Agreement between Schools Aims to Increase State's College Graduates

U of A credits can go toward NWACC degree, and vice versa

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (Aug. 14) – University of Arkansas and NorthWest Arkansas Community College officials today signed a collaborative agreement that is intended to increase the number of college graduates in Arkansas.

The agreement allows eligible NWACC students who transfer to the University of Arkansas with at least 24 credit hours to earn their NWACC associate degree by completing at least 12 more hours of required courses at the U of A. To be eligible, the student must have earned at least 60 hours total. The NWACC credit hours can also be used toward completing the student’s bachelor's degree at the university.

Under the agreement, the University of Arkansas will send the transcript of each qualified student to NWACC after the student completes at least 60 hours.

"This is a great opportunity for students at both schools, and for the state as well,” said university Chancellor G. David Gearhart. “It is important for our students to have a transfer process that is seamless and productive. As a Students First institution, this is simply another way of serving our students, and our state."
“We are pleased to be a part of this collaboration with the University of Arkansas,” said NWACC President Becky Paneitz. “This initiative will give our students the ability to have this important college milestone recognized as they continue studies toward a bachelor’s degree. Ultimately, this agreement and the opportunities it makes possible will provide a valuable service to our students and our state.”

To qualify for the reverse credit transfer, an NWACC student will have to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average; maintain or improve that average after transferring to the University of Arkansas; complete the state minimum core requirements; and be a degree-seeking student in good academic standing at the university.

This is the latest in a series of agreements between the University of Arkansas and NorthWest Arkansas Community College intended to increase access to higher education for students in this region and the state.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College is a smart choice for students wanting to pursue quality higher education. As an accredited institution through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, NWACC is a public two-year institution that serves and strengthens its surrounding communities in Benton and Washington counties by helping our students maximize their potential and exceed expectations. With state-of-the-art facilities, NWACC provides excellent academic instruction and workforce training needed to succeed, offering personalized attention from highly respected faculty, staff, and administrators. For more information, visit www.nwacc.edu.