





Grow Moore Teachers Scholarship
Articulation Agreement
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
and Sandhills Community College
and Moore County Schools
Teacher Education
July 2024

I. Purpose

This Articulation Agreement is established by and between the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Sandhills Community College, and Moore County Schools. The agreement applies to students who have graduated from Moore County Schools and been approved for and agree to comply with the terms of the "Grow Moore Teachers Scholarship" Program ("designated participants") and who complete the required hours for

- Associate in Arts in Teacher Preparation
- Associate in Science in Teacher Preparation
- Associate in Early Childhood Education
- Associate in Early Childhood Education Birth-Kindergarten Licensure Transfer
- Associate in Early Childhood Education-Non-Teaching Licensure Transfer
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science

from Sandhills Community College, subsequently transferring to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to complete a major in the Educator Preparation Program (EPP). Students who transfer to UNCP without completing an associate degree will undergo individual assessment relative to admission status and course credit fulfillment and will be considered for reverse transfer to complete a degree at Sandhills Community College. Participants will become part of Moore County Schools' initiative aimed at recruiting and retaining teachers within Moore County.

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is a four-year public university and part of the University of North Carolina System. UNC Pembroke is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctoral-level degrees.

Sandhills Community College is a two-year, public community college and part of the North Carolina Community College System. Sandhills Community College is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Moore County Schools, located in Carthage, NC, is planning an early college affiliated with Sandhills Community College.

II. Terms and Elements

The parties agree to the following:

- 1. This Articulation Agreement is effective as of the date of the executed document and shall continue until terminated. All parties must approve amendments to this Articulation Agreement.
- 2. Any party may terminate this Articulation Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to all other parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Articulation Agreement immediately if participation under this Articulation Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.
- 3. Any changes or additions to the agreement shall be made after consultation with the proper officials of all institutions.
- 4. UNC Pembroke will extend early acceptance to designated participants under this agreement. Students will be subject to the successful fulfillment of admission criteria prior to enrollment at UNCP. This dual admission guarantee ensures a prioritized and expedited transition to UNCP. Students participating in this program will submit a short enrollment form through the Office of undergraduate admissions and must meet all final admissions criteria required at UNC Pembroke. Final admission to UNC Pembroke requires the submission of an official transcript from Sandhills Community College and any other colleges attended along with the completion of an entry questionnaire to fulfill UNC System background check requirements.
- 5. Only courses with a grade of "C" or higher will be accepted for transfer credit, except for EDU 216, which requires a grade of B- or better for admission to the EPP. If students do not earn a B- or better at Sandhills Community College, they will retake the course at UNC Pembroke.
- Graduation from UNC Pembroke is based on successful completion of General Education, which is required for all baccalaureate degrees, and upon successful completion of a specialized program for a major.
- 7. The student will matriculate with all privileges and benefits available to students enrolled at UNC Pembroke, including financial aid, student government leadership, academic transfer honors, and social organizations. Additionally, transfer pre-advising will be provided through the Transfer Transition and Engagement Office at UNC Pembroke to all students who declare their intention to transfer to UNC Pembroke. For more information, please contact the Transfer Transition and Engagement Office at (910) 775-4599.
- 8. The Educator Preparation Program (EPP) at UNC Pembroke will ensure students enrolled in the program will complete Clinical Practice in Moore County Schools. The EPP will maintain an up-to-date MOU with Moore County Schools, reviewed annually.
- 9. The parties grant each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and service marks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purposes of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to Moore County Schools and Sandhills Community College students and alumni. Use of trademarks, service marks, and logos will comply with the use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return all files and materials containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at the termination or expiration of this Articulation Agreement. Neither party grants the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should the originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating

institution's trademarks and/or service marks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or service marks.

- 10. UNC Pembroke will review and suggest revisions to this agreement every 3 years. **NOTE: The**Director of Transfer Transition and Engagement will be responsible for revising all existing bilateral articulation agreements. Any revision must be written and approved by all parties.
- 11. To be eligible for consideration by the Council of Educator Preparation Programs and approved for admission to the UNC Pembroke Educator Preparation Program, each candidate must have at least a 2.7 cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) on a 4.0 scale on all prior college/university course work completed at UNC Pembroke.
- 12. Only courses with a grade of "C" or higher will be accepted for transfer credit.
- 13. The minimum required hours for the Educator Preparation Programs at UNC Pembroke is 120.
- 14. Students must complete the Indigenous Cultures and Communities (ICC) graduation requirement as part of the undergraduate curriculum. Students transferring to UNCP Pembroke with 60 (or more) transfer credit hours are required to take **EITHER** one (1) approved ICC designated 3-credit hour course **OR** one (1) designated and department-approved co-curricular learning experience. Students transferring to UNCP with fewer than 60 transfer credit hours are required to take **EITHER** two (2) approved ICC designated 3-credit hour courses **OR** one (1) approved ICC designated 3-credit hour course AND one (1) ICC designated and department-approved co-curricular learning experience.
- 15. Students must complete a minimum of 9 hours of Writing Intensive courses at UNC Pembroke. Graduation from UNC Pembroke is based on successful completion of General Education, including 2 hours of Physical Education and Wellness., which is required for all baccalaureate degrees, and upon successful completion of a specialized program for a major.
- 16. UNC Pembroke does not limit the number of transfer credits a student can transfer; however, a minimum of 25 percent of the semester hours applied toward a bachelor's degree must be earned through regular enrollment in UNC Pembroke. For more information, please refer to UNC Pembroke's specific degree requirements for majors. A course equivalency chart is attached to this document (Section V).

III. Contacts for Coordination

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IV. Official Signatures

Each party has caused this agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representatives as of July 3, 2024.

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