



Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway Agreement
Riverland Community College with Minnesota State University, Mankato
March 13, 2015

Riverland Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato will demonstrate a shared commitment to student access, success and completion of postsecondary education, including through increased bachelor degree attainment for transfer students. This agreement between Minnesota State University, Mankato and Riverland Community College, is designed to promote the completion of the associate's degree and seamless transfer of students from Riverland Community College to Minnesota State University, Mankato's bachelor's degree programs; and to accomplish these goals by offering degree-seeking students the opportunity to be enrolled in the "Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway." Both institutions have the following principles and responsibilities in the partnership:

A. Program Structure

1. Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway, students must:

- be admitted to Riverland Community College
- have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours and a maximum of 30 credit hours
- be continually enrolled full-time with a minimum of 15 credits per semester
- be in good standing at Riverland and have a GPA of 2.75 (minimum, on-going)
- declare a major within one of the designated Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway degree programs
- submitted an application for the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway at Riverland Community College

2. Advising

Both institutions agree to provide students participating in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway with dedicated academic advising. All Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students will develop a plan of study to complete their associate's degree at Riverland Community College and will consult with their Minnesota State University, Mankato advisor to ensure their plan will also meet the requirements for their bachelor's degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato. All students participating in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway will consult with their academic advisors at both institutions at least one time per semester for review of course progress towards their associate and bachelor's degrees. Each institution shall identify one person each, or one person for both institutions, to serve as a partnership liaison and to take ownership in facilitating the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway between Riverland and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

3. Authorization of Disclosure of Education Records

As required for admission to, and participation in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway, students must provide each institution with a signed, written authorization to disclose their educational records, including but not limited to, academic, admissions, advising information, program completion status, and financial aid eligibility and disbursement, to the other institution. This authorization is a requirement for completion of the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway application.

4. Education Records Intra-Agency Agreement

Riverland Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato will enter into an intra-agency agreement to memorialize the conditions that apply when education records are accessed by either party acting as a school official of the other, pursuant to 34 CFR 99.31 (a) (1). (This agreement has been entered into on March 13, 2015 and will be reviewed biennially.)

5. Policies and Procedures

Participating students are responsible for compliance with all Minnesota State College and University (MnSCU) policies and procedures, and each institution's standard policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, those dealing with admissions, enrollment in courses, transfer credits, standards of academic performance, student conduct, financial statements, and re-entry guidelines.

6. Graduation and Continuing Student Status

Students will be responsible for completing the catalog/graduation requirements in effect at the time of enrollment at Minnesota State University, Mankato, provided continuing student status is maintained, unless change has been made related to changes in accreditation related requirements. In order to maintain continuing student status in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway, students must enroll in Minnesota State University, Mankato coursework within two years of enrollment in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway or no later than the beginning of the academic year following the conclusion of their studies at Riverland. Once a student graduates from Riverland and begins to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato, the continuing student status policy at Minnesota State University, Mankato alone becomes applicable. Students may also concurrently enroll in courses at both institutions.

7. Student Support Services

Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students will have full access to student support services at both Riverland and Minnesota State University, Mankato, including but not limited to, counseling and academic advising, financial aid, academic support, orientation, student activities, library services, computer labs, and career services. Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students will be invited and encouraged to participate in lectures, cultural events and other opportunities for enrichment sponsored by both campuses.

8. Tuition and Financial Aid

Riverland Community College tuition rates apply to all Riverland courses. Minnesota State University, Mankato tuition rates apply to all Minnesota State University, Mankato courses. Students will be encouraged to apply for financial aid designating Riverland as their primary school while they are completing their associate's and Minnesota State University, Mankato as their primary school while completing their baccalaureate.

9. Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway Guaranteed Tuition Scholarship Plan

A Guaranteed Tuition Scholarship Plan will be designed to lock-in the Minnesota State University, Mankato tuition rate that is in effect when Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students begin the second year at Riverland through their graduation from Minnesota State University, Mankato four years later. To take advantage of the Guaranteed Tuition Scholarship Plan, students must complete their associate's degree within five semesters (not counting summer), and apply for financial aid (state and/or federal)

and private scholarships. Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students will be given the Guaranteed Tuition Scholarship rate for four academic semesters (not counting summers) at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Guaranteed tuition Scholarship Plan will support as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program. Scholarship fundraising will be a joint effort of Riverland and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

10. Transfer of Credit

Future Maverick, Transfer Pathway students are required to obtain a signed plan of study from their Riverland Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato advisors before the end of the first semester after enrollment in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway. Course work taken while enrolled at Riverland is subject to the Transfer of Credit Policy as defined in the Minnesota State University, Mankato catalog and associated articulation/transfer agreements (<http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/transfer/transfer/>).

11. Withdrawal

Students may withdraw from the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway at any time prior to the completion of their associate's degree. Students who are not enrolled for three or more consecutive semesters at Riverland will automatically be withdrawn from the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway. Students withdrawn from the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway under such circumstances may be eligible to reapply. Academic progress will be shared between both Riverland and Minnesota State University, Mankato advisors. Students who fail to maintain standards of academic progress may be withdrawn from the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway immediately, upon mutual agreement of the institutions.

12. Additional Data Sharing

Riverland Community College will help Minnesota State University, Mankato identify and communicate with its students for, and interested in, a bachelor's completion program. Riverland Community College agrees to share data on students participating in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway program. Minnesota State University, Mankato agrees to provide Riverland with a comprehensive report each semester on students who have graduated from Riverland and transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato. The report will include academic, admissions, enrollment, major, GPA and graduation information for all Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway students from Riverland.

13. Statement of Non-Discrimination

Each institution warrants that it shall not discriminate against any student who applies for the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway program on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, citizenship, age, disability, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from military service, or veteran status.

B. Record Keeping

Both institutions will maintain records for all students in the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway. Both institutions agree to abide by all state and federal laws concerning the protection of private student records, medical records, and mental health records, including the Family Education Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). See items A-3, A-4, and A-11 above for additional data agreements.

C. Term and Termination

The initial term of this Agreement shall be for the 2015-16 academic year. The terms and conditions stated will continue indefinitely until terminated as provided herein. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause, by providing at least 90 days written notice to the other party. The Agreement may also be cancelled at any time by mutual agreement of the parties. In the event of termination, no additional students shall be admitted to the Future Maverick Program, Transfer Pathway. However, any students already participating in the program will continue with the privileges specified under this Agreement if they continue to meet the standards of academic progress toward their degree.

D. Independent Contractors

In the performance of this Agreement, Riverland Community College and Minnesota State University, Mankato are at all times acting as independent contractors and neither of them nor their respective employees shall claim to be employees or agents of the other.

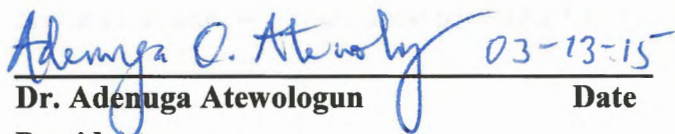
E. Non-exclusivity

This Agreement is intended to be non-exclusive. It shall not prevent either party from entering into similar agreements with other institutions or other programs.

F. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior agreements, understandings, covenants, representations or warranties, oral or written, not incorporated herein. It may not be modified, amended, supplemented, or otherwise changed, except by written document signed by both parties.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

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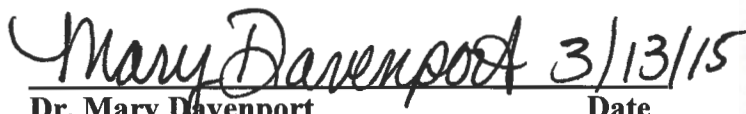
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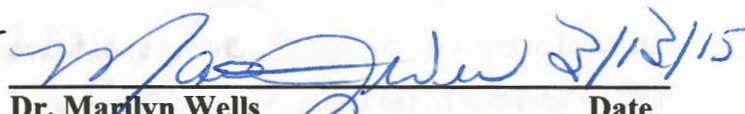
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