who suffices all requirements in the above agreement.

III. NOTICE

The Parties designate the following individual(s) to administer and oversee the Owl-Trailblazer Promise on behalf of his/her Party.

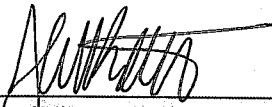
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- B. For Warren Wilson College: Dani Hammond, Assistant Director of Admissions and Transfer Counselor. Email: dhammond@warren-wilson.edu. Phone: (828) 771-2040.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the last written date below.



Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, North Carolina
Dr. John Gossett, President

10/12/22
Date



Warren Wilson College, Asheville, North Carolina
Dr. Jay Roberts, Provost

10/17/22
Date