

Dual Admission Program
Tusculum University and
Northeast State Community College

Overview

This Dual Admission Program (DAP) agreement is between Tusculum University (TU) and Northeast State Community College (NeSCC) for the purpose of providing students with a seamless path for baccalaureate degree completion. The program offers NeSCC students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree followed by enrollment at TU to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. Dually admitted students first enroll at NeSCC, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.S. and A.S.T.) and then enroll at TU.

Eligibility for Dual Admission Program

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Plan to pursue both an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree.
- Meet current admission criteria for NeSCC.
- Possess 29 earned or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0; a cumulative GPA of 2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree.
- Enters NeSCC under the 2004 or later catalog (the common general education core curriculum was implemented in the fall of 2004).
- Upon graduation from NeSCC with an A.A. or A.S. (A.S.T.) degree, students will reaffirm the information on their original application.

Students' Responsibilities

NeSCC students who fulfill the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to TU.

Students must apply and be admitted to NeSCC.

- Students are limited to participate in only one DAP at a time.
- Students must complete an application for Dual Admission and a non-binding *Intent-to-Enroll* form that includes authorization for the exchange of all application and academic information between NeSCC and TU.
- Students will provide two copies of all application materials to NeSCC (official high school transcripts or equivalent, official college transcripts if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.)

- Student must complete an on line TU Application. **No fee is required.**
- Students must earn an A.S., A.A. or A.S.T. degree from **NeSCC. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA(2.75 for the A.S.T. degree) to be in good standing in the Dual Admission Program.**
- **All required high** school courses must be completed prior to transition into TU.
- Any courses required for the major not completed at NeSCC must be completed at TU to progress into the major. Students in the DAP who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to TU but additional application and program admission requirements may be applicable to individual academic disciplines, e.g., education and nursing.
- Students must complete the NeSCC *Intent to Graduate Form*.
- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from NeSCC and enroll at TU must re-apply to TU as a transfer student.
- A student may withdraw from the DAP by providing a written statement to NeSCC.
- Students must re-apply to the DAP if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at NeSCC.
- Students may only receive financial aid at one institution at a time. Students must complete financial aid paperwork for TU prior to enrolling.

Institution's Responsibilities

- NeSCC will forward all copies of the complete application packet materials to the Office of Admission at TU including : NeSCC application for admission, application for DAP/non-binding Intent-to-Enroll Form, official high school transcript or equivalent, official college transcript(s) if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.
- Both NeSCC and TU will track Dual Admission students in their student information systems.
- Both NeSCC and TU will provide advisement to each student.
- Each institution will develop a web site specifically for the DAP.
- At the end of each semester, NeSCC will provide TU an official transcript for each participant in the DAP, and student work at NeSCC will be posted as transfer credit in the student information system at TU.
- Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.
- NeSCC will refer students to the TU primary and secondary campus contacts during their first semester of enrollment in the DAP. Students will work jointly with NeSCC and TU contacts to determine course selection.

- NESCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at TU by the student toward the associate degree.
- NeSCC will provide TU primary and secondary campus contact with defined view only access to the NeSCC Banner Self Service system to allow the TU contacts to effectively advise DAP participants.

Terms of Ineligibility

- Failure to adhere to the eligibility provisions and students' responsibilities of the DAP.
- Notification by NeSCC of the student's withdrawal from the DAP.

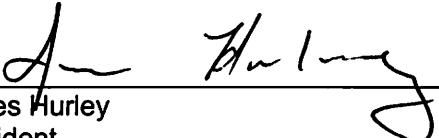
Advantages for Participating Institutions

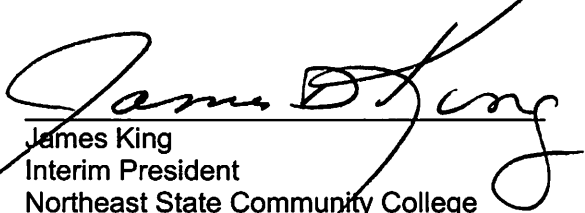
- NeSCC and TU can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend TU for baccalaureate degree completion after having earned an associate's degree.
- NeSCC students accepted into the Tusculum residential campus program on a full-time degree seeking basis of twelve hours or more semester hours will receive institutional scholarship or gift assistance based upon academic achievement or financial need.
- With increased ease of transitioning between institutions, NeSCC will achieve a higher transfer rate.
- An improved community college transfer rate will lead to increased baccalaureate attainment.
- Some evidence indicates that students who complete their associate's degree are more likely to be successful completing their baccalaureate degree.
- NeSCC students, encouraged to pursue a bachelor's degree at TU, after completing an associate's degree will increase their educational attainment levels.
- NeSCC can track educational achievement of their graduates.
- NeSCC and TU can enjoy joint recruitment in area high schools.
- Students will arrive at TU better prepared for upper division courses in their major fields of study.
- TU will have a qualified and identified source of students that requires minimal recruitment effort.

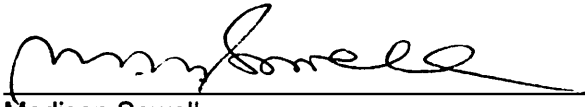
Advantages for TBR Community College Students

- Students are guaranteed acceptance into TU upon completion of the A.A., A.S. (A.S.T.) degree at NeSCC. Students in the DAP who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to TU but additional application and program admission requirements may be applicable to individual academic disciplines, e.g., education and nursing.
- Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at NeSCC with lower tuition and fees.
- Students will become familiar with TU staff and academic advisors, which should facilitate the transition process.
- Students will receive academic advising from both institutions, including early advisement from TU.
- Students will be able to register during the semester of graduation from NeSCC and upon completion of TU orientation activities.

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