Memorandum of Understanding

King University and Pellissippi State Community College
Dual Admission Program Agreement

Overview
King University (KU) Dual Admissions Program (DAP) is available to students transferring to KU from Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC). This program offers PSCC students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree followed by enrollment in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree. Dually admitted students first enroll at PSCC, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.S., A.A.S. and A.S.T.) and then enroll at KU.

Eligibility for Dual Admissions Program
A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:
- Plans to pursue both an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree.
- Meets current admission criteria for PSCC.
- Possess 30 earned or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree) to be in good standing in the Dual Admission Program.
- Enters PSCC under the 2018 or later catalog.
- Completes the Dual Admission and non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form from KU.

Upon graduation from PSCC with an A.A., A.S., A.A.S or A.S.T. degree, students will reaffirm the information on their original Dual Admission and non-binding Intent-to-enroll form and submit a formal application to KU (including all required transcripts).

Students' Responsibilities
- Students must apply and be admitted to PSCC.
- 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 PSCC and KU.
- Students will provide two copies of all application materials to PSCC (official high school transcript(s) or equivalent, official college transcripts if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores if the student has completed either of these exams.
- Student must complete KU free dual admission application form.
- Students must earn an A.A., A.S., A.A.S. or A.S.T. degree from PSCC. 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 to KU.
- Any courses required for the major not completed at PSCC must be completed at KU to progress into the major.
- Students in the Dual Admission Program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to KU but not acceptance into any individual academic discipline which may have additional admission requirements.
- Students must complete the PSCC Graduation Application.
- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from PSCC and enroll at KU must re-apply as a transfer student.
- A student may withdraw from the Dual Admission Program by providing a written statement to the PSCC records office.
- Students must re-apply to the Dual Admission Program if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at PSCC.
- Students may only receive financial aid at one institution at a time. Students must complete financial aid paperwork for KU prior to enrolling.

Institutions' Responsibilities
- PSCC students fulfilling the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to KU.
PSCC will forward all copies of the complete application packet materials to the Office of Admission at KU including PSCC application for admission, application for DAP/non-binding Intent-to-Enroll Form, official high school transcript(s) or equivalent and official college transcript(s) from PSCC.

Both PSCC and KU will provide advisement to each student.

At the end of each semester, PSCC will provide KU an official transcript for each participant in the DAP and student work at PSCC.

Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.

PSCC will refer students to the KU primary and secondary campus contacts during their first semester of enrollment in the Dual Admission Program. Students will work jointly with PSCC and KU contacts to determine course selection.

PSCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at KU by the student toward the Associate Degree.

PSCC will provide KU primary and secondary campus contacts with advising reports to allow the KU contacts to effectively advise DAP participants.

KU will provide an acceptance to the applicant (when all required documents are received) as early as the applicants third semester of enrollment at PSCC or when 30 credits have been completed at PSCC.

KU will provide appropriate credit evaluations and advisement based on the degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S., A.S.T.) and the academic program of choice at KU.

All transfer candidates entering Traditional academic programs must complete the Common Experience:

1. KING 2000 Transfer Year Experience (1 hr)
2. KING 3000 Cross-Cultural Experience (0 hr)
3. KING 4000 Christian Faith and Social Responsibility (1 hr)
4. ENGC 2010 English Composition: Research and Writing ( 2 hrs)
5. RELG 1001 Foundations of Christian Thought and Practice (4 hrs)

All Adult Studies transfer candidates entering academic programs must complete RELG 1001 Foundations of Christian Thought & Practice (4 hrs).

Evaluation of Prior Coursework: All transfer coursework is evaluated using these criteria:

1. The age of the coursework
2. The comparability of the nature, content, and level of the courses presented to KU courses
3. The appropriateness and applicability of the coursework to the programs at KU.
4. The intent of the coursework, i.e. whether it is designed for transfer
5. Only grades of C- or higher will qualify a course as transfer credit.
6. A maximum of 76 semester hours of accepted credit may be applied to a student’s KU academic program.

Terms of Ineligibility

1. Students are limited to participate in only one Dual Admissions Program at a time.
2. Failure to adhere to the eligibility provisions and students’ responsibilities of the Dual Admission Program.
3. Notification by PSCC of the student’s withdrawal from the Dual Admission Program.

Advantages for Participating Institutions

1. PSCC can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend KU after they earn an Associate’s Degree.
2. With increased ease of transitioning between institutions, institutions will achieve a higher transfer rate. An improved community college transfer rate will lead to increased Baccalaureate attainment.
3. Some evidence indicates that students who complete their associate’s degree are more likely to be successful completing their Baccalaureate degree.
4. PSCC students will be encouraged and advised by KU to complete an Associate’s Degree. This may have a positive impact on the graduation rate at PSCC and assisting with the ‘Drive to 55’ campaign.
5. PSCC can track educational achievement of their graduates.
6. PSCC and KU can reinforce the collaboration between PSCC and KU during recruitment in area high schools.
○ Students will arrive at KU better prepared for upper division courses in their major fields of study.
○ KU will have a qualified and identified source of students that are focused on enrolling at KU.

**Advantages for TBR Community College Students**
○ Students are guaranteed acceptance to KU upon completion of the A.A., A.S., A.A.S. or A.S.T. degree at PSCC.
○ Students in the DAP who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to KU but not acceptance into individual academic disciplines which may have additional admission requirements.
○ Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at PSCC with lower tuition and fees.
○ Students will become familiar with KU staff and academic advisors, which should facilitate the transition process.
○ Students will receive academic advising from both institutions, including early advisement from KU.
○ Students will be able to register during the earliest registration event at KU the semester of graduation from PSCC upon completion of KU orientation activities.

**Approvals:**

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