

Dual Admission Program
Tusculum College
and
Northeast State Community College

Overview

This Dual Admission Program (DAP) agreement is between Tusculum College and Northeast State Community College (NeSCC) for the purpose of providing students with a seamless path for baccalaureate degree completion. The program offers NeSCC students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree followed by enrollment at Tusculum College to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. Dually admitted students first enroll at NeSCC, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.S. and A.S.T.) and then enroll at Tusculum College.

Eligibility for Dual Admission Program

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible

- Plan to pursue both an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree.
- Meet current admission criteria for NeSCC.
- Possess 29 earned or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0; a cumulative GPA of 2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree.
- Enters NeSCC under the 2004 or later catalog (the common general education core curriculum was implemented in the fall of 2004).
- Upon graduation from NeSCC with an A.A. or A.S. (A.S.T.) degree, students will reaffirm the information on their original application.

Students' Responsibilities

NeSCC students who fulfill the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to Tusculum College.

Students must apply and be admitted to NeSCC.

- Students are limited to participate in only one Dual Admission Program at a time.
- Students must complete an application for Dual Admission and a non-binding *Intent-to-Enroll* form that includes authorization for the exchange of all application and academic information between NeSCC and Tusculum College.
- Students will provide two copies of all application materials to NeSCC (official high school transcripts or equivalent, official college transcripts if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.)

- Student must complete either an on line or paper Tusculum College Application. **No fee is required.**
- Students must earn an A.S., A.A. or A.S.T. degree from NeSCC. **Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.75 for the A.S.T. degree) to be in good standing in the *Dual Admission Program*.**
- **All required high school courses** must be completed prior to transition into Tusculum College.
- Any courses required for the major not completed at NeSCC must be completed at Tusculum College to progress into the major. Students in the Dual Admission Program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to Tusculum College but additional application and program admission requirements may be applicable to individual academic disciplines, e.g., education and nursing.
- Students must complete the NeSCC *Intent to Graduate Form*.
- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from NeSCC and enroll at Tusculum College must re-apply to Tusculum College as a transfer student.
- A student may withdraw from the Dual Admission Program by providing a written statement to NeSCC.
- Students must re-apply to the Dual Admission Program if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at NeSCC.
- Students may only receive financial aid at one institution at a time. Students must complete financial aid paperwork for Tusculum College prior to enrolling.

Institution's Responsibilities

- NeSCC will forward all copies of the complete application packet materials to the Office of Admission at Tusculum College including : NeSCC application for admission, application for DAP/non-binding intent-to-Enroll Form, official high school transcript or equivalent, official college transcript(s) if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.
- Both NeSCC and Tusculum College will track Dual Admission students in their student information systems.
- Both NeSCC and Tusculum College will provide advisement to each student.
- Each institution will develop a web site specifically for the Dual Admission Program.
- At the end of each semester, NeSCC will provide Tusculum College an official transcript for each participant in the DAP, and student work at NeSCC will be posted as transfer credit in the student information system at Tusculum College.
- Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.
- NeSCC will refer students to the Tusculum College primary and secondary campus contacts during their first semester of enrollment in the Dual Admission Program. Students will work jointly with NeSCC and Tusculum College contacts to determine course selection.

- NESCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at Tusculum College by the student toward the associate degree.
- NeSCC will provide Tusculum College primary and secondary campus contact with defined view only access to the NeSCC Banner Self Service system to allow the Tusculum College contacts to effectively advise DAP participants.

Terms of Ineligibility

- Failure to adhere to the eligibility provisions and students' responsibilities of the Dual Admission Program.
- Notification by NeSCC of the student's withdrawal from the Dual Admission Program.

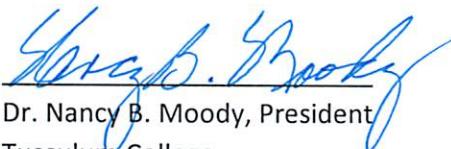
Advantages for Participating Institutions

- NeSCC and Tusculum College can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend Tusculum College for baccalaureate degree completion after having earned an associate's degree.
- NeSCC students accepted into the Tusculum residential campus program on a full-time degree seeking basis of twelve hours or more semester hours will receive institutional scholarship or gift assistance based upon academic achievement or financial need.
- With increased ease of transitioning between institutions, NeSCC will achieve a higher transfer rate.
- An improved community college transfer rate will lead to increased baccalaureate attainment.
- Some evidence indicates that students who complete their associate's degree are more likely to be successful completing their baccalaureate degree.
- NeSCC students, encouraged to pursue a bachelor's degree at Tusculum College, after completing an associate's degree will increase their educational attainment levels.
- NeSCC can track educational achievement of their graduates.
- NeSCC and Tusculum College can enjoy joint recruitment in area high schools.
- Students will arrive at Tusculum College better prepared for upper division courses in their major fields of study.
- Tusculum College will have a qualified and identified source of students that requires minimal recruitment effort.

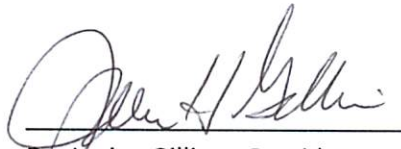
Advantages for TBR Community College Students

- Students are guaranteed acceptance into Tusculum College upon completion of the A.A., A.S. (A.S.T.) degree at NeSCC. Students in the Dual Admission Program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to Tusculum College but additional application and program admission requirements may be applicable to individual academic disciplines, e.g., education and nursing.
- Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at NeSCC with lower tuition and fees.
- Students will become familiar with Tusculum College staff and academic advisors, which should facilitate the transition process.
- Students will receive academic advising from both institutions, including early advisement from Tusculum College.
- Students will be able to register during the semester of graduation from NeSCC and upon completion of Tusculum College orientation activities.

Approvals:



Dr. Nancy B. Moody, President
Tusculum College
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