Tusculum College and Northeast State Community College recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. Therefore, Tusculum College (TC) and Northeast State Community College (NSCC) enter into this agreement for the purpose of articulating policies and procedures governing the matriculation of Northeast State Community College graduates at Tusculum College.

1. **Holders of the Associate of Science in Teaching (AST)**
   1.1 Students who have earned the Associate of Science in Teaching degree (which includes the successful completion of Praxis I series and the satisfactory rating on suitability for the teaching profession) from Northeast State Community College based upon a baccalaureate-oriented sequence of courses are guaranteed admission to Tusculum College.

   1.2 These students will be classified as juniors.

   1.3 Prior to completing their AST degrees, students should have access to the requirements of their individual chosen concentration leading to the Tusculum College Bachelor of Arts in Human Growth and Learning, K-6 licensure.

   1.4 Students should also have access to counsel from Northeast State Community College staff and/or Tusculum College staff on the program of study leading to the Associate of Science in Teaching degree that most closely matches the general modified core requirements for education majors at Tusculum College. (See attached curriculum guide.)

   1.5 Students must meet all other graduation requirements of Tusculum College, both in the TC general education requirements and those particular to a specific major. This includes minimum semester credit hours, institutional/departmental grade requirements, and grade point average requirements, upper division credit requirements and grade point average requirements, passing scores on all Praxis II exams and the residency requirement, as stipulated in the Tusculum College catalog.

2. **Holders of the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degree:**
   2.1 These students will be classified as juniors.

   2.2 Students should have access to counsel from Northeast State Community College staff and/or Tusculum College staff on the program of study leading to the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science that most closely matches the general modified core requirements for the chosen major at Tusculum College (See attached curriculum guides).
2.3 Students must meet all other graduation requirements of Tusculum College, both in the TC general education requirements and those particular to a specific major. This includes minimum semester credit hours, institutional/departmental grade requirements, and grade point average requirements, upper division credit requirements and grade point average requirements, and residency requirements, as stipulated in the Tusculum College catalog.

3. Transfer of Credit
3.1 Any Northeast State Community College student who has earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from that college and who meets the minimum Tusculum College requirements for admission will receive transfer credit for all courses taken at Northeast State Community College which correspond to or can be considered an equivalent of courses offered at Tusculum College.

3.2 Transfer students who possess the Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science degree are deemed to have met the TC lower division general education core. Students may choose to take courses that are transferable to meet upper level general education core requirements at Northeast State Community College while they are completing their associate degree requirements.

3.3 Students not completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Northeast State Community College will have their transcript evaluated on a course by course basis using the current edition of the Northeast State Community College-Tusculum College Equivalence Guide.

4. Admission to Tusculum College’s Teacher Education Program
4.1 Admission to Tusculum College does not necessarily guarantee admission to the Teacher Education Program. The requirements for admission to the Tusculum College Teacher Education Program include passing scores on the Praxis I exam, a minimum grade point average on all college coursework, a satisfactory writing sample, a satisfactory TBI background check and a satisfactory interview with the Teacher Education screening committee.

5. Financial Aid
5.1 Students admitted to Tusculum College from Northeast State Community College may be eligible for merit scholarships based upon academic performance, as well as other forms of financial aid.

5.2 All Northeast State Community College graduates who transfer as full-time students to Tusculum College are eligible for financial aid on the same basis as any Tusculum College students.

6. Responsibility of Tusculum College
During the period of this agreement, Tusculum College agrees to:

6.1 publish annually a transfer guide for Northeast State Community College students to use in planning their program of study; and,
6.2 provide annually to Northeast State Community College data about the academic performance of students from NSCC.

7. Responsibility of Northeast State Community College
During the period of this agreement, Northeast State Community College agrees to:
7.1 publicize this agreement to its students, faculty and administration;

7.2 provide Northeast State Community College students and prospective students with a description of the Human Growth and Learning, K-6 curriculum that most closely matches the degree requirements leading to the Associate of Science in Teaching;

7.3 provide Northeast State Community College students and prospective students with Tusculum College curricular descriptions that most closely match the degree requirements leading to the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees; and

7.3 review the performance of Northeast State Community College graduates who matriculate at Tusculum College, assessing the students’ academic preparation and the success of the general education courses.

8. Institutional Cooperation
During the period of this agreement, both institutions agree to:

8.1 monitor academic performance of student enrolling under this agreement, identifying problems, and work cooperatively to adjust details of course sequence and content so that students can transfer without academic interruptions;

8.2 arrange articulation meetings to consider appropriate major course equivalencies between Tusculum College and Northeast State Community College; and,

8.3 notify each other concerning any contemplated curricular changes that would affect the status of this agreement.

9 Dissolution of Agreement
9.1 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.

9.2 Should either or both institutions decide to withdraw from this agreement, it is agreed that any and all students enrolled in this program will be given the opportunity to complete the program of study described in this articulation agreement.

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