

**VIKING ADVANTAGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
October 1, 2024**

Elizabeth City State University (ECSU), 1704 Weeksville Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, and Pitt Community College, 1986 Pitt Tech Road, Winterville, NC 28590, agree to enter an admissions/advising partnership named Viking Advantage. The agreement is designed to improve transfer student access and success through a collaborative bachelor's degree program.

Partnership Objectives:

- Improve access to bachelor's degree programs
- Improve transfer retention and graduation rates
- Provide students with a seamless degree-completion pathway
- Improve efficiency to degree completion
- Remove student success barriers
- Optimize student services and resources
- Prepare students to succeed in a global society
- Strengthen the partnership and relationship between ECSU and Pitt Community College

Requirements:

- Students must be in their first year of community college enrollment prior to applying for co-admission and/or have less than 24 completed transfer hours.
- Students must complete a Viking Advantage Intent to Enroll form through ECSU.
- Students should be verified as eligible for the program by a representative at their community college.
- Students must complete an associate of arts, or an associate of science, in which ECSU and Pitt Community College have an established bilateral agreement and maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA

Student Benefits:

- Guaranteed admission to ECSU upon completion of an associate of arts, or an associate of science degree
- Waived ECSU application fee
- Guaranteed admission to ECSU majors and programs of study *
- Scheduled onsite or virtual meetings with the ECSU Transfer Admission Counselor as the Point of Contact (POC) per semester
- One ECSU Day onsite at Pitt Community College per semester
- Additional recommendations
 - Free attendance to one ECSU lyceum event (Community Connections)
 - Free attendance at 2 athletic events each year (Excluding Homecoming, the CIAA Tournament and the Down East Viking Football Classic)
 - Access to the ECSU Library
 - A maximum of five (5) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded per year to incoming transfer students from Pitt Community College participating in the Viking Advantage Program
 - Joint virtual financial aid counseling: ECSU Financial aid POC will be available

* The following programs have specific requirements that must be met before admittance into the program.

- A. *Teacher Education Program*: Complete the "Teacher Education Application": meet with the advisor, complete a criminal background check with *certified background.com*; complete 15 hours of field experience and EDUC 210; have a minimum of 2.8 GPA or higher; satisfactory interview; acceptable writing sample; and satisfy Praxis Core or have acceptable SAT/ACT scores.

- B. *Social Work Program:* Complete ENGL 102, ENGL 103, SOWK 205, BIO 100 or 207, SOC 201 and PSY 212; meet with the advisor; submit departmental "Application for Admission"; complete "Personal Statement" administered by the Social Work faculty; submit two letters of recommendation; minimum GPA of 2.50 or higher; and agree to abide by university policies and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.
- C. *Music Program:* Complete and pass an audition and take the Music Theory Placement Exam (MTPE). Students are given two semesters to successfully complete an audition at the college level. Students with deficiencies in theory are placed in a rudimentary theory course. Upon passing the MTPE, students advance to the first college-level theory course. Students admitted provisionally to the Department have one year to be classified at Performance Level 1. Students who do not progress to Performance Level 1 will not be accepted into the program. Music students must earn a 2.0 GPA in music classes by the end of the sophomore year to stay in the music program. Music students admitted into the Teacher Education Program must maintain the required GPA designated by this program.

This Agreement shall be effective upon the date of the last signature and serves as the basis of the partnership between the institutions. This Agreement may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other institution. This Agreement is governed and construed under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

ECSU and Pitt Community College commit to maximizing student success and will annually review this partnership agreement.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY



Catherine Edmonds, Ed.D.
Interim Chancellor

Date: 5/7/25

PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Mark Lausch, Ed.D.
Vice President Academic Affairs & Continuing Education

Date: 04-22-2025