



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Due to our mutual commitment to the education and workforce development of the Northeast Kansas and Northwest Missouri region, this document sets forth an agreement between Missouri Western State University (MWSU) and Highland Community College (HCC) as participants in a seamless transfer agreement.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONS

Missouri Western State University shall perform the following obligations:

- 1. Any student who has earned an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree from HCC will be accepted as a transfer student at MWSU. Please reference the Associate of Arts agreement that can be found at www.missouriwestern.edu/transfer
- 2. The student will transfer to MWSU with junior class standing and will have met all of MWSU's general studies program requirements for a bachelor's degree.
- 3. The student will be required to complete all program-specific coursework for their chosen area of study, including prerequisite course work if applicable. This will also include the Missouri Constitution requirement.
- 4. All HCC students, even those without associate of arts degrees, will receive transfer credit for all college-level courses completed at HCC according to the policies and procedures of the University Catalog based on that student's application date.

Highland Community College shall perform the following obligations:

- 1. Work to make students, faculty, and staff aware of the nature of this agreement and advise students in conjunction with the MWSU/HCC transfer guidelines and program-to-program agreements posted on the MWSU website.
- 2. Provide MWSU opportunities to educate HCC students and staff on the enhanced educational opportunities available through this seamless transfer agreement.

OTHER AREAS OF COOPERATION

- 1. MWSU and HCC will engage in a Reverse Transfer process to award associates degrees for students who transfer to MWSU prior to completing their HCC degree. This process will align with the guidelines of the Missouri Reverse Transfer and Kansas Reverse Transfer initiatives.
- 2. MWSU and HCC agree to investigate other areas of productive cooperation to meet the goals of each institution and their respective regions.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement will be effective January 1st, 2015 and upon signature of designated officials at each institution. It may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other. Such termination will take effect six months from the date of the written notice. Modifications of this agreement shall be made in the form of an addendum signed by both sides.

Nothing in the above agreement shall be construed as being legally binding or constituting a contract between the signing parties.

IN THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION, WE HEREBY SET OUR SIGNATURES.

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