

Hillsborough Community College/University of South Florida

HCC/USF-TAMPA INTERNATIONAL 2+2 AGREEMENT

Title of Agreement: HCC/USF-Tampa International 2+2 Agreement
Type of Agreement: International Student 2+2 Agreement
Majors: All
Division: Academic Affairs
Degree: All Undergraduate Degrees
Options/Tracks: AA/AS/BA/BS/BSAS Degrees
Limited Access: Education/Mass Communication/Nursing/Business/Engineering

I. PURPOSE

Hillsborough Community College, herein referred to as HCC, and University of South Florida, Tampa campus, herein referred to as USF-Tampa, have initiated a partnership to provide international students with a wide range of educational options as they seek to study in the Tampa Bay area. Both institutions can provide students financial and programmatic options that best fit their educational needs. Therefore to encourage more international students to pursue their educational studies in the Tampa Bay region, USF-Tampa and HCC plan to enter into this agreement which will do the following:

- A. Create an effective inter-institutional program for collaborative recruitment and enrollment of international students through an articulated 2+2 degree track from HCC to USF-Tampa;
- B. Cultivate recognition of our respective institutions and the Tampa Bay region as a destination for affordable quality higher education for international students;
- C. Increase the diversity and internationalization of the student bodies at each institution, enhancing the global awareness and broadening the cultural perspective of all students; and
- D. Establish new and sustainable international markets for enrollment growth addressing current geographic, demographic and resource limitations on each institution's recruitment and enrollment efforts.

II. INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

A. USF-Tampa and HCC will collaborate to recruit prospective international 2+2 students by:

1. establishing a team with representatives from both institutions that will promote the Tampa Bay geographic region, HCC and USF-Tampa as preferred sites for their higher education pursuits;
2. developing a plan for joint activities related to recruiting and marketing to include:
 - a. identifying target countries for outreach and potential major areas of studies;
 - b. highlighting the 2+2 transfer concept to international students;
 - c. coordinating selected joint marketing plans and publications;
 - d. establishing dual admission criteria warranting USF-Tampa admission to international students at their point of entry to HCC; and
 - e. sharing information about each institution's:
 - 1) international linkages;
 - 2) international exchange programs;
 - 3) study abroad programs;
 - 4) international teaching sites; and
 - 5) future/planned international recruiting activities.

B. USF-Tampa will conduct periodic communications with HCC and the students in the international 2+2 pipeline prior to transfer to:

1. coordinate potential meetings with USF-Tampa "country of origin" peer groups;
2. update students about relevant USF-Tampa activities and programs;

3. provide transitional “pre-transfer” academic advice through the Transitional Advising Center (TRAC) at USF-Tampa; and periodic advising visits to HCC campuses;
 4. inform students about admissions and visa requirements in support of successful student transfer to USF-Tampa; and
 5. promote student retention and associate degree completion.
- C. USF-Tampa will warrant the admission and requisite services to students transferring from HCC through the international 2+2 pipeline who:
1. meet current requirements for limited access degree programs;
 2. have completed an Associate in Arts (AA) degree for entry into baccalaureate degree programs; or
 3. have completed an Associate in Science (AS) degree for entry to the Bachelor of Science in Applied Science (BSAS) degree program.
- D. HCC will conduct the initial international student admissions and visa processing for individuals entering the international 2+2 pipeline;
- E. HCC will provide USF with student directory information of students participating in the HCC/USF-Tampa international 2+2 dual admission/transfer programs; and
- F. USF-Tampa will issue a letter of conditional/dual admission to the university for participating students at their point of entry to HCC. Final admission to USF-Tampa will be predicated upon the student’s completion of the appropriate HCC associate degree and conditions as indicated in above paragraph II. C.

III. STUDENT PROVISIONS

- A. International students recruited through this partnership must declare their intended program of study at HCC or USF-Tampa prior to admission by either institution;
- B. Students must meet admission and international student visa requirements;
- C. Students entering USF-Tampa through the 2+2 pipeline will have graduated from HCC with an AA, or an AS degree; and
- D. Students will enter USF-Tampa from HCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better (or appropriate GPA for limited access programs).

IV. UPDATES TO THIS AGREEMENT

This agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, University of South Florida, Hillsborough Community College or external accrediting agencies. This agreement will be renewed automatically, unless the party or parties give one hundred twenty (120) days prior notice.

V. RESOURCES

Resources for implementation of this Agreement may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability. However, no implementation of any portion of this Agreement, nor commencement of any specific projects, may be initiated prior to the written assurance of such budgetary availability to the other party hereto. In the event the university or college does not have sufficient legislative appropriations to carry out any obligations under this Agreement, it shall immediately notify the other party, as appropriate, of such fact and of such portions of this Agreement that may be deemed terminated as a result of such failure to secure the requisite resources or appropriations.

VI. TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall take effect on February 1, 2012 and shall terminate on June 30, 2016.. It shall be automatically renewed for a period of four years unless either party provides the other written notice no-later-than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the preceding term that is wishes to terminate this Agreement. If either party fails to follow the terms and conditions of the Agreement, as set forth herein, the other party has the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other.
- B. Notices with respect to rights and obligations of each party, hereto shall be provided as follows:

1. USF-Tampa Contacts

W. Robert Sullins, Dean, Undergraduate Studies
813-974-4051

Jerry C. Collins, Director, Undergraduate Studies
813-974-0525

2. HCC Contacts

Craig Johnson, Vice President, Academic Affairs
813-253-7051

Michael Brennan, Director of International Education
813-253-7124

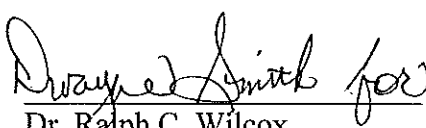
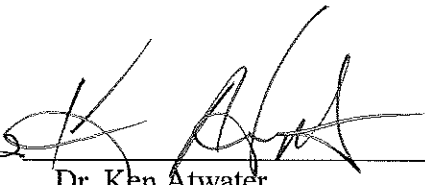
C. Modifications, additions or deletions from this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives for USF-Tampa and HCC are listed under "Approvals".

VII. APPROVALS

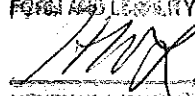
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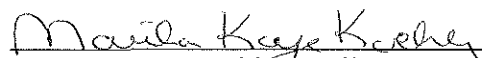
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Henry W. Lavandera, Associate General Counsel
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Martha Kaye Koehler, College Attorney
Hillsborough Community College

1/27/12
Date