Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Honors College of The University of Maryland, Baltimore County and
The Honors Program of Prince George’s Community College

Purpose
The purpose of this memorandum of understanding between the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and Prince George’s Community College (PGCC) is to facilitate the transfer of outstanding students from the Honors Program of PGCC into the Honors College at UMBC.

Guiding Principles
PGCC Honors Program students will be guaranteed admission to the UMBC Honors College Program providing that the student has:

- applied and been admitted to UMBC with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application;
- applied to the Honors College at UMBC by the published deadlines for the appropriate semester;
- completed the requirements of the PGCC Honors Program prior to transfer to UMBC;
- completed an Associate Degree from PGCC;
- has a letter of support from the Honors Program Director at PGCC.

Academic Requirements
Students admitted to the UMBC Honors College from the PGCC Honors Program may request up to three courses from the PGCC Honors Program to be applied towards the UMBC Certificate of Honors, provided the courses were designated as Honors, were a minimum of three (3) credits each, and were completed with a grade of 3.0 or better on a four-point scale. If a student has met the English composition requirement at PGCC with a grade of 3.0 or better on a four-point scale, that may also be applied to the Certificate requirements at the UMBC Honors College. Students transferring from PGCC will need to take the remaining Honors courses at UMBC.
Scholarships and Other Opportunities
Students transferring from Prince George's Community College to UMBC who meet application deadlines and academic and financial qualifications that apply to all students may be eligible for consideration for the following scholarships offered by UMBC:

- The Academic Achievement Award for Transfers (AAAT) - awarded to community college transfers on the basis of academic accomplishment. Awards of up to $2,500 for each of two academic years of study. The AAAT may be used for full- or part-time study. Students must have completed 35 or more credits at the time of application.
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship - awarded to community college transfers on the basis of academic accomplishment. Awards range from $2,000 to $2,500 per year for each of two academic years of study. The PTK scholarship may be used for full- or part-time study. Students must submit proof of PTK membership.
- Honors College Scholarship – Transfer students admitted to the Honors College may be eligible for a $1,000 award per year for each of two years of academic study.
- Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) scholarships, awards, and benefits if previously admitted to the TSA program.

Ongoing Collaboration
To foster more student transfers from the Honors Program at PGCC, representatives from PGCC and UMBC Honors College will meet regularly to strengthen their collaboration. Both institutions will share information on an annual basis regarding changes in curriculum, academic requirements, and scholarship availability.

This agreement is applicable for students enrolled at the Honors Program of PGCC upon the execution date of this agreement. This agreement may be modified by the mutual written consent of both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving notice six months in advance to the other party. Such termination will not affect the participation in the articulated programs of those PGCC Honors students who have been fully admitted to UMBC and the UMBC Honors College.

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