

## **Umbrella Program Transfer Agreement between Towson University and Anne Arundel Community College**

This **UMBRELLA PROGRAM TRANSFER AGREEMENT** (this “Agreement”), effective as of the date of last signature below (the “Effective Date”), is hereby entered into by and between **TOWSON UNIVERSITY** (“TU”), an educational institution of the University System of Maryland, itself an agency of the State of Maryland, located in Towson, Maryland, and **ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE** (“AACC”), a community college located in Arnold, Maryland.

### **I. Purpose**

The Agreement affirms the commencement of an initiative between AACC and TU (each, a “Party” and collectively hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”) to provide articulated transfer pathways for AACC students (each, a “Pathway”) where, after successful completion of AACC associate degree programs, admissible AACC students will be able to transfer seamlessly to TU and enroll in programs leading to the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, or Bachelor of Technical and Professional Studies degrees.

The purpose of this Agreement is to: (i) define the responsibilities of each Party and the opportunities for students who choose to follow a Pathway, and (ii) to enhance and facilitate degree completion at the respective institutions. In addition, this Agreement contributes to the Maryland Higher Education Commission’s completion initiative by increasing associate degree attainment and providing momentum for baccalaureate completion.

### **II. Guaranteed Admission**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, TU shall provide students graduating from AACC with associate degrees the opportunity to seamlessly transfer to TU into any of the bachelor’s degree programs offered by TU that do not have special admissions requirements. TU’s Office of Undergraduate Admission will retain the final authority in all admission decisions.

### **III. Pathways; Admission to Special Programs**

Each Pathway connecting departments, majors, or tracks between AACC or TU shall be established and memorialized pursuant to a separate Program Transfer Addendum (“PTA Addendum”), which shall be incorporated to this Agreement. A template for the PTA Addendum is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The PTA Addendum shall specify the department, major, or track at AACC sending students to TU, the department, major, or track at TU awarding transfer credit, and any other relevant information.

When applicable, the PTA Addendum will outline specific requirements for admission into TU’s screened major. Students must follow the admission requirements and application processes for those screened majors as outlined in the TU Undergraduate Catalog.

#### **IV. Acceptance of Transfer Credit**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, TU shall accept transfer of AACC credits up to a maximum of sixty-four (64) applicable semester credit hours. PTA Addendums hereto include Pathways detailing the requirements for credit transfer for specific degree programs/curricula.

A completed General Education program taken as part of an associate's degree (e.g., A.A., A.S., A.S.E., A.A.T.) at AACC will transfer to TU's Core Curriculum without the need for a course-by-course match. Students who have completed an associate's degree will be required to take TU's Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and additional units (which is the term TU uses when referencing credits/credit hours) necessary to complete the minimum number of Core Curriculum units. The Towson Seminar (Core 1) course will be waived for all students transferring under this Agreement. Official transcripts from all higher education institutions from which students have earned academic credit must be submitted to TU as part of the application process. Credits transferred into AACC from other colleges/universities will be reviewed individually to determine transferability and applicability.

TU itself does not grant academic credit for occupational competency/life experience. However, such credits, including institutional examination credits, will be accepted if awarded by AACC and documented on an official transcript. TU will also accept a maximum of 30 credits in any combination from one of more of the following sources: acceptable Advanced Placement (AP) examination scores, acceptable College Level Examination Program (CLEP) scores, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) exam credits, Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma, successful completion of International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations, or acceptable transfer credit for prior learning.

#### **V. Academic Planning**

To facilitate a seamless transition, AACC students should work closely with their academic advisor at AACC to develop a comprehensive academic plan as early in their academic career as soon as possible and prior to transfer. Students and advisors are encouraged to utilize a variety of advising resources including the PTA Addendum (Exhibit A), AACC Catalog, TU Undergraduate Catalog, respective departmental websites, and various online articulation (transfer credit equivalency) databases, to ascertain the transferability of coursework.

Pre-transfer advising is also available on TU and AACC campuses for students to discuss their progress in the Pathways before transferring to TU.

#### **VI. Academic Advising**

Before matriculation at TU, a student's official transfer credit evaluation will be available on the student portal's Academic Requirements Report. The Academic Requirements Report details prior coursework transferability and applicability to the university, Core Curriculum, and major requirements at TU.

All new TU students are required to attend the New Student Orientation. During this orientation, students will meet with their academic advisors to review prior coursework, discuss academic interests and goals, and register for the upcoming semester.

TU students are assigned advisors in their area of study and are encouraged to meet with them periodically to assess their academic progress. Students with forty-five (45) or more earned credits must meet with their academic advisors to complete individualized Degree Completion plans for completion of all Core Curriculum, graduation, and major requirements, as outlined in the TU Undergraduate Catalog. These requirements include successfully completing at least 120 credits/units to earn the baccalaureate degree, of which at least thirty (30) must be earned at TU.

## **VII. Financial Aid and Transfer Scholarships**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for need-based aid. Students transferring from AACC to TU must indicate TU's school code of 002099 when submitting the FAFSA. All students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA beginning October 1 but no later than the priority application deadline of January 15.

Students transferring from AACC to TU who meet the transfer admissions priority deadline will be considered for TU's merit-based scholarship, the Transfer Achievement Award, for outstanding academic achievement.

AACC students who transfer to TU are encouraged to apply for other TU scholarship opportunities as they become available. Students should consult with the Scholarship Seeker on the financial aid website at TU ([Scholarship Seeker - Towson University](#)). TU transfer scholarships shall be promoted on the AACC Transfer Partner website ([Transfer Partners - Anne Arundel Community College](#)).

Students transferring from AACC to TU who have completed an associate's degree are encouraged to apply for the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) 2+2 Transfer Scholarship.

## **VIII. Reverse Transfer**

TU encourages students to complete their associate's degree at AACC before transferring. Additionally, TU will support former AACC students who have transferred to TU without completing their associate's degrees through the "Reverse Transfer" process. TU will facilitate reverse transfers each spring and fall semester, identifying students who meet the reverse transfer criteria and will notify AACC of eligible students. AACC will review to determine eligibility for awarding of the associate's degree at AACC. Students must meet the following qualifying criteria to be considered for reverse transfer: (1) be a current student at TU; (2) have not received any degree from TU; and (3) have earned at least 15 credits at AACC (based on what TU transferred in) and have at least 60 total earned credits. Eligible students must indicate their interest in participating in Reverse Transfer at the time of application to TU or sign a FERPA (defined below) waiver to allow TU and AACC advisors to exchange student academic records. Reverse Transfer data will be shared yearly amongst administrators, as set forth below.

## **IX. Reports and Data Sharing**

Both Parties will cooperate to gather, report, and share data each semester, including the following data (collectively referred to as “Data”): (1) AACC will provide TU a list of students that transferred to TU including AACC student ID, Student Last Name, Student First Name. (2) TU will provide a post-transfer outcome file to AACC on a term basis: Fall Term: November 15; Spring Term: April 15. (3) The file will include data on AACC transfer students that are currently enrolled at TU, including: AACC Student ID, TU Student ID, student last name, student first name, number of credits transferred from AACC, program of study, list of transfer courses (applied and denied), and other pertinent information (e.g., institutional scholarships awarded).

Data will be electrically transmitted between the Parties in a secure file, through encryption or other agreed-upon secure means, at a minimum, on or around the dates specified above.

Each Party agrees to comply with any applicable privacy regulations outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99, (“FERPA”) for the handling of student information as well as the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code, Gen. Prov., § 4-101 et seq.

No Party shall disclose or use any student information except to the extent necessary to carry out their obligations under this MOU and as permitted by FERPA.

The Parties will comply with all provisions of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) in all disclosures of FERPA-protected information between AACC and TU. For example, the Parties may share personally identifiable information from a student’s record for purposes related to a student’s enrollment or transfer, per 34 C.F.R §§ 99.31 (a)(2) and 99.34. In addition, pursuant to 34 C.F.R § 99.31 (a)(6)(i), the Parties may share with each other personally identifiable information from student’s educational records without consent for the sole purpose of conducting studies to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction. Also consistent with FERPA, the Parties shall use reasonable methods to assure that they provide only those education records necessary to this Agreement through secure delivery methods. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to allow the Parties to maintain, use, disclose, or share student record information in a manner prohibited under applicable laws or regulations.

## **X. Publicity, Promotion, and Intellectual Property**

During the term of this Agreement, TU and AACC shall develop and agree upon a mutually acceptable marketing and student recruitment plan to promote this Agreement and the Pathways to students. Any and all marketing, promotional, or publication materials developed pursuant to this Agreement that is prepared or developed by one Party must be reviewed and approved in writing by the other Party prior to the use of any such materials. AACC agrees to promote Pathways to AACC students by allowing TU to place marketing materials in student service-centered departments on campus and on the AACC Transfer Partners website.

Upon the request of TU, AACC agrees to send outreach biannually (fall and spring) on behalf of TU to current AACC students with 45 credits or more who are in articulated or parallel programs with TU. TU will incur all costs (if any) associated with outreach mailings.

Each Party reserves all rights to their respective trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos, or other commercial symbols (collectively, "Marks"), copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property rights and no rights to the Marks or copyrights, patent or other intellectual property rights are transferred or licensed pursuant to this Agreement. Each Party shall retain all intellectual property rights in their respective course materials offered to students while enrolled at their institution.

## **XI. Agreement Term and Review**

The Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and remain in force for an initial term of five (5) years unless sooner terminated by either Party as set forth below. The Agreement will automatically renew for an additional five (5) year term unless either Party gives ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party of its intent not to renew the Agreement.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing ninety (90) days' written notice to the other Party. During the notice period, the Parties may discuss the continuation of a formal relationship. If the Agreement is terminated, TU will honor transfer students from AACC under the expiring Agreement terms.

If there are changes in curriculum, programs, and credential requirements, the designated program administrators will meet on behalf of the Parties to determine if the Agreement should be amended. Any adjustments made during the Agreement's term will require a written amendment, modification, or addendum signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

## **XII. Program Administrators**

The individuals listed below have been designated to serve as program administrators of the Parties under this Agreement:

<b>AACC Program Administrator</b>	<b>TU Program Administrator</b>
Marcus Wright Director of Transfer, Articulation & Career Alignment 410-777-2777 mwright22@aacc.edu	Jennifer Mercer Associate Director University Admissions 410-704-6004 jmercerc@towson.edu

If a Party replaces their respective program administrator for any reason, that Party shall promptly notify the other Party's program administrator in writing.

Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing and delivered: (1) in person with documentation of receipt; (2) by facsimile or via email of scanned document with documentation of delivery; or (3) by first class mail, postage prepaid and addressed to each Party's designated contact (program administrator), or such other person a Party may subsequently

designate in writing as the program administrator. A notice shall be deemed effective when received.

### **XIII. Notices**

Any notice or communication permitted or required between the Parties under this Agreement shall be in writing and given by hand delivery, delivery by United States mail, email, or delivery by commercial overnight carrier. Notice shall be effective upon receipt to the person to whom it was addressed or three (3) days after notice was sent, whichever is earlier. Notices shall be provided to the individuals listed below. Either Party may change the notice address set forth in this Agreement by providing notice to the other Party.

TU:

General Counsel  
8000 York Road  
Towson, MD 21252  
Email: [generalcounsel@towson.edu](mailto:generalcounsel@towson.edu)

AACC:

General Counsel  
101 College Parkway  
Arnold, MD 21012  
Email: [generalcounsel@aacc.edu](mailto:generalcounsel@aacc.edu)

### **XIV. Relationships of the Parties**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create a relationship of employment, principal and agent, partnership, co- or joint employer, or joint venture. Neither Party shall, by virtue of this Agreement, have any right, power, or authority to act or create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of the other Party, nor shall this Agreement be construed to create rights or obligations, express or implied, on behalf of or for the use of any parties other than the Parties hereto; and the Parties shall not be obligated, separately or jointly, to any third parties by virtue of this Agreement.

### **XV. Waiver**

Failure on the part of either Party, in any or more than one instance, to insist upon the performance of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege contained within this Agreement, or the waiver by any Party of any breach of any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as thereafter waiving any such terms, covenants, conditions, rights or privileges, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect, as if no such forbearance of waiver had occurred.

### **XVI. Governing Law**

The Parties agree to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and all AACC and TU policies or procedures applicable to the activities under this Agreement. This Agreement,



and all claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether sounding in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Maryland, without reference to its conflicts of laws rules.

## **XVII. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures**

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original and all of which constitute one and the same agreement. This Agreement is effective upon delivery of one executed counterpart from each Party to the other Parties, including by facsimile or PDF delivery. The signatures of all Parties need not appear on the same counterpart.

This Agreement may be electronically or digitally signed or scanned, and any electronic or digital signatures appearing on this Agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility, upon exchange of signature pages.

## **XVIII. Severability**

Each provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a separate, severable, and independently enforceable provision. The invalidity of breach of any provisions shall not cause the invalidity or breach of the remaining provisions hereof.

## **XIX. Assignments**

Neither Party may assign this Agreement nor assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment of rights in violation of this provision shall be void.

## **XX. Non-Discrimination**

Each Party agrees to subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and shall not discriminate on the basis of race (including hair texture and hairstyle), color, religion, creed, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, citizenship status, genetic information (including family medical history), pregnancy or related conditions, and any other protected characteristic under applicable local, state, or federal law including protections for those opposing discrimination or participating in any discrimination, retaliation, or harassment grievance process within AACC or TU, with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and/or other human/civil rights agency in the selection of students and any other actions taken pursuant to this Agreement.

## **XXI. Force Majeure**

Neither Party will be responsible for or liable to the other Party for non-performance or delay in performance of any terms or conditions of this Agreement due to acts or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming or delayed Party. Such causes include but are not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, pandemics, epidemics, embargoes, terrorism, wars, riots, strikes or other labor disputes, shortages of labor or materials, hurricanes, fires, and floods, or any other circumstances of like character. The Party whose performance is delayed or prevented shall promptly provide to the other Party written notice of the existence of and the reason for such


nonperformance or delay and shall endeavor to mitigate its effects and make best efforts to resume performance as soon as practicable.

## **XXII. Entire Agreement and Amendments**

Any exhibits, attachments, and documents referenced herein, whether physically attached hereto, are incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, which constitutes the final Agreement between the two Parties. It is the complete and exclusive expression of the Parties' agreement on the matters contained in this Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous negotiations and agreements between the Parties on the matters contained in this Agreement are expressly merged into and superseded by this Agreement. In entering this Agreement, neither Party has relied on any statement, representation, warranty, or agreement of the other Party except for those expressly contained in it. There are no conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement other than those expressly stated in this Agreement. No amendment, modification, or addition to this Agreement will be binding upon the Parties hereto unless reduced to writing and signed by the respective authorized representatives of each Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

**ANNE ARUNDEL  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

By:   
By: Tanya Millner (Jul 18, 2025 14:28 EDT)  
**Dr. Tanya Millner**  
Provost/Vice President for Learning

Date: 07/18/2025

**TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

By:   
By: Dr. Melanie Perreault  
**Dr. Melanie Perreault**  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

Date: 7-14-25



## Exhibit A – Program Transfer Articulation Addendum Template

This Program Transfer Articulation Addendum (this “Addendum”) effective as the date of the last signature below, is entered into pursuant to the Umbrella Program Transfer Agreement (the “Transfer Agreement”) dated [DATE], by and between Anne Arundel Community College (“AACC”) and Towson University (“TU” and collectively with AACC, the “Parties”), and is incorporated into the Transfer Agreement. Unless specifically modified in this Addendum, all terms and conditions in the Transfer Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Should any conflict exist between the Transfer Agreement and this Addendum, the terms and conditions of the Transfer Agreement shall prevail.

This Addendum establishes an articulated transfer pathway(s) (“Pathway(s)”) in which students from the [insert name(s) of selected AACC department(s), major(s), or track(s)] at AACC may seamlessly transfer into the [insert name(s) of selected TU department(s), major(s), or track(s)] at TU. For each degree program listed, a 2+2 Articulation Agreement shall be attached to this Addendum hereto and incorporated herein detailing the course equivalencies, general education, and major requirements, as well as any special admission and other additional requirements, necessary for AACC students to transfer into the aforementioned [insert name of selected TU department, major, or track] at TU and successfully complete a bachelor’s degree.

For the Pathway(s) included in this Addendum, both Parties agree that faculty representatives from both institutions will meet regularly to engage in ongoing discussion to enhance and strengthen this collaboration and agree to update the Pathway(s) and/or associated 2+2 Articulation Agreement(s) whenever substantive changes in the degree programs listed occur at either AACC or TU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby have caused this Addendum to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Tanya Millner**  
Provost/Vice President for Learning

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Melanie Perreault**  
Provost and Executive Vice President for  
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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Transfer Articulation Addendum**  
**Bachelor of Technical or Professional Studies in Allied Health**

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This Addendum establishes an articulated transfer pathway (“Pathway”) in which students from the following associate degree programs at AACC may seamlessly transfer into the Bachelor of Technical or Professional Studies (B.T.P.S.) in Allied Health at TU:

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Massage Therapy.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Medical Assisting.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Medical Laboratory Technician.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Physical Therapist Assistant.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Radiologic Technology.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Surgical Technology.
- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Histotechnician.

For each degree program listed, a 2+2 Articulation Agreement shall be attached to this Addendum hereto and incorporated herein detailing the course equivalencies, general education, and major requirements, as well as any special admission and other additional requirements, necessary for AACC students to transfer into the aforementioned Bachelor of Technical or Professional Studies in Allied Health at TU and successfully complete a bachelor’s degree.


For the Pathway included in this Addendum, both Parties agree that faculty representatives from both institutions will meet regularly to engage in ongoing discussion to enhance and strengthen this collaboration, and agree to update the Pathway and/or associated 2+2 Articulation Agreements whenever substantive changes in the degree programs listed occur at either AACC or TU.

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Provost and Executive Vice President for  
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Date: 07/21/2025










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