



## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### Between the University of South Carolina Columbia and Midlands Technical College

This agreement is made and entered into as of the 7th day of December 2021, by and between the University of South Carolina Columbia, hereinafter referred to as UofSC, and Midlands Technical College, hereinafter referred to as MTC. Both parties are educational institutions and agencies of the State of South Carolina.

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to promote access to and facilitate the transfer of Midlands Technical College students into the University's programs. The goal is to maintain viable transfer pathways where students can earn an associate's degree at Midlands Technical College and then earn a bachelor's degree at the University of South Carolina. The MTC and UofSC pathways will positively impact the state of South Carolina by potentially keeping more talented college graduates in the state as many students who begin at MTC are from South Carolina and may want to stay in the state upon graduation.

#### 2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED

- 2.1. UofSC shall accept for transfer the approved courses taught at MTC. To the extent feasible, the courses shall be equivalent to the first two years of UofSC's curriculum for the bachelor's degrees. Transfer pathways identifying course equivalencies for each program included in this agreement are provided in the appendix.
- 2.2. Courses offered at MTC for programs included in this agreement shall be taught by faculty having a doctorate or master's degree in the teaching discipline or master's degree with a concentration in the teaching discipline (a minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in the teaching discipline). Alternative credentials may be approved by the Dean of the UofSC College/School offering the corresponding course or his/her designee.
- 2.3. All courses offered at MTC for programs included in this agreement shall be annually reviewed and approved by the respective Dean of the UofSC College/School or his/her designee. If requested, MTC will provide syllabi for review by UofSC to ensure content is consistent with that of UofSC courses.
- 2.4. Midlands Technical College students may apply for admission through the University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Students must meet transfer admission requirements for the University of South Carolina and the College/School of the program for which they are seeking admission. Information about Transfer Admission is available at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/undergraduate\\_admissions/requirements\\_for\\_transfers/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_admissions/requirements_for_transfers/index.php). Transfer GPA requirements by major are available at: <https://apply.sc.edu/register/transfer.gpa.requirements>. Note that the UofSC Office of Undergraduate Admissions recalculates transfer GPA by using all credits attempted and all grades earned on college-level courses (e.g., non-developmental, non-remedial) at other institutions. If a course was repeated one or several times, all grades are counted in the GPA

- calculation. In order for MTC courses to be transferred to UofSC Columbia, a grade of C or higher must be earned.
- 2.5. MTC students who meet the admissions requirements for the University and for the academic major (which may include a higher GPA and specific courses) are guaranteed admission to the University of South Carolina to continue their degree program provided that there is space in the program and their application meets the application deadline. Particular majors with enrollment caps may not be readily available to transfer students.
  - 2.6. Midlands Technical College students accepted by the University shall receive transfer credit for courses taken at Midlands Technical College in accordance with the University's transfer policies.
  - 2.7. Upon successful completion of an approved curriculum at the University, the transfer student shall be awarded a bachelor's degree from the University.
  - 2.8. Midlands Technical College shall designate appropriate members of its Academic and Career Advising unit to counsel and assist students desiring to transfer to the UofSC's programs. UofSC shall assist with the advisement process by informing MTC of curriculum changes and providing current major maps. Each institution agrees to provide participating students with relevant, current, and sound academic advice for completing the associate's degree at MTC and the bachelor's degree program at UofSC in a timely manner.
  - 2.9. UofSC and MTC will maintain required standards in accordance with the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) guidelines and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation standards.
  - 2.10. Students accepted into a program included in this agreement will use catalog requirements for both institutions in effect at the time of entry into Midlands Technical College.
  - 2.11. Each institution agrees to notify the other when any changes are made to programs included in this agreement so that the agreement can be reviewed and amended as needed.
  - 2.12. For each program included in this agreement, the respective academic units will meet at least every two years to review the transfer pathway.
  - 2.13. UofSC and MTC advisors and admissions representatives will meet at least once per year to discuss the transfer pathways.
  - 2.14. The approved transfer pathways for each program included in this agreement will be identified in the appendix to this Agreement which will be maintained by the Director of the Office of Academic Programs. The Director of the Office of Academic Programs will update the appendix whenever additional transfer pathways are added or deleted. Transfer pathways identifying course equivalencies may be added for additional programs at the consent of the MTC Provost, UofSC Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and with the signatures of the Dean of the UofSC College/School and Chair of the academic unit offering the corresponding bachelor's degree program or their designee.
  - 2.15. The UofSC Columbia Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Midlands Technical College Provost will serve as the main points of contact for this agreement and additional transfer pathways.

### **3. DURATION**

- 3.1. This agreement will operate from the date of signing for five years and is subject to revision, modification, or termination at any time by mutual agreement.
- 3.2. This agreement is renewable, but not automatic, on the same terms and conditions every five years unless written notification is given by either institution at least 90 days prior to the termination date.
- 3.3. This agreement shall govern the relationship between UofSC and MTC and may be terminated by written notification of no less than three months by either party. However, the termination shall not become effective until the end of the current academic semester at the terminating member's institution.

**4. TERM AND AMENDMENT**

- 4.1. This amendment sets forth the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any previous agreements or understandings between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof are merged into and superseded by this agreement.
- 4.2. No change, modification, or amendment of this agreement, or any provisions hereof, shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- 4.3. This agreement, including the transfer pathways in the appendix, will be reviewed on an annual basis.

**5. SUPPORT OF AGREEMENT**

It is understood that both parties shall support and promote the spirit of this agreement to encourage academic collaboration and to facilitate as much as possible the academic progress of the students.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto approve and agree as indicated by:

**Midlands Technical College**

**University of South Carolina**

Brian Byrk 12.7.21  
Provost Date

Steph J. Byrk 12/7/21  
Provost Date

Donald L. Owens 12.7.21  
President Date

W. Pastid 7 Dec. 2021  
President Date

[Signature]  
Board of Trustees Date