

Tusculum College-Northeast State Community College Reverse Transfer Program

Overview

The Tusculum College-Northeast State Community College Reverse Transfer Program is available to students who have transferred to Tusculum College (TC) from Northeast State Community College (NeSCC) without earning their associate degrees. This program allows students to transfer course work from Tusculum College back to NeSCC. To complete requirements for the associate degree, 25 percent of the associate degree hour requirements, if greater than 60 hours, must be completed at NeSCC in order to be eligible to pursue the reverse transfer of credits from Tusculum to NeSCC to earn the associate degree. Students must complete the exit exam at NeSCC in order to earn the associate degree.

Tusculum College will endeavor to provide NeSCC with information on transfer students to assist NeSCC officials in the identification of students who could benefit from reverse transfer credit of courses.

If a student is not participating in the Reverse Transfer Program but elects to independently pursue a reverse transfer, written authorization and signature from the student is required to release the student's transcript to NeSCC.

Eligibility for Reverse Transfer Program

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Must have earned at least 21 hours applicable toward a degree at NeSCC with a minimum of 30 percent of the total credit hours required for a certificate being completed at NeSCC.
- For a degree in ATMAE-accredited programs, complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of technical coursework at Northeast State
- Does not have the associate degree from NeSCC
- Be a student currently in good standing at Tusculum College and formerly in good standing at NeSCC
- Has earned at least 60 total hours (including transfer work) at Tusculum College
- Must complete an application for the Reverse Transfer Program that includes authorization for the exchange of all application and academic information between Tusculum College and NeSCC

Institution's Responsibilities

- Tusculum College will provide NeSCC a list of transfer students from NeSCC attending Tusculum each semester.
- Tusculum College will promote reverse transfer on appropriate websites, newsletters, and advisor meetings.

- Tusculum College will attempt to identify students eligible for reverse transfer through current student information systems and through advisor recommendations.
- NeSCC will contact eligible students and seek their enrollment in the Reverse Transfer Program, including authorization for the exchange of all academic information between Tusculum College and NeSCC.
- NeSCC will verify successful completion of associate degree requirements and award the degree.
- The Registrar's Offices at Tusculum College and NeSCC will exchange Reverse Transfer Program student transcript information to the other upon request.
- Tusculum College and NeSCC will work together where possible to develop electronic data interchange information technologies to facilitate the disclosure of student records between the institutions.


Benefits for the Participating Institutions and Students

- Tennessee data suggests earning the associate degree has a positive impact on earning a bachelor's degree.
- Retention rates improve for students who receive an associate degree through reverse transfer once enrolled at a four-year institution.
- Students receive a quality credential to enter the workforce while completing a bachelor's degree.
- Reverse transfer students who do not complete bachelor's degrees will still have a credential to enter the workforce.
- NeSCC will be credited with the success of the student earning the degree; and degree completions will more accurately reflect investment of time, support, and resources devoted to students who transfer before earning the associate degree.

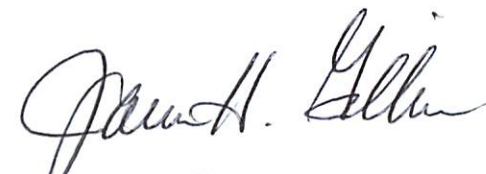
Dissolution of Agreement

The above provisions are agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action of either institution.

Approvals:


 Dr. Nancy B. Moody, President
 Tusculum College
 Date January 10, 2014




 Dr. Janice H. Gilliam, President
 Northeast State Community College
 Date 1-10-14

