



University of
MOUNT OLIVE

Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership

between

Bladen 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 Bladen Community College (BCC). In recognition of the quality Associate of Applied Science degree graduates of BCC, the UMO Bridge partnership will enhance educational opportunities and facilitate a seamless transfer of graduates from specified BCC Associate Degree programs to the University of Mount Olive Bachelor Degree programs. In partnership, the University of Mount Olive and BCC 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. BCC 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 BCC.
- BCC 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.
- BCC graduates will be eligible for consideration of the full range of academic programs at the University of Mount Olive locations. Specific degree transfer information is included in the Attachment.
- Provide BCC with program specific Transfer Guides and marketing materials.
- Assign a University of Mount Olive Admissions representative with regular hours at BCC 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 BCC logos.
- Participate in a joint Advisory Committee comprised of BCC and the University of Mount Olive faculty and staff that will meet regularly for review of the UMO Bridge program.

Bladen Community College agrees to:

- Provide BCC student and graduate information to the University of Mount Olive in a manner consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) at BCC up to twice per year.
- Provide reasonable accommodations for a University of Mount Olive Admissions representative's presence on all BCC campus locations.
- Distribute University of Mount Olive and UMO Bridge printed materials through BCC Admissions, Advising, and AAS degree program advisors.
- Provide a seamless integration of the University of Mount Olive recruitment initiatives into the BCC community and culture where schedule and space permit.
- Promote the UMO Bridge partnership in BCC'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 BCC logos.
- Participate in a joint Advisory Committee comprised of BCC 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, BCC 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.

Philip P. Kerstetter 7/2/15

Philip P. Kerstetter, Ph.D.

Date

President

The University of Mount Olive

William Findt July 2, 2015

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