

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

This Memorandum of Understanding between Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (ABTCC) and The University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) is hereby established to support the transfer of ABTCC students to UNCW. The above parties agree to the following provisions as they pertain to students intending the transfer from ABTCC to UNCW.

- As a commitment to creating access opportunities and establishing meaningful transfer partnerships, UNCW is establishing PathWays. This program provides guaranteed access for students transferring between UNCW and the North Carolina Community College System. It is a pathway for guaranteed transfer admission to UNCW for students completing an AA, AS, AE, AATP, ASTP, or AFA from a North Carolina Community College.
- 2. To be eligible, students must meet UNCW Admissions requirements and comply with university admission policy. Guaranteed admission to the university does not constitute admission to a professional school or specific program. Students who wish to participate in the program should sign up through the UNCW admissions website. Students will still need to apply to transfer by the priority deadline for their desired term.
- 3. Benefits provided by UNCW when students are accepted into PathWays
 - a. Tailored transfer coaching and pre-enrollment assistance from a Transfer Success Coordinator. Transfer Success Coordinators are available to meet with students at their community college and collaborate with community college advising staff to create a path for successful transfer for students.
 - b. Waived transfer application fee.
 - c. Priority consideration for transfer merit scholarships.
 - d. Personalized communication about the transfer process, including upcoming deadlines, transferring credits, and opportunities for getting involved at UNCW.
 - e. Access to unique campus visit opportunities and events for all PathWays students and participating institutions.

4. Other notes and limitations:

a. Students who have not yet graduated from high school are not eligible for the PathWays program. Cooperative Innovative High School students are eligible only if they intend to apply as transfer students from a community college.

5. Success Measures

- a. UNCW's goal is to increase by 10% the enrolled students per year across all participating community colleges.
- b. UNCW will send a yearly report to participating schools to report on our progress.



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6. Termination

- a. Any amendments or modifications to this Memorandum of Understanding require written approval by both parties at least six months prior to those amendments or modifications becoming effective.
- b. This Memorandum of Understanding is effective January 2024 until December 2027.

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