



Memorandum of Understanding Between Rowan College of South Jersey

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated December 9, 2020, strengthens the relationship between **STOCKTON UNIVERSITY** and **ROWAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH JERSEY** Bachelor's degrees at two outstanding institutions of higher education.

It does so by:

- Reaffirming demand majors;

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY transfer to STOCKTON before completion of

including joint advising, special programs, and designated degree student participation.

II. Overview of Statewide Transfer Agreement

A. Both STOCKTON and RCSJ affirm their commitment to the "Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement," commonly referred to as the Lampitt Law (<http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/PDFs/XferAgreementOct08.pdf>).

B. Both institutions also commit to:

- Recognizing AA or AS degrees from a New Jersey community or county college as fully transferable, and the preferred pathway for students participating in this conditional dual admissions agreement;

- Applying credits that do not culminate in an AA or AS degree from a New Jersey community or county college to the appropriate program, general education, graduation, and elective requirements for a BA or BS degree up to 64 credits;
 - Providing a list of courses and prerequisites that a transfer student with an AA or AS degree from a New Jersey community or county college needs to complete to earn their chosen BA or BS degree at Stockton;
 - Reviewing courses to determine institution-to-institution course equivalency to maximize the value of transferred credits within a student's degree and evaluating non-equivalent courses for credit on a case-by-case basis.
- C. At STOCKTON, up to 64 credits of coursework can be transferred either from a completed AA or AS degree or as individual courses; students must have received an earned grade of C or better in each course transferred (exception: a maximum of 66 credits is allowed in transfer from a regionally-accredited two-year college when the student has earned an associate's degree and been accepted for matriculation in STOCKTON's upper division Bachelor of Science in Nursing program).

III. Program-to-Program Articulation Agreements

- A. Both STOCKTON and RCSJ also support NJ Transfer, (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>), a state-wide program that assists students transferring from two-year institutions to determine course equivalencies at the senior college or university of their choice, and the Transfer Equivalency Tool (TREQ).
- B. To build on this system, STOCKTON and RCSJ agree to develop specific program-to-program articulation agreements for high-demand majors to facilitate the quality and ease of transfer of students into comparable academic majors. Such agreements will be appended to this MOU and reviewed regularly by both schools to ensure they remain up-to-date in terms of course descriptions and degree requirements.

IV. Conditional Dual Admission

STOCKTON and RCSJ further agree to strengthen the transfer process by offering conditional dual admission to STOCKTON. Students will be able to enter this program through one of two pathways, outlined below.

A. Admission via Stockton University

1. All freshman applicants who apply to STOCKTON, but are denied direct admission, shall receive notification of conditional dual admission to STOCKTON in partnership with RCSJ through this MOU.
2. To enroll, students must both sign a consent form allowing STOCKTON and RCSJ to share the student's information, and matriculate into RCSJ. To enroll, they must sign a Dual Admissions Application and Academic Record Release Form allowing STOCKTON

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credits completed, and active or inactive status; and, 3) following a participating student's matriculation to STOCKTON, the University will provide RCSJ with the following information annually: (i) whether the student is still attending STOCKTON; (ii) whether and when the student has completed 64 credits, thereby making the student available for Reverse Transfer (discussed in section V below); (iii) whether the student is maintaining a 2.0 GPA (or higher in some restricted programs); and (iv) whether the student has graduated.

4. All application fees to STOCKTON will be waived for students whose admission is covered by this MOU.

B. Admission via County College:

1. Students who do not enroll in conditional dual admission via their application to STOCKTON can still do so upon their acceptance to RCSJ, or at any time during their enrollment at RCSJ. To enroll, they must sign a Dual Admissions Application and Academic Record Release Form allowing STOCKTON and RCSJ to share the student's information.
2. The same stipulations for tracking, advising and access to special events apply to these students as to the students who are conditionally admitted to STOCKTON through a direct application (specified in section IV.A.3 and 4 above, and IV.C. 1 and 2 below).
3. Students who complete their AA or AS degree at RCSJ and fulfill all other criteria pursuant to this MOU will enter STOCKTON as fully matriculated students with junior standing.

C. Program Benefits

1. Students who participate in conditional dual admission will be eligible to apply for STOCKTON housing from the first year of their matriculation to RCSJ. Housing fees will be paid directly to STOCKTON. All Transfer Pathways residential students will be held to the same rules and regulations as STOCKTON's own residential students, and must comply with the campus Code of Conduct. Transfer Pathways residential students will be required to sign a separate contract with STOCKTON to confirm their understanding of these expectations; this contract also outlines such students' access to campus student support services while in residence, as well as responsibility for co-payments and uncovered charges.
2. Students who participate in conditional dual admission are also invited to participate in campus activities, student groups, and special events on both campuses from their first year of matriculation to RCSJ and will receive a special STOCKTON identification card for

- B. To actively encourage students to apply for reverse transfer, STOCKTON agrees to: 1)
provide

- A. This MOU shall have an initial term of five (5) years from the date it becomes effective. Subject to changes that may be agreed upon by both institutions pursuant to the assessments set forth in Section IX and as otherwise set forth herein, this MOU shall renew automatically for successive two-year terms until terminated.
- B. This agreement may be terminated by either STOCKTON or RCSJ by written notice to the other institution if:
 - 1. There shall have been a material breach of any of the covenants set forth in this MOU on the part of either institution, which breach (if susceptible to cure) is not cured within one hundred twenty (120) days following written notice to the institution committing the breach, or;
 - 2. The other institution shall cease to maintain its accreditation or licensure, or;
 - 3. The other institution or any of its employees or agents shall engage in any conduct that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the reputation of the institution seeking termination.
- C. After the first five (5) years following the date that this MOU becomes effective, either institution may terminate this MOU for any reason or no reason upon one year's written notice to the other institution.
- D. In the event that this MOU is terminated, it is understood and agreed that the termination will not apply to those students already accepted to STOCKTON and RCSJ under the terms of this MOU.

XIV. Compliance with Applicable Laws

- A. Participating institutions agree to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and any other applicable federal and state laws/regulations addressing student privacy. Any student data proposed to be shared (whether before or after the execution of this MOU) will be shared only in compliance with FERPA or any other applicable federal and state laws.
- B. Both STOCKTON and RCSJ, in its programs and services, adhere to New Jersey's non-discrimination policy for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. In accordance with that policy, both institutions participating in this MOU will not discriminate based upon race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; age; sex; marital status; familial status; affectional or sexual orientation; atypical heredity, cellular, or blood trait; genetic information; liability for training and service in the Armed Forces of the United States; or disability.
- C. This MOU will be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to conflicts-of-laws principles. All disputes arising under this MOU shall be resolved by arbitration in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then currently in effect, or by an individual arbitrator mutually agreed upon by both institutions. Demand for arbitration of any such dispute shall be made within a reasonable time after the dispute has arisen, and shall in no event be made after the date when institution of legal or equitable proceedings for the resolution of such dispute would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations as determined under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Any demand for arbitration shall include all disputes then known to the demanding party. Judgement upon the award rendered hereby may be entered in any court having competent jurisdiction thereof or application may be made to such court for a judicial acceptance of the award and an order of enforcement, as the case may be.

