INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The Institutional Articulation Agreement (**"Agreement"**), effective October 30, 2026 (**"Effective Date"**), is entered into by and between Southeast Community College (**"SCC"**), and the University of Nebraska (**"University"**), a higher education institution comprised of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (**"UNL"**) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (**"UNMC"**). This Agreement is intended to outline the rights and obligations of SCC and UNL. SCC and UNL will collectively be referred to as the **"Parties"** and individually as **"Party"**. This Agreement does not confer any benefits to or create rights and obligations for UNMC.

This Agreement reflects the shared commitment and partnership of SCC and UNL to expand educational opportunity through ongoing collaboration to create coordinated and student-centered transfer pathways. This Agreement outlines how SCC and UNL seek to support the transfer of students between SCC and UNL to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

The University was chartered as a land-grant university on February 15, 1869, to create opportunity for the state of Nebraska and to provide intellectual leadership throughout the state through quality education and the generation of new knowledge. The University's graduates, faculty, and staff are major contributors to the state's economic and cultural development. The University is a proud member of the Big Ten Conference, the Big Ten Academic Alliance, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. The University's Lincoln and Medical Center campuses are classified within the Carnegie "R1: Doctoral Universities – Highest Research Activity" category, and the University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

SCC is the second-largest community college district in the state, with three campuses and six learning centers across a 15-county area. As an open-access institution, the mission of SCC is to empower and transform the diverse learners and communities of southeast Nebraska through accessible lifelong educational opportunities. SCC provides dynamic and responsive pathways to career and technical, academic transfer, and continuing education programs that contribute to personal, community, and workforce development. SCC is a proud member of the National Junior College Athletic Association- Region 9 and is classified within the Carnegie "Professions-focused Associate Large/Medium" category. SCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of SCC's Associate of Arts and Associate of Science ("AA/AS") degree, UNL will guarantee admission to UNL to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from SCC after the Effective Date or within five years prior to the Effective Date, provided the student's grade point average ("GPA") is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses, and the student has a 2.0 GPA in their most recent term of attendance. Parties will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program-to-Program Transfer Pathways for SCC AA/AS graduates. The Program-to-Program Transfer Pathways will be updated annually.

Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of SCC's Associate of Applied Science ("AAS") degree, UNL will guarantee admission to UNL to all students who have earned an AAS degree from SCC after Effective Date or within five years prior to the Effective Date, provided the student's GPA is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level academic courses, and the student has a 2.0 GPA in their most recent term of attendance. Parties will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Transfer Pathways for AAS graduates from SCC.

Students who have successfully completed an AA/AS/AAS degree from SCC with the required 2.0 GPA are guaranteed admission to UNL and will be afforded all rights and privileges associated with their earned class standing based on credit hours completed. Students will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to currently enrolled UNL students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements at UNL, including programs that require cumulative GPAs greater than 2.0. Admissions requirements and college-specific course requirements are outlined in UNL's catalog and admissions websites.

Exclusions to Guaranteed Admission Agreement

Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS degree, who have earned a cumulative GPA below 2.0, who have a most recent term of attendance GPA less than a 2.0, or who left SCC more than five years prior to the Effective Date will be considered for admission according to UNL's admissions policies and standards and according to catalog requirements.

Admission to or a degree awarded from the University may be revoked for: Fraud; misrepresentation; violation of University standards in obtaining the degree; serious violation committed by an applicant or student prior to course enrollment, matriculation, or graduation; or other significant infractions endangering the safety and/or well-being of the University community.

Reverse Transfer

Under this Agreement, SCC students will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS degree before transferring to UNL, unless a particular approved pathway program necessitates an alternative agreement. Should an SCC student transfer to UNL prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS degree, Parties shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS degree in absentia through reverse transfer. Students who have transferred at least 15 credits from SCC and have earned at least 65 total cumulative credits at UNL will be alerted of the possibility of reverse transfer. To facilitate reverse transfer processes, UNL will provide directions and encourage students to submit a transcript request to SCC using SCC's standard transcript request processes, and all course work completed at UNL will be evaluated by SCC for acceptance and applicability toward an associate degree based on the student's most recent program of matriculation at SCC. The accepted courses may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at UNL.

Credit Acceptance and Transfer Pathways

Students who have completed an Associate Degree, Diploma, or Certificate at SCC may transfer a maximum of 60 semester credits to UNL toward baccalaureate degree attainment. Each college within UNL has specific transfer credit acceptance policies. Students may transfer credit based on the rules and restrictions of the UNL college into which they transfer and the catalog requirements that they are completing.

Using a mutually-approved template, program-specific pathway documents will be developed in support of this Agreement and will outline any selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These pathway documents must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching Agreement. These documents will be publicly available on SCC's website, and a link will also be published on the University and UNL's websites.

Students who are following a program transfer pathway which requires transfer to UNL prior to the completion of the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. at SCC will be afforded guaranteed admission to UNL as long as the student has completed 24 credit hours; their current cumulative GPA is at or above a 2.0, and; their most recent term of attendance GPA is equal to or greater than 2.0. A list of approved pathways that stipulate transfer prior to completion of an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S., is specified on the SCC Transfer Pathways website.

For students transferring credit outside of established program, UNL will apply transfer credit on a course-by course basis, with UNL making the ultimate decisions regarding acceptance and application of transfer credit.

UNL will provide SCC with course equivalency information regarding SCC courses and their UNL equivalents. UNL and the University of Nebraska will maintain current course equivalency data on the Undergraduate Education Programs Course Transfer Equivalency website. SCC and UNL will each provide the other Party with annual curricular update summaries to help facilitate the ongoing maintenance of course equivalencies and pathway document updates.

Catalog Requirements

SCC transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their matriculation into UNL, or a UNL college may allow a student to fulfill requirements for a catalog year in which they were enrolled at SCC following established policies outlined within the respective college's catalog policies.

Program transfer pathways are developed based on established curricular requirements for a specified catalog year. As long as an SCC student maintains continual enrollment at SCC or continual enrollment at the UNL within 1 calendar year from their last term of enrollment at SCC, and the catalog specified in the program transfer pathway is not expired, students shall be allowed, whenever possible, to follow the requirements associated with that pathway and the particular catalog year in which that pathway was published. For certain programs in which following the requirements associated with the pathway and particular catalog year is not possible, the respective UNL college will make every effort to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit while creating a path to degree completion that minimizes loss of credit toward degree.

Once admitted to UNL, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements, including, but not limited, to major; GPA; graduation and/or residency requirements; policies; procedures; and standards, as currently enrolled students. Furthermore, transfer students from SCC to UNL shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges based on the number of credits earned.

Timeline to Degree Assurance

Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, UNL cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this Agreement will complete all requirements to graduate from the University within two (2) years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at UNL. Program pathways documents will explicitly detail when programs will foreseeably require more than a standard four (4) semester, 60 semester hour requirement at UNL.

Data Sharing

Parties agree to share aggregated and de-identified student data for the purposes of assessment, recruiting and reporting within the guidelines and restrictions imposed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). Parties will work collaboratively to share individual student data including name, program of study, and student e-mail as mutually agreed upon only after FERPA-compliant releases have been signed by the student.

Each Party will provide students with information and access to consent forms that, if signed, would allow the Party or Parties to share relevant student records and data. This consent will be used for the mutual benefit of the students and the Parties to promote a quality educational experience and opportunity for the student.

Financial Aid

Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. To be eligible for federal financial aid, students must apply for financial aid annually at their home institution and must comply with the deadlines and policies at their home institution during that term of enrollment. Some program transfer pathways may stipulate an option to concurrently enroll in coursework at both SCC and UNL in the same semester. Students following these pathways may be eligible for financial aid for all classes through an established financial aid consortium compact agreement and should confer with their home institution's Financial Aid office to verify eligibility for participation.

Designated Implementation Official(s)

The Vice President of Instruction at SCC will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at SCC.

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> (402) 323-3498

The Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer at UNL will designate official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at UNL.

UNL CONTACT: Dr. Patricia Sollars, *Director of Undergraduate Education Programs*
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Should a designated official no longer be employed in that role or by the respective Party, it is the responsibility of that Party to identify another official and inform the other Party with an updated contact official.

Communication, Marketing, and Brand Usage Agreement

Parties will market and communicate the conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies in ways that meet the needs of each respective Party. SCC will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of pathways and will communicate this information through a website designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, faculty, and the general public. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, will include SCC transfer newsletters or transfer fairs and may include, but are not limited to, electronic dissemination of program-specific materials.

UNL and the University of Nebraska will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of program transfer pathways and will communicate this information and afford appropriate training, when necessary, to staff and faculty to support SCC transfer students.

This Agreement does not constitute access by either Party to the other Party' facilities for the purpose of marketing or promoting the conditions of this Agreement. Neither Party will gain access to classrooms or instructors without individually-facilitated approval by either Party's approved designee as outlined in the *Designated Implementation Official(s)* section of this Agreement.

SCC is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the University's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos for UNL during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and UNL programs in accordance with this Agreement. UNL is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use SCC's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of marketing to the UNL student population about this Agreement and the SCC's programs in accordance with this Agreement. SCC and UNL agree to comply with each other's furnished brand guidelines in places where name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos are utilized.

With exception of use for archival, record-retention, and legal purposes, upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each Party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other Party. Neither Party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other Party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the Parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other Party.

Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska. Any action arising from this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Nebraska, subject to applicable governmental immunity and jurisdictional requirements.

Liability

Each Party is and shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions and those of its officers, employees, and agents. Neither Party is or shall be liable to the other Party for any indirect, incidental, consequential, special, punitive, or exemplary damages arising out of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any governmental, sovereign, statutory, or other immunity, defense, or limitation of liability available to either Party under applicable law.

Amendments and Terms of Effect

Neither Party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.

Both the University and SCC must maintain nationally recognized institutional accreditation, as recognized by the United States Department of Education. Each institution must notify the other if they become no longer Accredited. Both Parties reserve the right to terminate this Agreement should the other Institution become no longer Accredited.

This Agreement terminates five (5) years from October 30, 2026. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be renewed by written agreement for any number of consecutive three (3) year terms. Should the precepts of this Agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy of either Party, the established policy will take precedence, and this Agreement will be reviewed for possible modification.

SCC and UNL each reserve the right to terminate this Agreement provided that at least one (1) year's notice of a termination date is given.

Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, care will be taken to ensure that college students previously accepted by or admitted to UNL shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement and the UNL catalog rights from the term in which they are admitted to UNL.

SIGNATURES

Katherine S Ankerson 10/30/2026	10/30/2026
Katherine S. Ankerson Date	**Dr. Paul Illich** Date
Interim Chancellor	*President*
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	**Southeast Community College**

AGREEMENT UPDATES/AFFIRMATION

COMPLETED EVERY THREE (3) YEARS AFTER INITIAL AGREEMENT DATE OF OCTOBER 30, 2026

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