



**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**and the**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**I. PURPOSE**

The following agreement between South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) and the South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS) is designed to enhance the transfer of associate degree graduates from the sixteen (16) technical colleges in South Carolina to participating members of SCICU (Addendum A). By closely examining and improving the transfer function between the public two-year technical college system and private non-profit colleges and universities, SCICU and SCTCS hope to increase and encourage access to baccalaureate education for two-year college students, provide a clearly defined path to graduation, and reduce the cost of obtaining a degree.

**II. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

SCTCS and SCICU will engage in transfer efforts to create course and program articulation between the Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degrees provided by SCTCS and approved baccalaureate programs offered at participating members of SCICU. This agreement will facilitate collaborative partnerships and the development of detailed articulation guides between participating members of SCICU and the individual colleges within the system.

This agreement does not preclude any existing or future bridge agreements, nor any other transfer efforts between participating members of SCICU and an individual technical college.

**III. TARGET STUDENTS**

Students entering participating members of SCICU under this agreement will be defined as students who have:

- A. Earned an AA or AS degree from one of the 16 colleges within the SCTCS,

- B. Earned a grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in each course applicable to the AA or AS degree,
- C. Expressed intent to transfer to a participating member of SCICU, and
- D. Met all other requirements contained in this agreement.

#### **IV. ACADEMIC ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT**

- A. Graduates from a South Carolina technical college who are granted admission to participating members of SCICU under this agreement may expect the following:
  - 1. Unless otherwise indicated below, students who have completed the AA or AS degree will enter participating members of SCICU with junior standing and will have satisfied the General Education Program Requirements. Some participating SCICU members may require college-specific general education courses, such as religion, that may be completed through the technical college if an equivalent course is offered or through the participating SCICU member.
  - 2. All transfer courses that are accepted by participating members of SCICU will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree as appropriate to the student's major.
  - 3. All transfer students must meet specific admission requirements for their desired major and must take all remaining core and upper-level courses. Although a course may be transferable into a baccalaureate program at a participating member of SCICU, it may not be applied to a specific major in all instances. In such cases, these credits will transfer as elective credit.
  - 4. A SCICU participating member guarantees the acceptance of all transferable credits. However, a SCICU participating member cannot guarantee the student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation with the minimum credits required for graduation because certain specialized degree programs may require more than the minimum hours for graduation. To assure a smooth transition, an Academic Advisor will inform the student if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the stated minimum needed for graduation in the student's program of study.
  - 5. Acceptance in some departments at SCICU participating members is competitive, and acceptance into a SCICU participating member does not guarantee admission to these programs without further review and acceptance by the department offering the program. Students participating in this Partnership Agreement should follow all special departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as satisfy all grade point and course requirements listed in the appropriate academic catalog or bulletin.

6. SCICU participating members will recognize the Statewide Articulation Agreement of 86 courses approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for transfer from two- to four-year public institutions. In instances where the participating SCICU member does not have courses synonymous to ones on this list, it will identify comparable courses or course categories for acceptance of general education courses on the statewide list. This list of courses is available online at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov) as well as at [www.SCTRAC.org](http://www.SCTRAC.org).
- B. SCTCS students and graduates who do not meet the eligibility requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular transfer admission procedures of participating members of SCICU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

## **V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. SCTCS students will:**

1. Assume primary responsibility for understanding and following the requirements for the technical college AA and AS degrees and the specific requirements for their intended major at participating members of SCICU.
2. Follow all requirements of the participating members of SCICU for admission processes and timelines published in the Undergraduate Catalog in effect at the time the application is submitted.
3. Submit all college and university transcripts with an admission application.

### **B. SCTCS colleges will:**

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the AA and AS degrees.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to participating members of SCICU under this agreement.
3. Promote agreement and degree programs available at participating members of SCICU among faculty, staff, and students to include the college, SCTCS, and SC Transfer and Articulation Center websites.
4. Participate in relevant engagement and training opportunities offered to enhance college partnerships and the development of programmatic articulation guides.

### **C. Participating members of SCICU will:**

1. Upon their application to participating members of SCICU, treat SCTCS students on an equal basis with other transfer students with regard to award and distribution of financial aid and other scholarships, campus housing, parking,

selection of courses, and other student services. Additionally, SCTCS students will participate in admission and transfer advising, financial aid planning and counseling, student success programming, and career planning services.

2. Facilitate a Reverse Transfer option for SCTCS students who enroll at participating members of SCICU without completing the AA or AS degree. Upon successful completion of coursework and hours at participating members of SCICU, credits earned at participating members of SCICU may be transferred back to the originating SC technical college and applied toward an associate degree. SCICU and SCTCS agree to share student information and academic record data for the purpose of Reverse Transfer.
3. Provide appropriate data to SCTCS for the assessment and evaluation of this agreement. Data may include, but not be limited to, student application and enrollment, course and program completion, and graduation rates.

**D. SCTCS, SCICU, and participating members of SCICU will:**

1. Collaborate to develop articulation guides and related materials for use in advisement and recruitment.
2. Monitor changes in the curriculum. When applicable, notify the other and update articulation guides on a mutually agreed upon schedule.
3. Work collaboratively to ensure consistency in student advising as it relates to the terms of this agreement.
4. Partner to conduct assessment and evaluation of this agreement.

**VI. REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT**

- A. SCTCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Partnership Agreement at SCTCS. SCICU participating members will designate the chief academic officer or designee as the individual responsible for all aspects of the agreement on their respective campuses (Addendum A). SCICU's president will serve as a liaison between the SCTCS and the SCICU participating members.
- B. Annually on the anniversary date of this agreement, SCICU members may choose to opt-in or opt-out of this agreement as participating members. SCICU is responsible for maintaining a roster of participating members and providing annual updates to the SCTCS.
- C. Review of this agreement will take place annually beginning one year after approval by representatives of SCTCS and SCICU. Any alterations or new program elements will be implemented when mutually agreed upon by both parties.

- D. SCTCS and participating members of SCICU agree to the terms of this agreement as indicated by signing below and will remain in effect until additional recommendations for modifications are approved by both signatory entities listed below.
- E. This agreement is effective until such time that either party officially terminates the agreement in writing. The termination shall be effective six months after receipt of written notification.

**VII. SIGNATURES**

Mike LeFever

Mike LeFever  
President & CEO

**South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities**

April 9, 2018

Date

Tim Hardee

Tim Hardee, Ph.D.  
President

**South Carolina Technical College System**

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Date

Hope E Rivers

Hope E. Rivers, Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President

**South Carolina Technical College System**

April 19, 2018

Date

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**ADDENDUM A**

Participating SCICU Colleges and Universities  
April 2018

**Allen University**

1530 Harden Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Dr. Ernest McNealey, President  
Dr. Charlene Spearen, Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Anderson University**

316 Boulevard  
Anderson, SC 29621  
Dr. Evans P. Whitaker, President  
Dr. Danny Parker, Executive Vice President and Provost

**Benedict College**

1600 Harden Street  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Dr. Roslyn C. Artis, President  
Dr. Janeen P. Witty, Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Charleston Southern University**

9200 University Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29406  
Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr., President  
Dr. Jaqueline Fish, Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Claflin University**

400 Magnolia Street  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, President  
Dr. Karl S. Wright, Provost

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**Coker College**

300 E. College Street  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
Dr. Robert L. Wyatt, President  
Dr. Susan Henderson, Chief Academic Officer and Dean of Faculty

**Columbia College**

1301 Columbia College Drive  
Columbia, SC 29203  
Dr. Carol Moore, President  
Dr. Robin Rosenthal, Provost

**Columbia International University**

7435 Monticello Road  
Columbia, SC 29203  
Dr. Mark A. Smith, President  
Dr. Jim Lanpher, Senior Vice President and Provost

**Converse College**

580 E. Main Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302  
Krista L. Newkirk, J.D., President  
Dr. Jeffrey Barker, Provost

**Erskine College**

2 Washington Street  
Due West, SC 29639  
Dr. Robert E. Gustafson, Jr., President  
Dr. John Basie, Provost

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**Limestone College**

1115 College Drive

Gaffney, SC 29340

Dr. Darrell F. Parker, President

Dr. Karen Gainey, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Morris College**

100 W. College Street

Sumter, SC 29150

Dr. Leroy Staggers, President

**Newberry College**

2100 College Street

Newberry, SC 29108

Dr. Maurice Scherrens, President

Dr. Timothy Elston, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of College

**North Greenville University**

7810 Tigerville Road

Tigerville, SC 29688

Dr. Gene Fant, Jr., President

Dr. Randall Pannell, Chief Academic Officer

**Southern Wesleyan University**

90 Wesleyan Drive

Central, SC 29630

Dr. Todd Voss, President

Dr. Tonya Strickland, Provost



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**Spartanburg Methodist College**

1000 Powell Mill Road

Spartanburg, SC 29301

Mr. Scott Cochran, President

Dr. Anita K. Bowles, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Voorhees College**

481 Porter Drive

Denmark, SC 29042

Dr. W. Franklin Evans, President

Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs