

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Coker College
And
Richmond Community College**

Rationale

As a four-year liberal arts college, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Coker College enters into this articulation agreement with Richmond Community College (RCC). This agreement supports the mission of both institutions to fulfill the educational needs of their citizens by collaborating to provide access to higher education.

General Provisions

This agreement pertains to RCC graduates who earn their Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degrees in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, or Human Services through RCC and who desire to earn their Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degrees in Business Management, Criminology, or Psychology through Coker College's 100% online program.

In addition to Coker College's online programs, this agreement also allows RCC students to attend the traditional programs offered through Coker College. Course work in associate degrees not listed above will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

Coker College will accept completion of the associate degree as acceptance into the program. Grades lower than C will not transfer. However, students will not be required to repeat successfully completed courses that do not transfer as long as they meet the total 120-hour requirement (to include hours earned at RCC and any other regionally accredited institution along with hours completed at Coker College) to earn their bachelor's degree.

Coker College agrees to guarantee admission to the online, and traditional programs granting academic placement as a junior for each student who:

- Earned an A.A.S. Degree in Business Administration
- Earned an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice
- Earned an A.A.S. Degree in Human Services
- Earned an Associate of Arts (or) an Associate of Science Degree
- Submitted a completed application to Coker College
- Submitted an official transcript from RCC to Coker College

Coker College agrees to offer:

- Transfer guides (curriculum crosswalks) to RCC faculty and staff
- The RCC Online Advantage Scholarship to the online students and merit scholarships to traditional, transfer students
- Courses comparable to the third and fourth year of study in a baccalaureate program
- Access to library, student support services, athletic events, arts events, career development, and other programs and services at Coker College for both online and traditional students
- Provisional acceptance for upcoming RCC graduates when a letter from the RCC department chair, dean, or advisor verifies that said student is on-track to graduate in the designated time frame.

Richmond Community College agrees to:

- Provide reasonable support resources (library, etc.) to students during their enrollment at Coker College
- Provide Coker College access to their graduate mailing list, each semester, for the purpose of promoting Coker College's online and traditional programs
- Allow Coker College recruiters on-campus, through transfer fairs, classroom visits, and any other appropriate events, to promote Coker's online and traditional programs as well as provide recruitment materials to RCC faculty and staff interested in pursuing Coker's online master's programs.

Scholarship

Coker College agrees to offer a \$2,000 RCC Online Advantage Scholarship for RCC graduates (present and past) of the A.A.S Degrees in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Psychology who pursue the 100% online bachelor's program. The scholarship will be awarded in \$500 increments over terms 1 - 4 for no longer than three years.

RCC Associate of Arts and Associate of Science graduates will qualify to be considered for merit scholarships ranging from \$7,500-\$15,000 per year.

Agreement

This agreement will begin the fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. This document will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised as needed. Richmond Community College agrees to forward to Coker College any curriculum changes as it relates to the above-mentioned discipline areas.

Each institution will appoint a college employee to serve as the official contact and coordinate the activities of each organization in carrying out this agreement. The initial appointees of each college are:

Ms. Patsy Stanley, Director of Career and Transfer Services, RCC
Dr. Kathryn Flaherty, Dean of Graduate and Professional Programs, Coker College

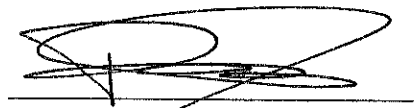
Coker College and Richmond Community College will assure the continued integrity, accreditation of their programs, and federal financial aid eligibility. Furthermore, while performing their duties under this agreement, neither party will discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other protected group. Reasonable accommodations for participation by a disabled person will be made in compliance with Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As soon as the appointed college officials of the two aforementioned academic institutions have signed this agreement, each is free to publicize and utilize this arrangement as deemed appropriate.

Finally, either party may withdraw from this agreement by providing written notice one year in advance.

Signatures

For Coker College:

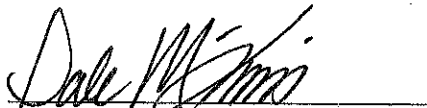


(Signature)

Dr. Robert Wyatt
President, Coker College

3/6/2019
(Date)

For Richmond Community College:



(Signature)

Dr. Dale McInnis
President, Richmond Community College

March 6, 2019
(Date)