

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
(Effective Fall 2019)**

PREFACE

Mercer County Community College ("Mercer") and Temple University Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education ("Temple") enter into this Guaranteed Admission agreement ("Agreement") so that students enrolled in associate's degree programs at Mercer will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor's degree program at Temple provided they are otherwise admissible to Temple.

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. earned a high school diploma or its equivalent prior to signing an "Intent to Enroll" form.
2. sign a non-binding, "Intent to Enroll" form any time after admission to Mercer and before attaining more than 30 college credits at Mercer or another college or university.
 - a. Any credits counted towards an associate's degree after an "academic restart" process, will be included in the 30-credit eligibility total.
3. graduate from Mercer with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.30.
4. enroll at Temple within one year of Mercer graduation.
5. do not attend another institution between the time they graduate from Mercer and enroll at Temple.
6. apply by the appropriate deadlines as determined by Temple.
7. complete other regular admissions requirements, including possible criminal and disciplinary screenings, as determined by and to the satisfaction of Temple in its sole discretion.

Students who have previously been matriculated to Temple University are not eligible for the Guaranteed Admission program.

To facilitate the transfer of Mercer graduates to Temple, the parties agree to the following.

OBLIGATIONS OF TEMPLE:

- 1) To waive the admissions application fee.
- 2) To award academic scholarships to qualified students pursuant to this agreement. Fulltime students (enrolled in 12 or more credits per semester) with a 3.30-3.64 final Mercer GPA will receive \$1000 per year (up to \$3000 total). Full-time students with a 3.65-4.0 final Mercer GPA will receive \$2000 per year (up to \$6000 total). Part-time students (enrolled in 6-11 credits per semester) with a 3.30-3.64 or 3.65-4.00 final Mercer GPA will receive one-half of the full-time student scholarship (\$500 or \$1000 per year, respectively), up to a \$1500 or \$3000 total award, respectively. All scholarships may be renewed each year for up to three years, contingent upon the students maintaining a 3.0 cumulative Temple GPA. This scholarship is separate from the New Student Transfer scholarship that may be awarded to qualified transfer students. Qualified transfer students may be eligible for both scholarships. Temple reserves the right to cap or otherwise eliminate these scholarships upon 90 days written notice to Mercer.
- 3) For Temple admission, such students must satisfy the conditions set forth in the Preface, meet application deadlines and satisfy all other regular admissions requirements as determined by Temple. Students must select a specific School or College major (not Undeclared). Admission

into some competitive Temple undergraduate majors (including, but not limited to, art, architecture, music, dance, nursing, and health information management) is not guaranteed and depends on specific School/College requirements that are not affected by this agreement. Mercer students who complete an "Intent to Enroll" form will be governed by the Temple degree requirements in effect at the time of their Temple matriculation.

- 4) To ensure that students will be provided with Temple financial aid information and receive full consideration for Temple financial aid upon matriculation at Temple.
- 5) To ensure that when Mercer guaranteed admission students matriculate at Temple they will have all the rights and privileges of other Temple students.
- 6) Temple reserves the right to cap or limit the number of admitted students under this agreement by providing 90 days written notice.

OBLIGATIONS OF MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

- 1) To publicize this agreement to prospective students in their admissions literature and to inform matriculating students of their opportunity for guaranteed admission to Temple University under the conditions of this agreement.
- 2) To distribute, receive and process "Intent to Enroll" forms that vetted students must complete in order to participate in this program.
- 3) To record the annual Fall and Spring cohorts who are eligible for guaranteed admission and to provide Temple with cohort databases of all eligible associate's degree enrollees admitted under this agreement.
- 4) To recommend to students who sign the "Intent to Enroll" form that they pursue programs at Mercer that have been designed for transfer.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS:

- 1) Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice to the other party at least one year in advance of the effective termination date. Temple may revise the terms of this agreement by giving Mercer written notice at least one year in advance of the effective revision date. Should this agreement be revised or terminated, it is understood that the revision or termination will not apply to students already accepted to Temple University under the terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes at Temple.
- 2) Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate and monitor the Guaranteed Admission program.
- 3) Marketing of this program by each institution shall accurately represent the benefits and requirements, as well as the limitations of the program, in all materials.