

# AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MERCER UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT and THE TECHNICAL SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) 2024 - 2029

#### Purpose

This agreement establishes a plan whereby an undergraduate student may first attend a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) member institution, an institution accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to complete an associate degree and then transfer to Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement to complete a bachelor's degree into a designated Health Career Pathway.

#### Agreements

Under this agreement, students from TCSG member institutions are eligible to pursue a bachelor's degree from Mercer University in one of the following Pre-Health pathway programs.

Pre-Nursing – Traditional BSN Track

Pre-Nursing – ABSN Track – Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Pharmacy – Doctor of Pharmacy

Pre-Medicine - Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Physician Assistant – Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Physical Therapy – Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Athletic Training – Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Public Health - Healthcare Leadership

Pre-Clinical Psychology - Psychology

Mercer University and TCSG member institutions affirm that both entities will support the efficient and smooth transition of qualified students enrolled in eligible TCSG's associate degree programs. Both parties agree to the following activities to support this partnership.

 Mercer representatives will attend TCSG member institutions New Student Orientation Programs and Career Fairs to present the articulation agreement and bachelor degree options, highlighting outcomes and opportunities associated with bachelor degree achievement.

- Mercer will develop advisement sheets for each eligible program included in the articulation agreement that clearly and accurately represent the transfer credit awarded by Mercer.
- TCSG member institutions and Mercer will develop a plan for early onsite advisement sessions for those individuals interested in attending Mercer.
- TCSG member institutions and Mercer will highlight the value of the articulation agreement by developing a landing page on respective websites and marketing materials specific to this partnership.
- This agreement will be reviewed regularly by both parties to ensure continued ease of transfer for students interested in attending Mercer.

### Acceptance of Transfer Credits at Mercer University

The following guidelines are used to award transfer credit toward a degree in Mercer's College of Professional Advancement.

- Transfer of credits is consistent with and subject to the same conditions prescribed in each institution's published catalog.
- Courses in which a grade of C or above is earned.
- College level courses equivalent in content and standards to Mercer courses.
- A minimum of 32 credits must be earned at Mercer University to be eligible for graduation.
- Completion of an associate degree program at a TCSG member institution does not guarantee admission to Mercer University nor to any degree program in the College of Professional Advancement. Candidates must successfully meet all requirements for admission to Mercer University and to the appropriate degree program in Mercer's College of Professional Advancement.

## **Mercer University** William D. Underwood Date President Date Date Priscilla Danheiser Dean, College of Professional Advancement Alba I. Rodriguez Date University Registrar Technical College System of Georgia Gregory Dozier Commissioner

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