

University of Washington, Tacoma
Transfer Agreement with Washington Community Colleges
Effective Autumn Quarter 2005

Washington's community and technical colleges provide exceptional lower-division instruction to undergraduates, and students who have completed associate degrees are generally well prepared to complete their baccalaureate degrees at the University of Washington, Tacoma (UWT). In the next several years, UWT will expand access to baccalaureate education in the South Sound by enrolling substantially more transfer students and by admitting small cohorts of lower-division students. To ensure continued and expanded access to community and technical college transfer students to baccalaureate instruction at UWT, the University of Washington commits to the following transfer enrollment and admission agreement.

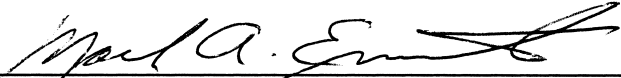
- The University of Washington, Tacoma shall continue to expand access for upper-division students, and shall not enroll fewer than 1,300 FTE upper-division students at any time.
- The University of Washington, Tacoma will dedicate at least 72% of the spaces available annually for new undergraduates to Washington state community and technical college transfer students. Included in the 72% are all students whose last institution was a Washington state community or technical college and who have completed no less than 45 transferable credits, including Running Start students.
- While admissions decisions to UWT majors are made at the academic unit level, UWT will give community college transfer students full access to all UWT majors.
- Among community and technical college transfer students, those with associate of arts and associate of science degrees and those with 90 transferable credits taken in preparation for a University of Washington, Tacoma baccalaureate degree program major will be given the highest admission consideration.
- Prospective community college applicants will be provided information in the *Transfer Application Packet* showing acceptance rates, by GPA ranges, for UWT and for each of UWT's majors.
- Admission and graduation requirements for each UWT academic program and major will be posted on UWT's web site to assist transfer students in their academic planning.
- Every application to UWT from a community or technical college transfer student who meets the minimum admission requirements to the UWT major to which the applicant is applying will be individually reviewed. Factors that may be considered in making admission decisions include grade point averages (GPAs) earned at prior institutions; courses taken in preparation for the intended major and grades earned in such courses; a personal statement; other evidence of likely success at UWT; availability of space in the applicant's intended major; and the educational and economic disadvantage the applicant may have experienced, the cultural awareness of the student, and the personal challenges the applicant has experienced.

It is a shared goal that students attending UWT's primary community college partners be in a position to know that if they succeed at their community college and meet the standards for admission to majors at UWT, then there will be a space available at UWT when they complete their community college studies. Representatives of UWT and its primary community college partners will establish agreements on co-admission and co-enrollment programs by December 2006.

This Transfer Agreement involves coordination and cooperation amongst the 2-year sector and the 4-year sector of the Washington state education community, and as such it is important that the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HEC Board) be a party to its implementation and review. UWT will provide annually a report of its compliance with the terms of this Agreement to the HEC Board, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and UWT's primary Washington state Community College partner institutions.

This agreement shall remain in effect through the 2010-2011 academic year, at which time all parties shall review the Agreement.


Approved By:



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