

**Montgomery County Community College and**  
**DeSales University**  
**Dual Admissions, Core-to-Core Transfer, and Two-Plus-Two-Plus-One**  
**Partnership Agreement.**

**Preface**

Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) and DeSales University enter into this Dual Admissions or Core-to-Core Transfer and Two-Plus-Two-Plus-One Agreement to facilitate the transfer of MCCC students to DeSales University's undergraduate programs and admission into graduate programs.

Under this Agreement, MCCC students will be guaranteed admissions into a Bachelor's Degree program with third year (junior) status at DeSales University on the condition that they: graduate from MCCC with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree, Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 with the exception of those programs that require a higher G.P.A. (e.g. education); complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form; and satisfy all other DeSales University transfer requirements. A full time student admitted with third year (junior) status to DeSales University should be able to complete a Bachelor's degree in a parallel program at DeSales University within four regular semesters provided that students complete the appropriate Associate Degree program at MCCC and complete and appropriately sequence their remaining course work at DeSales University.

In addition, DeSales University agrees to accept the general education embedded in the MCCC Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees as meeting all of the DeSales University general education requirements except in the case where appropriate general education requirements have not been met. MCCC students must complete three courses required at DSU as Christian Theology and Values requirements (if not completed at another Catholic institution). Students with an A.A.S. or A.G.S. degree may still participate in the dual admissions agreement and will have transcripts evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

This Agreement becomes effective on July 22, 2003.

**Admission into Graduate Programs**

Students applying to DSU graduate programs under this agreement will be eligible for acceptance into the program provided they have met the admission requirements for the individual graduate program (e.g. G.P.A., GRE, GMAT). Students are encouraged to indicate their intent to pursue a DeSales graduate program and meet with graduate advisors to ascertain which courses meet admission requirements.

To facilitate the transfer of MCCC graduates to DeSales University in accordance with the foregoing agreement, the parties agree to the following:

### **Obligations of DeSales University**

1. To attend regularly scheduled Partner Day and Evening Programs at MCCC. DeSales University will provide MCCC with “Dual Admissions Intent” forms and fact sheets to distribute upon request.
2. To invite MCCC students who have completed a “Dual Admissions Intent” form to informational/advising meeting(s) with DeSales University faculty and staff in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to DeSales University.
3. To send, within 30 days of receipt of the “Dual Admissions Intent” form, a DeSales University letter of admission to all MCCC students who complete a “Dual Admissions Intent” form and meet the conditions set forth in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at DeSales University by May 1st for the fall semester, and by December 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other DeSales University transfer requirements. MCCC students who complete a “Dual Admissions Intent” form will be governed by the DeSales University degree requirements in effect at the time of signing the “Dual Admissions Intent” form. Students applying to DSU through the ACCESS Program should apply at least one session (8 weeks) prior to their intended start date.
4. To waive the application fee for students (including graduate programs) who apply to DeSales University pursuant to this Agreement.

To award academic scholarships to all qualified (traditional) graduates admitted to DeSales University pursuant to this Agreement. The Tuition Opportunity Program (TOP) helps graduates of MCCC attend DeSales University. Eligible students receive grants equal to the total amount of their tuition paid to the community college. This aid covers tuition only, less any scholarship or grant resources. To be eligible, you must have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree at MCCC and be entering DeSales University as a full-time traditional day junior.

The Transfer Scholarship Program (TSP) offers academic scholarships worth \$3,500 per year to qualified transfer students. To qualify for TSP, you must meet the following criteria: 1) apply by December 1st for the spring semester or by May 1st for the fall semester; 2) have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 upon transferring to DeSales University; 3) have at least eight (8) courses that will transfer to DeSales University; 4) maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 while a student at DeSales University; 5) enter DeSales University as a full-time, traditional day student.

MCCC students who are applying to the ACCESS program will be eligible for participation in the Hope Scholarship.

Please note: The TOP and TSP programs are mutually exclusive. Students qualifying for both programs will receive the higher of the two awards. ACCESS and non-traditional nursing students are not eligible for either TOP or TSP.

All scholarships may be renewed each year contingent upon the students remaining in good academic standing at DeSales University. Students may also be eligible for need-based financial aid and other types of financial aid.

5. To ensure these students will be provided with DeSales University financial aid information and receive full consideration for DeSales University financial aid, in addition to the scholarships listed above, upon matriculation at DeSales University.
6. To support and accept a core-to-core articulation agreement that allows the MCCC general education core for the A.A. or A.S. degree to fulfill all of DeSales University core requirements except in the case where appropriate general education requirements have not been met. MCCC students must complete three courses required at DSU as Christian Theology and Values requirements (if not completed at another Catholic institution).

Core-to-core transfer does not alter the requirements of the student's major field of study or its admissions standard as identified in the DeSales University catalog.

7. All credits earned in the Associates Degree program will be transferred to DSU provided that the student achieved (a) a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all courses presented for the degree and (b) a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for courses required in and offered by the major at DSU. Grades of D earned in non-major courses will also transfer to DeSales University. A maximum of 75 total credits will transfer to DeSales University. Transfer students must complete at least five (5) courses required by the major or approved by the department chair at DeSales University.
8. Eligible MCCC graduates enrolling at DeSales University will be identified upon admission to DeSales University, and the fact that they have satisfied DeSales University core requirements by core-to-core transfer will be noted on all pertinent DeSales University student records.
9. MCCC graduates entering DeSales University under the terms of this agreement will go through DeSales University's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable DeSales University requirements and deadlines pertaining to orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, that apply to all DeSales University students (graduate and undergraduate).
10. To work with MCCC on program-to-program articulation agreements that specify for MCCC transfer students the MCCC courses that satisfy major requirements for degree completion at DeSales University.
11. To ensure that MCCC dual admissions students who matriculate at DeSales University have all of the rights and privileges of other DeSales University students.
12. Waive placement tests for MCCC graduates.

## **Obligations of Montgomery County Community College**

Publicize this Agreement to prospective and current MCCC students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for DeSales University recruiters and advisors to visit MCCC and meet with prospective and current Dual Admissions students.

### **Joint Obligations**

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both DeSales University and MCCC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both MCCC and DeSales University sign the revised document.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, DeSales University's academic requirements, and the process of transferring to DeSales University.
3. MCCC and DeSales University jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admissions and core-to-core transfer.
4. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Dual Admissions and Core-to-Core Transfer Agreement between the two institutions.
5. Exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this core-to-core arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, retention information, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees. The institution(s) will exchange data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students as indicated on the Dual Admissions form.
6. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
7. To provide direct links between DeSales University and MCCC websites.

**Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement**

The DeSales University Academic Affairs Office and the appropriate offices at MCCC are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

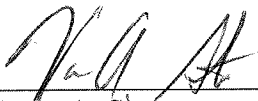
This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to DeSales University under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Montgomery County Community College into DeSales University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

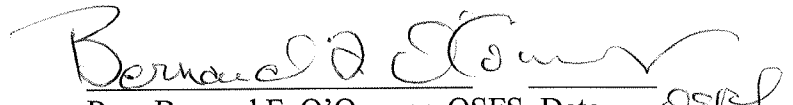
The undersigned representatives of the parties, Montgomery County Community College and DeSales University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

**For Montgomery County Community College:**

**For DeSales University:**

  
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Karen A. Stout  
President

7/22/03  
Date

  
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Rev. Bernard F. O’Oonnor, OSFS  
President

7/22/03  
Date OSFS