

PATHWAY USA

University of South Alabama Agreement with Faulkner State Community College

This PATHWAY USA Agreement between University of South Alabama ("USA") and Faulkner State Community College, dated this the 19 day of January 2016.

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama is working to expand postsecondary degree opportunities for students in our region; and

WHEREAS, many students may choose to attend a two year institution like Faulkner State Community College prior to starting at USA; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that the Pathway USA Program ("Program") will create an opportunity for students to graduate with an associates degree from Faulkner State Community College and then complete their Bachelor's Degree at USA; and

WHEREAS, as a further benefit, the Pathway USA Program will assist Faulkner State Community College and USA in growing enrollment while strengthening the relationship between Faulkner State Community College and USA;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties state as follows:

1. Admission to the Program:

(a) Applicants to USA who are not admitted will be given the option of having a copy of their applications and supporting documents forwarded to Faulkner State College by USA for admission consideration.

(b) Students who are currently attending Faulkner State Community College may also apply for Pathway USA. A unique application will be created by USA and available for Faulkner State Community College students to complete and submit. In order to assist with publicizing this opportunity, Faulkner State Community College will include a link on its website to the USA program web page, and will distribute pamphlets provided by USA to Faulkner State Community College's admissions office for distribution to Faulkner State Community College students.

2. Eligibility

Students who are admitted into the Program will be guaranteed admission to USA upon successful completion (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher) of the AA Degree or AS Degree, unless non-academic factors otherwise preclude admission. Reverse Transfer agreements will be created by USA to allow students who transfer without an associate's degree to complete the associate's degree after matriculation to USA.

3. USA Advisor

Each student in the program will have a USA academic advisor assigned to them and the advisor's contact information (phone number and email) will be provided. The advisor will:

- Make visits to Faulkner State Community College at least once a month
- Maintain contact with each student
- Provide opportunities for individual appointments
- Map out degree plans
- Advise students on course selection
- Assist students with the transition from Faulkner State Community College to USA

Students in this program will be required to meet with the USA academic advisor at least two times each semester.

4. Additional Benefits to Students

Students in Pathway USA will have additional benefits at USA that may include:

- A special USA ID card
- Special discounts through USA Jaguar Productions
- Library privileges similar to those in USA's Community program
- Complimentary admission to University athletic events under the same terms and conditions as regular full-time University students.

5. Costs

Each institution shall bear all administrative and related costs of managing its own degree program and of coordinating its portion of the Program.

6. Liaison Officer

Each party shall designate a Liaison Officer whose duties will be to keep each other informed of changes in personnel, procedures and requirements which affect the Program and to provide a point of contact for students seeking information and advice relative to the Program.

7. Effective Date, Modification and Termination

(a) This agreement will be periodically reviewed by both parties and may be modified through mutual written agreement. It shall become effective immediately upon approval of both institutions and at the discretion of Community College may be applied for students who have already matriculated at Community College.

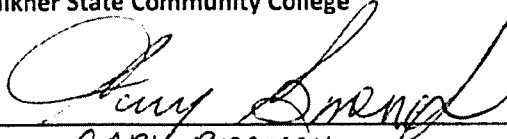
(b) The term of this agreement shall be for five (5) years unless earlier written notice of intent to terminate is sent by one party to the other, given at least ninety (90) days in advance of such termination date unless otherwise agreed by the parties to have a shorter notice period. It is understood and agreed that students already admitted to the Program will be given the opportunity to complete the Program and be admitted to USA upon meeting all eligibility requirements, notwithstanding the termination, so long as the student(s) is/are and continue(s) in good standing, academic or otherwise, and is/are making progress toward completion of the program and degree. At the end of the fifth year, the agreement shall automatically renew for one year periods unless written notice of intent not to renew is given by either party at least ninety (90) days in advance of the renewal.

8. Severability

In the event any provision of this Agreement or the application thereto to any person or circumstance shall be inapplicable, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the remainder of this Agreement and application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

This Agreement, executed on the 19 day of January, 2016, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

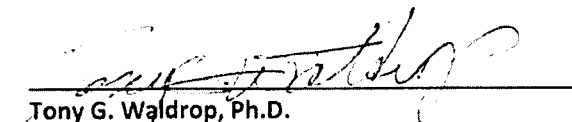
Faulkner State Community College



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THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WORK COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS

This document highlights the changes made in the *2012 CIT Alabama Work-Based Learning Manual* revised November 2014.

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Career Preparedness (*Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy*)

REQUIREMENTS

Students who take 4 or more Essential Life Skills Pathway courses must complete the following:

- Community-Based Work Instruction
- 2 Career and Technical Education courses in a sequence
- Workforce Essentials or Transition Services II
- Cooperative Education/Work-Based Experience **and/or** Life Skills Occupational Preparation

CHANGES: *Career and Technical Education has developed new requirements for the Cooperative Education Program. The new requirements will be in effect for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Local education agencies (LEAs) have the option of implementing the new requirements for the 2014 - 2015 school year.*

The changes are:

- Cooperative Education Seminar is **not** a required component; however, LEAs can decide to offer this course.
- Cooperative Education **can** consist of an apprenticeship (paid) or internship (unpaid) experience.
- **The student must have a minimum of 140 hours of apprenticeship (paid) experience or 140 hours of internship (unpaid) experience.** The student will be awarded one credit for successful completion of the **career experience**. (*Example: Minimum of 140 hours per period per semester on a **BLOCK** schedule or a minimum of 140 hours per year per period on a 7 period day*) A majority of these hours should be worked Monday through Friday. (Cooperative education students may earn one credit for the completion of a work-based experience/apprenticeship or internship in the summer if they are enrolled in a formal summer school program, provided the coordinator is on a 12-month contract).
- The Career Preparedness course will count as a career and technical education course regardless of the instructor's teacher certification. Also, the Career Preparedness course will count as a career and technical education course for students pursuing the career and technical education "traditional track".