

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri

AND

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

in Ullin, Illinois

This partnership agreement is made and entered into this 3 day of November, 2017, by and between Southeast Missouri State University (Southeast) and Shawnee Community College (Shawnee) to improve degree completion rates by offering students guided pathway to success, concurrent enrollment opportunities, and facilitated reverse transfer to earn the Associate of Arts degree.

Missouri Senate Bill 997, signed into law on June 16, 2016, requires institutions to offer proactive advising. Proactive advising is “an advising model in which advisors reach out to students in anticipation of their needs, connect students with resources and support early in their studies, and motivate students to succeed.” To that end, Southeast Missouri State University developed the “Transfer Mentor Program” to encourage students to plan and track their degree program at Southeast beginning in their first semester at a community college.

A Southeast Transfer Mentor will provide individual support to the students enrolled at Shawnee and through his/her first semester at Southeast. When the student declares an intent to pursue an online degree at Southeast, an Online Program Specialist will serve as the Transfer Mentor.

Transfer Mentor Program participants will have access to the Southeast degree audit system. As the student earns credit at the community college, the credits will be applied to the major at Southeast and will be viewable in the degree audit system. Shawnee agrees to send an official college transcript to Southeast at the end of every semester at no cost to the student. Likewise, Southeast will send official college transcripts to Shawnee every semester the student is enrolled at no cost to the student until the student completes the Associate of Arts Degree.

The Office of the Registrar at Southeast will provide Individualized Transfer Plans to students upon request. Additionally, Shawnee students and academic advisors can use the Transfer Equivalency System (TES) and the Southeast degree maps for advisement.

Faculty at Shawnee and Southeast will be encouraged to collaborate and develop program-to-program articulation agreements.

Advisors at both institutions and the Transfer Mentor will assist with concurrent enrollment as appropriate, to reduce time to degree completion for the student.

A student who transfers will be considered for a Southeast community college scholarship in his/her first semester as a degree-seeking student at Southeast. Enrollment as a visiting student in

a prior term will not negate scholarship eligibility.

Southeast will waive the undergraduate application fee for Transfer Mentor Program participants enrolling directly from Shawnee Community College, providing the student maintained continuous enrollment at Shawnee Community College.

Students must register for the Transfer Mentor Program at least one full fall or spring semester prior to their anticipated term of entry, as it is the intent of this program to facilitate degree planning in advance.

This agreement will remain in place unless amended with the approval of both parties. Understanding the impact of changes to this program on the plans of individual students, advanced notification of one year is required by either party to discontinue this partnership.


Southeast Missouri State University and Shawnee Community College have executed this agreement on the date written above.



President Peggy Bradford
Shawnee Community College

November 3, 2017

Date



President Carlos Vargas
Southeast Missouri State University

November 16, 2017

Date