



University of
MOUNT OLIVE

**Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership
between
Wilkes Community College and the University of Mount Olive**

UMO Bridge

The University of Mount Olive Bridge program (UMO Bridge) is a partnership between the University of Mount Olive (UMO) and Wilkes Community College (WCC). In recognition of the quality Associate of Applied Science degree graduates of WCC, the UMO Bridge partnership will enhance educational opportunities and facilitate a seamless transfer of graduates from specified WCC Associate Degree programs to the University of Mount Olive Bachelor Degree programs. In partnership, the University of Mount Olive and WCC will enhance and expand the University of Mount Olive's participation as a signatory institution in the North Carolina Community College System Independent Colleges and Universities Universal General Education Transfer Component Agreement (UGETC). The UMO Bridge partnership will be realized in the following activities:

The University of Mount Olive agrees to:

Articulation

Provide current students and recent graduates guaranteed admission and acceptance of appropriate transfer hours, up to 64 credits from specified AAS programs with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. WCC AAS graduates will receive up to 64 hours of credit for completed courses. These credit hours will include a combination of hours of general education credit, hours of elective credit, or hours of credit toward the major as evaluated by appropriate UMO division/departmental advisors and the UMO Registrar's Office.

Partnership


- Encourage AA, AS, and AAS degree completion at WCC.
- WCC graduates will be eligible to apply for all State and Federal financial aid and some University of Mount Olive institutional scholarships, to the extent those are available to similarly classified University of Mount Olive students.
- WCC graduates will be eligible for consideration of the full range of academic programs at the University of Mount Olive locations.
- Provide WCC with program specific Transfer Guides and marketing materials.
- A University of Mount Olive Admissions representative will be assigned specific times and a place at WCC for advising students interested in transfer to the University of Mount Olive.
- Promote the UMO Bridge partnership in paid advertising when appropriate subject to the availability of funds.

- Produce printed materials for the UMO Bridge partnership when appropriate and subject to the availability of funds using both the University of Mount Olive and WCC logos.
- Participate in a joint Advisory Committee comprised of WCC and the University of Mount Olive faculty and staff that will meet annually, or more frequently if deemed necessary, for review of the UMO Bridge program.

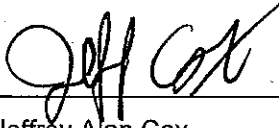
Wilkes Community College agrees to:

- Provide WCC student and graduate information to the University of Mount Olive in a manner consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) at WCC up to twice per year.
- Provide reasonable accommodations for a University of Mount Olive Admissions representative's presence on all WCC campus locations for advisement of interested transfer students.
- Distribute University of Mount Olive and UMO Bridge printed materials through WCC Admissions, Advising, and AAS degree program advisors.
- Provide a seamless integration of the University of Mount Olive recruitment initiatives into the WCC community and culture where schedule and space permit.
- Promote the UMO Bridge partnership in WCC's publications and website.
- Promote the University of Mount Olive partnership in paid advertising when appropriate and subject to the availability of funds.
- Produce printed materials for the partnership when appropriate and subject to the availability of funds utilizing both the University of Mount Olive and WCC logos.
- Participate in a joint Advisory Committee comprised of WCC and the University of Mount Olive faculty and staff for annual review of the UMO Bridge program.

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to annual review and may be terminated by either party with sixty days notice. Each entity, WCC and the University of Mount Olive, (being the "Indemnifying Party") agrees to hold the other entity (being the "Indemnified Party") harmless, to the extent allowed by law, from all claims, demands, costs and expenses arising out of breach of this Memorandum of Understanding by the Indemnifying Party or arising out of the actions or omissions of the Indemnifying Party.



 Dr. Philip Kerstetter Date
 President
 The University of Mount Olive



 Dr. Jeffrey Alan Cox Date
 President
 Wilkes Community College