

**Memorandum of Understanding
Dual Admissions Program
Motlow State Community College
and
Tennessee State University**

This agreement, by and between Motlow State Community College, hereinafter referred to as "MSCC" and Tennessee State University, hereinafter referred to as "TSU," is for the purpose of proving a Dual Admissions Program as further defined in the Overview and Purpose.

Whereas it is to the mutual benefit to MSCC and TSU to establish and offer a Dual Admission Program for students, MSCC, and TSU have agreed to the terms and provisions set forth in this Agreement.

Overview

The Dual Admission Program (DAP) between community colleges in the Tennessee Board of Regents System (TBR) and universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents System offers students a structured, guaranteed pathway for attaining a Bachelor's degree. The goal of this agreement is a seamless transition by providing one curriculum plan for earning the associate and bachelor's degrees. The purpose of Dual Admission is to ease the transfer process and foster students' academic success. The advantage of a dual admission agreement as opposed to an articulation agreement is that students have direct contact with both community college and university faculty and staff throughout the program. In addition, the dual admission program provides enhanced advisement and transition support services.

Eligible to Apply for Dual Admission

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Planning to pursue a Bachelor's Degree at TSU
- Meets current admission criteria for MSCC
- Earned 29 or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0; cumulative 2.75 GPA for the A.S.T. Degree
- Enters a community college under the 2004 or later catalog (the common general education core curriculum was implemented in fall 2004)

Students' responsibilities

MSCC students who fulfill the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to TSU. Students must meet additional program admission requirements.

- Students must apply and be admitted to a MSCC.
- Students must complete an application for Dual Admission and a non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form.
- Students must earn an A.S., A.A. or A.S.T. degree from MSCC.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree) to be in good standing in the Dual Admission program.
- All required high school courses must be completed prior to transition to TSU.
- Any courses required for the major not completed at MSCC must be completed at TSU to progress into the major.
- Students must complete the MSCC Intent to Graduate form.

- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from MSCC and enroll at TSU must re-apply as a transfer student.
- Students must re-apply to the Dual Admission Program if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at MSCC.
- Students can only accept financial aid awards from the institution from which they are enrolled.
- Students must complete financial aid paperwork for TSU prior to enrolling.

Institutions' responsibilities

- MSCC will provide TSU with a copy of the DAP application, community college application and high school transcript
- Both MSCC and TSU will track Dual Admission students in their student information systems.
- Both MSCC and TSU will assign each student to an advisor from each campus.
- Each institution will develop a web site specifically for the Dual Admission Program.
- At the end of each semester, MSCC will provide TSU a transcript for each participant in the DAP, and student work at the MSCC will be posted as transfer credit in the student information system at TSU.
- Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.
- MSCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at TSU by the student towards the associate degree.
- TSU will provide Dual Admission students with a limited use TSU Identification Card for the purpose of access to the TSU libraries and the fitness center.
- TSU will provide Dual Admission students with access to identified university cultural events and lecture series.
- TSU will provide Dual Admission students with complimentary access to select university athletic events.

Terms of ineligibility

- A student may participate in only one Dual Admission Program at a time.
- Failure to complete the Associate degree at MSCC.
- Failure to adhere to the provisions of the DAP.
- A written withdrawal from the program in writing to the MSCC.

Advantages for the participating institutions

- MSCC can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend TSU as they earn their associates degrees.
- With increased ease of transitioning between MSCC, TSU will achieve a higher transfer rate.
- An improved MSCC transfer rate will lead to increased baccalaureate attainment.
- MSCC students will be encouraged to pursue a bachelor's degree after completing an associate's degree, which will increase students' educational attainment levels.
- MSCC can track educational achievement of their graduates.
- MSCC and TSU can enjoy joint recruitment in area high schools.
- Students will arrive at TSU better prepared for upper division courses in their major fields of study.
- TSU will have a qualified and identified source of students that require minimal recruitment effort.

Advantages for students

- Students are guaranteed acceptance to a TSU rather than to a particular college or major. Admission to a major requires following the requirements designated by that major.
- Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at a MSCC with lower tuition and fees.
- Students will become familiar with TSU staff and academic advisers, which should facilitate the transition process.

- Students will be able to view their entire degree plans at the onset of their college career.
- Students will receive academic advising from both MSCC and TSU including early advisement from TSU.
- Students will be able to register during the priority registration time period at TSU the semester of graduation from MSCC.

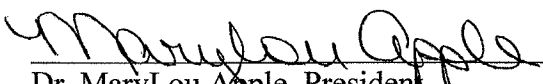
General Terms and Conditions

Tennessee State University and Motlow State Community College agree that in the performance of this Dual Admission Agreement they will comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students or applicants for admission as students on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, national origin, or any other classification protected by Federal, or Tennessee constitutional or statutory law.


This agreement will take effect on November 30, 2011 for implementation in the Spring 2012 semester.

The terms of this agreement shall be perpetual duration; however, the parties mutually agree that the agreement may be amended or terminated, as needed, by written agreement between the Presidents of TSU and MSCC.

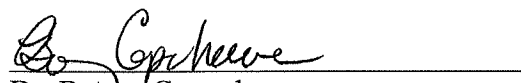
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties cause this Dual Admissions agreement to be executed.


 Dr. MaryLou Apple, President
 Motlow State Community College

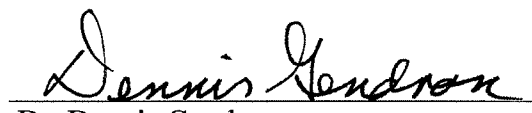
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 Dr. Portia Shields, President
 Tennessee State University

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 Dr. Bonny Copenhaver,
 Provost
 Motlow State Community College

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 Dr. Dennis Gendron
 Provost & Executive Vice-President
 Tennessee State University

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