



**GUARANTEED TRANSFER ADMISSION AGREEMENT
AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AND
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY**

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the academic ties between Santa Monica College and Mount Saint Mary's University (sometimes hereafter "MSMU") in order to develop greater curricular continuity between the two institutions; to encourage more well-prepared students to transfer from Santa Monica College to Mount Saint Mary's University; and to alleviate the concerns of students about course transferability and admission feasibility as they prepare to transfer to and enroll at Mount Saint Mary's University. A review of this agreement will occur every five (5) years, or as each institution sees fit.

COMMITMENTS

I. MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY AGREES TO:

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth below for the specific major fields of study identified below guarantee fall or spring admission for community college students from Santa Monica College who meet MSMU's then current requirements for transfer, properly apply to Mount Saint Mary's University prior to the transfer application deadline, and achieve the agreed upon minimum cumulative grade-point average ("GPA") in MSMU approved courses at Santa Monica College. Coursework for majors with additional requirements and considerations may be in progress in the current term as long as all previous requirements have been met.

a. Programs Included in this MSMU Transfer Admission Agreement

- i. All Non-Nursing Majors - Students who complete a minimum of 30 transferable semester units prior to filing an application for admission to MSMU with a minimum 2.40 cumulative GPA (Traditional Undergraduate Full-Time Program) or a 2.0 (Evening, Weekend and Online Program), and enroll full-time in consecutive full terms at Santa Monica College with a minimum 3.00 GPA in any one term, will be guaranteed admission to their major within Mount Saint Mary's University.**

- ii. **MSMU agrees to guarantee 5 admission slots to SMC students who qualify and meet the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. These 5 admitted students have two weeks from the date of their admission decision release letter to submit their non-refundable commitment deposit to secure admission spot in MSMU-BSN program. Failure to submit commitment deposit within the two week period will result in a void spot. All MSMU policies, admissions and academic requirements, financial policies and other institutional policies are applicable to MSMU- SMC BSN students.**
- iii. **Majors with additional requirements and considerations:**
 - 1. **Music – Students must meet all of the above requirements, and successfully complete an audition.**
- b. **Programs Not Included in the MSMU Transfer Admission Agreement - Mount Saint Mary's University WILL NOT offer guaranteed admission for the following majors:**
 - 1. **Pre-Nursing**
- c. **International Applicants**
 - i. **In addition to the academic requirements above, must show proof of English proficiency in the following ways:**
 - 1. **Completing English Composition at a regionally accredited US college or university with a minimum grade of C or better. Note that English composition taken online will not be accepted to fulfill proof of English proficiency. Students who score 510 or higher on the Evidence Based Reading & Writing section of the SAT**
 - 2. **Taking an English Proficiency Exam: If you are a non-native English speaker and have not taken English Composition at a US college or university with at least a C grade, or took this course online, you must take one of the following tests of English proficiency and arrange for scores to be sent directly to MSMU from the test administrators.**
 - a. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Information about this test may be obtained from www.toefl.org (MSMU's TOEFL Institution code is 4493). The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is 550, the equivalent score of 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, or 79 on the Internet-based TOEFL.**

- b. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS).** Information about this test may be obtained from: www.ielts.org . The University's minimum standard for undergraduate admission is 6.5.
 - c. **Other proficiency score: Duolingo score 100, ITEP score 3.8, APIEL 3 or PTE-A 54**
 - ii. **If you are an international student studying at a college or university in the United States, please note that MSMU will not consider applicants for admission who have attended more than two US colleges concurrently in one term. In addition, no college-level English or Math courses taken online will be accepted as meeting MSMU's requirements.**
- II. **Reasonably cooperate on an ongoing basis with Santa Monica College to provide its students with beneficial services such as campus tours of Mount Saint Mary's University, information workshops, information about financial aid and scholarship, transfer counseling, pre-admission advising, and invitations to campus and university cultural events.**
- III. **Reasonably cooperate on an ongoing basis with Santa Monica College to provide its counselors, with beneficial services such as on-site articulation agreement and transfer information sessions, as well as invitations to the annual MSMU Visit Days and Community College Counselor Alliance Day events.**
- IV. **Monitor and evaluate the success of these students in order to facilitate program evaluation, subject to applicable state and federal laws.**
- V. **Waive the application fee for any eligible student that decides to apply to MSMU and has met all of the requirements as set forth above.**
- VI. **Provide eligible students who have applied to MSMU by the transfer application deadline, notification of admission within two weeks of completed application, as well as a transfer course evaluation and financial aid package within six weeks of receipt of required documents.**
- VII. **Help students and their families seek out, acquire, and make the best use of all resources available for financing the costs of attending MSMU. This includes working with eligible students to provide need-based financial assistance through federal and state programs, and merit based financial assistance through University resources, the MSMU Transfer Merit Scholarship and the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship.**

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE AGREES TO

- I. **Provide its students with information about the requirements for transfer to Mount Saint Mary's University and an in-depth understanding of the MSMU Transfer Admission Agreement, so that those students can consider the**

advantages of selecting classes with the objective of transfer to MSMU in mind.

- II. Collaborate with MSMU representatives, on an ongoing basis, to provide training to their counseling staff respecting the MSMU Transfer Admission Agreement, transfer admission, and the utilization of the agreed-upon articulation agreements, to assist students in making appropriate course choices.
- III. Explore, on an ongoing basis, ways that Santa Monica College and Mount Saint Mary's University can cooperate to the mutual benefit of both programs.

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