



# Pathway to Applied Technology BS Agreement

BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

AND

NORTHSHORE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**2017 - 2018**

## **Purpose**

Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC) and The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) have entered into this agreement establishing a transferable pathway for NTCC students to become eligible for direct admission into USM. This pathway provides students a transparent and systematic outline for successfully completing an Applied Technology Bachelor of Science degree from USM and an associate degree and/or certificate of completion from NTCC. The institutions will partner to facilitate student access through a seamless blend of curricula.

## **Program**

Northshore Technical Community College students who have completed the Applied Technology Pathway will be admitted into The University of Southern Mississippi provided they meet the requirements as outlined in this agreement.

The total number of credit hours required to complete a bachelor's degree in Applied Technology at USM is 120 credit hours. Students may transfer up to 60 credit hours to USM. Students will transfer 36 hours in technical credits that may be applied to one of NTCC's Associate of Applied Science degrees. NTCC students who successfully transfer to USM will earn a Bachelor of Science in Applied Technology from USM after successfully completing the additional required coursework at USM and meeting all USM Applied Technology degree requirements.

NTCC students will follow the requirements in the USM Undergraduate Bulletin in force at the time they enter NTCC provided it is not older than Academic Year 2016-2017 and provided there was no break in enrollment for one regular semester (fall or spring) at NTCC, not including summer sessions.

In order to graduate from USM, students must achieve all graduation requirements as outlined in the USM Undergraduate Bulletin in force at the time they enter NTCC.

## Enrollment Management

Some courses in this program may require prerequisites. See NTCC Catalog and USM Undergraduate Bulletin for specific requirements.

NTCC students who successfully transfer to USM have the ability to reverse articulate their successfully completed credit hours back to NTCC for awarding the Associate of General Studies degree.

NTCC and USM mutually agree to review and approve together all student recruitment materials and events pertaining to the Applied Technology Pathway as defined in this agreement. NTCC and USM will participate in joint recruitment activities that include but are not limited to high school visits and presentations, community outreach events, and on-campus orientations.

## Workforce Development

The Applied Technology Pathway between USM and NTCC helps to ensure both institutions are being proactive in addressing challenges in the economy and resulting changes in the higher education landscape. In addition, the partnership ensures the participating institutions are responsive to relevant workforce needs of our local, state, and regional industry partners. As a result, NTCC and USM mutually agree to include a representative from both institutions for program advisory meetings, industry partnership meetings, economic development meetings, and chamber meetings when relevant to the Applied Technology BS Pathway.

## Courses to be completed at NTCC (*USM Equivalent*) – Maximum hours

Technical Electives (*no USM equivalent*) – 36 hours

Technical electives are defined as courses completed at NTCC that can be applied to an Associate of Applied Science degree from NTCC.

General Education Curriculum Courses (GEC)\* – May transfer up to 24 hours to USM from the following:

ENGL 1015 (*GEC 01 ENG 101*) – 3 hours

ENGL 1025 (*GEC 01 ENG 102*) – 3 hours

Natural Science Electives w/labs (*GEC 02 Science Requirement*) – 8 hours

Humanities Literature Elective (*GEC 03 Humanities - World Literature requirement*) – 3 hours

Humanities Electives (*GEC 03 Humanities - World History, Philosophy, Religion requirement*) – 6 hours

Fine Arts Elective (*GEC 04 Aesthetic Values*) – 3 hours

Behavioral Science Electives (*GEC 05 Social and Behavioral Sciences*) – 6 hours

Math Elective (*GEC 06 Mathematics Requirement*) – 3 hours

SPCH 1015 (*GEC 08 CMS 111*) – 3 hours

**\*USM GEC Course Transfer Policy:** “The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) will apply the transfer of a passed course from an accredited institution of higher learning to USM general education requirements, provided (1) that the course was taken in good faith to meet the published general education curriculum at the institution where the student was previously enrolled as a degree-seeking student and (2) that the course pertains to appropriate GEC categories at USM and also meets Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) criteria.” This means any course completed in good faith to satisfy the General Education Requirements at NTCC will transfer to USM to satisfy the 24 hours of GEC courses that can be transferred and will count toward the equivalent GEC area at USM.

## Program Evaluation

The Pathway to Applied Technology Agreement will be periodically evaluated in relation to the mission of the Institutions to assure the quality of the pathway and courses. Once every two academic years, USM faculty and staff will meet with NTCC faculty and staff to review stated responsibilities, outcomes, and current curriculum. Any changes to the curriculum outlined in this agreement will be discussed prior to implementing the proposed changes. Minutes and

