



Memorandum of Understanding for Articulation of Students

Arkansas Tech University
and
National Park College

This Memorandum of Understanding (Agreement), entered into by and between **Arkansas Tech University** (hereinafter, ATU), located at 215 West O Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801 and **National Park College** (hereinafter, NPC), located at 101 College Drive, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas 71913.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the admission and transfer of eligible NPC students into approved baccalaureate degree programs at ATU, as specified in the attached addenda. Both parties agree to offer students a seamless degree completion option to improve the economic status and employment opportunities available to citizens with a baccalaureate degree in the state of Arkansas and the nation.

AGREEMENT

It is agreed that any student who has earned an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, or an Associate of Applied Science degree from NPC will be eligible to transfer to ATU for an approved baccalaureate degree program with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below and in the attached program specific addenda.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. ATU will maintain exclusive responsibility for admission.
2. Student must meet all criteria required for undergraduate admission to ATU.
3. Student must hold an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, or Associate of Applied Science degree from NPC with at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average, on or after the effective date of this agreement.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

1. Degree programs will be added as addenda to this parent agreement, as mutually agreed upon by the respective Chief Academic Officer at ATU and at NPC.
2. Specific course requirements for each approved degree program will be reviewed and agreed upon by the Deans under whom the specific degree resides.
3. A grade of “C” or better is required for prior coursework that will be used to meet ATU’s general education mathematics requirement and to satisfy transfer of Composition I and II.
4. ATU will accept grades of “D” for transfer; however, if the ATU course description requires a grade of “C” or better, the student may be required to repeat that specific course.
5. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences, or an Associate of Applied Science degree plan at NPC before entering ATU, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely (within one year) completion of degree program requirements.
6. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ATU.
7. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of ATU.

CONTACT

Notices or general questions regarding this Memorandum of Understanding should be sent to the following:

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IMPLEMENTATION

Degree and program requirements (catalog rights) for students who transfer to ATU under this agreement will be determined by the date of their initial enrollment at NPC. ATU publishes catalog and curriculum requirements on the web site by April of each year. Students may graduate under the catalog in force when they first enroll at ATU, or any subsequent catalog, subject to the approval of the appropriate ATU department head and dean. ATU reserves the right to make effective immediately any change in graduation requirements for students whose studies have not advanced beyond the level at which the change becomes operative.

ATU and NPC will work cooperatively to make students aware of the opportunity provided by this agreement. NPC will provide ATU with information on interested students to enable ATU to promote degree programs.

ATU and NPC shall agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement.

AMENDMENT

This agreement may be amended upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

This MOU will be effective from the date of agreement indicated below and will be automatically renewed until terminated by either party. If either party wishes to terminate this agreement, they should do so in writing one year in advance of the requested termination date. The parties agree that any NPC students enrolled at ATU at the time of termination of this Agreement shall be permitted to complete their degree under the terms of this Agreement.

In agreement with the above terms, the following signatures are affixed:

Arkansas Tech University

National Park College

 1/30/2018

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Ms. Bernadette Hinkle Date
Vice President for Admin. and Finance

Dr. John Hogan Date
President