

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
Lake Sumter State College and New College of Florida  
Guaranteed Admission Program**

**PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is to memorialize an agreement between **Lake Sumter State College** (“LSSC”) and New College of Florida (“NCF”) to ensure qualified LSSC students are guaranteed admission to NCF upon successful completion of an Associate of Arts (“AA”) degree from LSSC and application for admission to NCF. Students will use a prescribed academic pathway (“Pathway”) while at LSSC to ensure transfer entrance to associated NCF academic areas of concentration. Each Pathway will describe the curriculum a student should complete while pursuing their AA for a specified area of study at NCF. All Pathways shall be in writing and executed by authorized representatives of LSSC and NCF and shall be incorporated into this MOU as supplemental addenda. Students eligible for GAP will be expected to earn an Associate of Arts degree (“AA”) within two and one half (2.5) calendar years from LSSC and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

**PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW OF THIS PROGRAM:**

The primary purpose of the Guaranteed Admission Program (“GAP”) is to increase access for intellectually engaged, high achieving students to enroll and complete degrees at both LSSC and NCF. Further, the GAP will allow for more students within the State of Florida to remain in the state to pursue higher degrees of education to positively impact the state economy. These students will receive support and mentoring to guarantee the applicants’ admission to NCF upon completion of an AA at LSSC. The students will be coded at LSSC and closely monitored by academic advisors to ensure proper advisement occurs for coursework necessary to transition to NCF. Students must complete their AA within two and one half (2.5) calendar years to qualify for GAP admission at NCF. All Pathway courses shall be completed prior to official enrollment at NCF; provided, however, such enumerated courses have been offered at LSSC during the students’ enrollment. If such course(s) has not been offered by LSSC during a student’s time there, NCF will consider reasonable alternatives on a case-by-case basis. LSSC students shall be held to the standards of each institution’s Student Code of Conduct and Honors Code. Focus on guaranteed admission to NCF will include programs that may benefit from additional enrollment at both institutions, such as honors programs and STEM related programs.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Any LSSC student who is interested in transferring to NCF after completing an AA at LSSC.

**COMMITMENTS FROM LSSC:**

- Identify students who may be interested in NCF.
- Code and track potential NCF students for the GAP program.
- Communicate to students about student engagement opportunities at LSSC and NCF.
- Provide appropriate reports on progress of students; subject to FERPA.
- Advise students appropriately to ensure that necessary coursework is met for admissions into NCF.

**COMMITMENTS FROM NCF:**

- Provide regular curriculum updates to LSSC.
- Provide LSSC with data on success stories of LSSC GAP transfer students.
- Provide graduation data for GAP students commencing with the graduation of the first cohort of students transferring under this MOU.

- Invite students to attend information sessions with details on NCF's admissions process and points of contact.
- Provide welcome/encouragement letter to students that have self-identified as pursuing GAP admission.
- Encourage GAP students to attend activities (academic/social programming) to make connections with NCF students.
- Admit students who have satisfied the requirements outlined herein, who apply as a transfer student to NCF.

#### **TERM OF THIS MOU**

This MOU shall take effect on September 1, 2021 and remain in place for one (1) year. It shall automatically renew on an annual basis unless either institution provides the other institution written notice no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the preceding term that it wishes to terminate this MOU. If either institution fails to follow the terms and conditions of the MOU, as set forth herein, the other institution has the right to terminate this MOU immediately upon written notice. If this MOU is terminated, the status of the students matriculated, enrolled, or accepted in programs contemplated under this MOU shall not be affected.

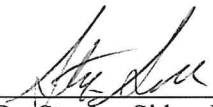
#### **OPERATIONAL DETAILS:**

- LSSC and NCF will meet annually to review MOU and make appropriate amendments and/or addenda.
- LSSC and NCF academic administrators will communicate each semester and may meet to address the unique academic needs of both institutions. Administrators or designees will review regional academic programming needs and plans with a particular focus on baccalaureate degree offerings.
- LSSC and NCF will identify members in their respective institutions to monitor the progress of the students and the program.
- If either institution requests a change to a Pathway, the institutions will cooperate to develop and execute a new Pathway.
- Advertisements, press releases, flyers and other print or electronic publicity created and disseminated by each institution regarding programs or activities related to this MOU shall be approved in advance by designated representatives of both parties.
- Neither party shall discriminate on the basis of sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), race, religion, age, national origin/ethnicity, color, marital status, disability, genetic information, or sexual orientation in any of its educational programs, services, or activities, including admission and employment.

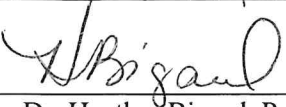
**In witness whereof**, the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officials thereunto duly authorized as of the date last written below.

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**Lake Sumter State College**

By:   
Title: Dr. Stanley Sidor, President

On: Dec 17, 2021

By:   
Title: Dr. Heather Bigard, Provost

On: Dec. 17, 2021

**New College of Florida**

By:   
Title: Dr. Patricia Okker, President

On: Dec. 17, 2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Dr. Suzanne Sherman, Provost

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