



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS**

#### **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**and**

#### **NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mississippi State University (MSU) and Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC) hereby enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to offer partnership programs leading to baccalaureate degree completion for students enrolled in technical education programs. Both institutions recognize the importance of clear pathways in education to the future of our students, communities, nation, and world. This agreement establishes guidelines and parameters for partnership programs between MSU and NTCC.

#### **Objective**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to define the elements of the agreement between MSU and NTCC regarding the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program.

#### **General Terms and Conditions**

The parties of this Memorandum of Understanding, Mississippi State University and Northshore Technical Community College, agree to the following terms and conditions.

- This agreement shall be in effect beginning July 1, 2022 and shall last for a period of Five (5) years, or until either institution informs the other of a cancellation. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis or anytime significant program changes are made by either institution.
- This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving six months written notice of said party's intention to the Office of Provost and Executive Vice President, Mississippi State University, or Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northshore Technical Community College. Any termination date must coincide with the conclusion of the academic school year.

- This agreement is effective only under the condition that Mississippi State University and Northshore Technical Community College maintain current accreditation by a regional accrediting association as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In the event that either party loses its accreditation, this agreement shall terminate immediately.

#### Specific Agreement for Partnership Program

- Academic administrators and faculty at Mississippi State University and Northshore Technical Community College will jointly evaluate course equivalencies of partnership programs and produce course requirement sheets specifically outlining which courses must be taken at each institution to fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements.
- MSU and NTCC will jointly agree on a directory of acceptable technical courses delivered by faculty at NTCC which will apply to the Bachelor of Applied Science at MSU.
- MSU and NTCC will jointly market and promote the BAS degree. This includes the use of approved logos and colors for collateral advertising and marketing the partnership programs. Marketing teams from each institution will allow the other institution to review all collateral using names and logos prior to distribution.
- The MSU advisor on NTCC's campus will assist in guiding students through pathways to the BAS.
- NTCC will continue to provide a space for the MSU advisor to confidentially meet with students about BAS pathways.
- NTCC will work with MSU providing academic space for the delivery of synchronous online classes (when desired). This will enhance delivery for students who may have challenges with internet speeds at home. Furthermore, NTCC (in conjunction with industry partners) will work with MSU securing classroom space for face-to-face delivery when it is determined to best meet the desired learning outcomes of enrolled students.
- MSU will only seek to enroll students who have completed necessary technical degree requirements to earn an associate's degree at NTCC.
- With proper student consent, MSU agrees to provide information and transcripts regarding reverse transfer of courses back to NTCC to assist students in associates degree completion, when applicable.
- Students must obtain the appropriate student IDs and parking decals associated with enrollment at each institution.
- MSU and NTCC agree to provide access to library resources for all students enrolled in partnership programs.
- Students concurrently enrolled at both institutions may participate in student service resources and functions of each institution.
- Students must meet the normal course prerequisites. Course prerequisites are established by the university faculty to ensure that students have the necessary academic preparation in an area to succeed in the course. See NTCC and MSU Catalogs for specific requirements.
- MSU and NTCC courses will follow academic calendars of each respective institution.

- Students must complete the appropriate application process for admission to each institution. Once an NTCC student applies to MSU, the application will be valid for two years unless the student changes majors and must reapply for the new major.
- NTCC and MSU mutually agree to include a representative from both institutions for program advisory meetings, industry partnerships meetings, economic development meetings, and chamber meetings when relevant to the Applied Technology Pathway.

Signatures

This agreement will be effective as of July 1, 2022. Agreement is indicated by the signatures below.

An original, signed copy of this agreement shall be maintained by each institution at designated offices for Northshore Technical Community College and the Mississippi State University Provost and Executive Vice President.



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