

Dual Admissions Program
East Tennessee State University and
Motlow State Community College

Overview

The East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Dual Admissions Program is available to students transferring to ETSU from Motlow State Community College (MSCC). This program offers MSCC students the advantage of a structured approach for completion of an Associate's Degree, followed by enrollment in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree. Dually admitted students first enroll at MSCC, complete the Associate's Degree, (A.A., A.S. and A.S.T.) and then enroll at ETSU.

Eligibility for Dual Admissions Program

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- Plans to pursue both an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree.
- Meets current admission criteria for MSCC.
- Has earned 29 or fewer college-level semester hours and a cumulative GPA of 2.0; cumulative 2.75 GPA for the A.S.T. Degree.
- Enters MSCC under the 2004 or later catalog (the common general education core curriculum was implemented in fall 2004).
- Upon graduation from MSCC with an A.A. or A.S. (A.S.T.) Degree, students will reaffirm the information on their original application. Residency classification with regard to fee payment will be made by ETSU at the time of application for admission is submitted to ETSU.

Students' Responsibilities

MSCC students who fulfill the requirements of the DAP are guaranteed acceptance to ETSU.

- Students must apply and be admitted to MSCC.
- Students must complete an application for Dual Admission and a non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form that includes authorization for the exchange of all application and academic information between MSCC and ETSU.
- Students will provide two copies of all application materials to MSCC (official high school transcript or equivalent, official college transcripts if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age).
- Student must complete ETSU application and pay the required application fee in order to enroll for courses at ETSU. Residency classification with regard to fee payment will be made by ETSU at the time of enrollment at ETSU. International students may be subject to additional regulations and may be required to provide additional information.

- Students must earn an A.S., A.A. or A.S.T. degree from MSCC. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.75 for the A.S.T. Degree) to be in good standing in the Dual Admissions Program.
- Any courses required for the major not completed at MSCC must be completed at ETSU to progress into the major. Students in the Dual Admissions Program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to ETSU but not acceptance into any individual academic discipline which may have additional admission requirements.
- Students must complete the MSCC Intent to Graduate form.
- Students who attend another institution between the time they graduate from MSCC and enroll at ETSU must re-apply as a transfer student.
- A student may withdraw from the Dual Admissions Program by providing a written statement to MSCC.
- Students must re-apply to the Dual Admissions Program if there is a break of more than a year in their attendance at MSCC.
- Students may only receive financial aid at one institution at a time. Students must complete financial aid paperwork for ETSU prior to enrolling.

Institutions' Responsibilities

- MSCC will forward all copies of the complete application packet materials to the Office of Admissions at ETSU including: MSCC application for admission, application for DAP/non-binding Intent-to-Enroll form, official high school transcript or equivalent, official college transcript(s) if other colleges have been attended, and official ACT/SAT scores for applicants less than 21 years of age.
- Both MSCC and ETSU will track Dual Admissions students in their student information systems.
- Both MSCC and ETSU will provide advisement to each student.
- Each institution will develop a web site specifically for the Dual Admissions Program.
- At the end of each semester, MSCC will provide ETSU an official transcript for each participant in the DAP, and student work at MSCC will be posted as transfer credit in the student information system at ETSU.
- Each institution will establish a primary and secondary campus contact.
- MSCC will refer students to the ETSU primary and secondary campus contacts during their first semester of enrollment in the Dual Admissions Program. Students will work jointly with MSCC and ETSU contacts to determine course selection.
- MSCC will accept any appropriate credit taken at ETSU by the student toward the associate degree.

Terms of Ineligibility

- Students are limited to participate in only one Dual Admissions Program at a time.
- Failure to adhere to the eligibility provisions and students' responsibilities of the Dual Admissions Program.
- Notification by MSCC of the student's withdrawal from the Dual Admissions Program.

Advantages for the Participating Institutions

- MSCC can attract highly motivated students who plan to attend ETSU after they earn an associate's degrees.
- With increased ease of transitioning between institutions, institutions will achieve a higher transfer rate.
- An improved community college transfer rate will lead to increased baccalaureate attainment.
- MSCC students will be encouraged to pursue a bachelor's degree after completing an associate's degree, which will increase students' educational attainment levels.
- MSCC can track educational achievement of their graduates.
- MSCC and ETSU can enjoy joint recruitment in area high schools.
- Students will arrive at ETSU better prepared for upper division courses in their major fields of study.
- ETSU will have a qualified and identified source of students that requires minimal recruitment effort.

Advantages for TBR Community College Students

- Students are guaranteed acceptance to ETSU upon completion of the A.A., A.S. (A.S.T.) degree at MSCC. Students in the Dual Admissions Program who meet eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to ETSU but not acceptance into any individual academic discipline which may have additional admission requirements.
- Students can save money by enrolling for their first two years at MSCC with lower tuition and fees.
- Students will become familiar with ETSU staff and academic advisors, which should facilitate the transition process.
- Students will receive academic advising from both institutions, including early advisement from ETSU.
- Students will be able to register during the priority registration time period at ETSU the semester of graduation from MSCC upon completion of ETSU orientation activities.

General Terms and Conditions

- East Tennessee State University and Motlow State Community College agree that in the performance of this Dual Admission Agreement they will comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students or applicants for admission as students on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, national origin, or

any other classification protected by Federal, or Tennessee constitutional or statutory law.


- This agreement will take effect Spring 2012 for implementation in the Fall 2012 semester.
- The terms of this agreement shall be perpetual duration; however, the parties mutually agree that the agreement may be amended or terminated, as needed, by written agreement between the Presidents of ETSU and MSCC.

Approvals:



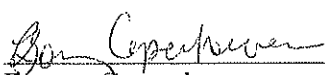
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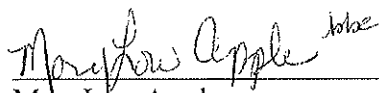
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