

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
University of Maryland, College Park and Prince George's Community College**

*Preamble:*

Following a two-year pilot program, this agreement affirms a 5-year continuation of the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program (MTAP) between the University of Maryland, College Park (UM) and Prince George's Community College (PGCC). MTAP seeks to foster increased access and greater academic success for students transferring from PGCC to UM.

*Efforts:*

The University of Maryland, College Park and Prince George's Community College will continue the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program through Spring 2013 within the following guidelines:

- UM and PGCC will continue to independently recruit and make offers of freshman admission. UM and PGCC will coordinate information on MTAP applicants.
- UM will decide on MTAP program admission and will communicate program admission to the applicants.
- MTAP-admitted students will be guaranteed UM admission contingent on students meeting the following requirements:
  - Completion of at least 15 credits at PGCC.
  - Completion of the Transfer Studies Certificate (30 credits) with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (including at least 5 general education courses, coursework that fulfills the UM Freshman English requirement, and a college-level mathematics course), OR completion of an associate degree with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA;
  - Enrollment at the University of Maryland, College Park or a University of Maryland, College Park program at the Universities at Shady Grove within one year of completion of the Transfer Studies Certificate/associate degree;
  - Not matriculated at any other institution of higher education after MTAP acceptance.
  - Adherence to all admission policies in addition to the academic stipulations already listed.
- PGCC will make available to the UM Office of Undergraduate Admissions current student address and student academic record information for MTAP students at PGCC.
- MTAP students will have the option to attend the University of Maryland, College Park or a University of Maryland, College Park program at the Universities at Shady Grove.
- UM will maintain MTAP program students as a priority category. After 15 credits completed at PGCC, MTAP program students will have access to UM advising and a 25% course-tuition-scholarship for one UM course per term (not to exceed a total of 9 credits).
- UM will provide special enrichment activities and opportunities for MTAP students.
- MTAP-admitted PGCC Honors Academy students will be offered two years of financial support up to \$5000 per year or a Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarship, provided they meet the minimum academic requirements for the scholarships and subject to the availability of funds.
- Either party may terminate all or parts of this agreement with a minimum of a six month written notice to both UM and PGCC Presidents. Currently enrolled MTAP students would be allowed to complete the program.

*General oversight of this agreement:*

Implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding is the responsibility of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Prince George's Community College and the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.

  
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President, University of Maryland

  
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