Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathway

Memorandum of Agreement
Between Maricopa County Community College District and the University of Arizona

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of February 8, 2012 (the "effective date"), between the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of the University of Arizona ("UA") and the University of Arizona South, each sometimes individually referred to herein as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

Preface

Under the terms of this Agreement the MCCCD and UA as major providers of higher education, agree to this educational partnership designed to meet the higher education needs of the State of Arizona. Through this educational partnership, both institutions seek to: increase access to higher education, improve the experience of students who attend both institutions, and increase the number of students who complete associate's and baccalaureate degrees.

Both institutions enter into this Agreement with a spirit of cooperation and a commitment that strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer. The specific programmatic agreements established under this Agreement will be identified, maintained, and made available as separate documents from this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

The Parties agree that the primary goals of the expanded partnership between MCCCD and UA are to:

1. Increase the number of MCCCD students transferring to UA over the next five years;
2. Increase the percentage of MCCCD students transferring to UA with an associate’s degree;
3. Increase the success rate of MCCCD transfer students at UA in terms of earning a bachelor’s degree;
4. Ensure seamless transition of students between MCCCD and UA, and
5. Expand opportunities for direct transfer to specified UA degree programs.
Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathway (AzTAP)

Foundational to meeting the student-focused goals stated above is the development of a platform of seamless MCCCD and UA partnership degrees, called Arizona Transfer Articulation Pathways (AzTAPs). A key component of the enhanced collaboration is provision of meaningful incentives for students who complete an AGEC and associate’s degree through the AzTAPs. This articulated degree-to-degree transfer will provide guaranteed admission into selected UA undergraduate degree programs for MCCCD students who complete the requirements of a specific AzTAP. Other student benefits for participating in an AzTAP include pre-transfer admissions counseling and eligibility for the joint admission program, which includes renewable scholarships for eligible students.

I. Student Requirements

To qualify for an AzTAP, MCCCD students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be enrolled in the appropriate associate’s degree program relevant to the particular AzTAP;

2. Be jointly admitted to one of the MCCCD colleges and the University of Arizona (see Addendum A for UA/Maricopa Bridge Program components) or complete an Intent to Transfer Form during the year before planning to transfer;

3. Submit an undergraduate application for admission form to the University of Arizona during the university’s application filing period for acceptance, at least one semester in advance of transfer and otherwise qualify for university admission;

4. Maintain a minimum cumulative UA recalculated GPA of 2.0 in all transferable courses. Certain programs may require a higher GPA, as specified in the Addenda to this Agreement,

5. Satisfactorily complete all MCCCD graduation requirements for the appropriate associate’s degree prior to the date the student intends to transfer to the university.

6. At the time of transfer, student will be a citizen of the United States, an Arizona resident, or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa permitting study at the University of Arizona.

II. Role of the University of Arizona

1. The University of Arizona will provide materials and other information to MCCCD advisors to help them assist students in meeting university academic program requirements.

2. The University of Arizona will provide access for potential transfer students to all necessary services, such as major-specific transfer guides, admissions assistance to the University of Arizona, and financial aid services.
III. Role of Maricopa County Community College District

1. MCCCD will provide opportunities for university personnel to promote this agreement by presenting materials to and speaking with MCCCD students.

2. MCCCD will provide opportunities for university personnel to train advising staff in important aspects of the transfer process to the University of Arizona.

III. Mutual Obligations

Both institutions agree that they will:

1. Review AzTAPs in spring of every other year and reconfirm or modify for the following two years unless substantial changes in the interim require modification at an earlier time. Specific agreements may be terminated with one year’s notice at the request of either institution.

2. Provide direct links between their institutional websites noting the existence of specific AzTAPs.

3. Require that transfer literature is updated on an annual basis.

4. Work cooperatively to determine baccalaureate degree programs appropriate for the development of additional AzTAPs.

5. Work cooperatively to identify the courses and programs that will provide the best foundation for students interested in transferring to the University of Arizona. Each AzTAP, both existing and future, will be attached hereto as addenda, approved by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution.

6. Designate an institutional representative for ongoing communications between the institutions specific to transfer agreements and an admissions representative for ongoing communications regarding student needs.

7. Comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking reasonable steps to require that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in this transfer agreement and to track student interest, persistence, and success.

8. Form an oversight committee charged with evaluation and review of this agreement. This committee will meet, at a minimum, twice each year.

9. Develop appropriate marketing and communication strategies for the AzTAPs.

10. Identify opportunities to increase financial support for Maricopa Community Colleges students transferring to the University of Arizona.

1. **Nondiscrimination.** The parties agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.

2. **Conflict of Interest.** This agreement is subject to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-511.

3. **State Obligation.** The parties recognize that the availability of degree program(s) specific to an agreed-upon transfer agreement may be dependent upon the appropriation of funds by the State Legislature of Arizona. Should the Legislature fail to appropriate the necessary funds or if either Party’s appropriation is reduced during the fiscal year, that Party may cancel the transfer agreement on ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the transfer agreement.

4. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** No person or entity is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

5. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is made under and shall be interpreted according to Arizona law.

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Chancellor, Maricopa Community Colleges

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Eugene G. Sander, Ph.D.
President, University of Arizona

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Addendum A

UA/Maricopa Bridge Program
A partnership between Maricopa County Community College District and
the University of Arizona

The UA Maricopa Bridge Program is a collaborative program between Maricopa Community College District (MCCCD) and the University of Arizona (UA). This program is designed to encourage undergraduate students who plan to earn a baccalaureate degree at the University of Arizona to connect early to the UA, while also earning transfer credits at a MCCCD college. The program assists students with a seamless transition between the two systems.

Main Features:

- Open to all students eligible for admission to UA and who have completed less than 35 credits at a MCCCD college.
- Admission to both the MCCCD and UA.
- Access to academic advisors and/or counselors at both MCCCD and UA.
- Access to financial aid information and counseling, as appropriate, from staff at both MCCCD and UA.
- Ability to enroll at the UA without submitting a new admission application while active in the UA/Maricopa Bridge Program.
- Access to specific programs and activities designed for UA/Maricopa Bridge Program students.
- Access to UA Library, CatCard, email account, and other online resources.
- $2000 renewable transfer scholarship for eligible students.
- Interaction with UA transfer student mentors.

Participant Requirements:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and complete six or more credits per semester to maintain eligibility.

MCCCD Responsibilities and Oversight:

- Responsibility of MCCCD to advertise the UA/Maricopa Bridge Program to the entire district via their website and other media venues.
- Contingent upon an automated process, MCCCD will send transcripts for all registered UA Maricopa Bridge Program students to UA at the close of each semester.
- Provide campus space for programs and workshops.

UA Responsibilities and Oversight:

- Allow students to participate in the program for up to 64 transferable credits at MCCCD in order to be eligible for UA/Maricopa Bridge Program.
- All MCCCD transcripts will be evaluated by the UA while the students are at MCCCD so that a UA student advisement report may be generated and progress can be tracked.

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• Offer transfer specific events and programs available to participants including visits to UA campus for events and advising. Transportation to UA will be provided to maximize participation. Maricopa County area functions will also be offered.

**Additional Proposed Program Delivery Structure:**

• An agreed upon methodology to track students using MCCCD SIS system and UA UAccess for quick program identification to increase tracking capabilities.

• Creation of a required non-credit workshop series delivered online, on MCCCD campuses and at the UA (UA to create)

**Content:**

  o Major exploration - required workshop of all second semester UA/Maricopa Bridge Program students.
  o UA and MCCCD campus orientation of services.
  o Training related to emotional intelligence, motivation, and cultural capital.