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FROM: James E. Todd, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

RE: Statewide Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Agreement with Arizona State University

Purpose

This memorandum announces a new statewide transfer agreement between the Chancellor's Office and Arizona State University (ASU). The agreement expands the value of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), strengthens transfer opportunities for ADT earners, and advances the California Community Colleges' Vision 2030 priorities related to transfer and equitable baccalaureate attainment.

Background and Context

The Chancellor's Office has established a statewide transfer agreement with Arizona State University that expands the opportunities available to California community college students who earn an Associate Degree for Transfer. Under this agreement, all California Community College ADTs developed through the statewide Transfer Model Curriculum framework are recognized as pathways to ASU bachelor's degree programs.

ASU has mapped each TMC-based ADT to multiple bachelor's degree pathways across nearly 100 academic programs, giving students who earn an ADT a broad range of clearly defined opportunities to continue their education and pursue a bachelor's degree ([ADT.ASU.edu](https://adt.asu.edu)). For students who complete an ADT in an aligned pathway, the agreement provides guaranteed admission with a minimum 2.0 GPA and a path to completing the aligned bachelor's degree with no more than 60 additional semester units.

Agreement Provisions

For students who complete an ADT and transfer into an aligned ASU pathway, the agreement creates a direct path from a California community college associate degree to a bachelor's degree. The agreement provides ADT earners with:

- **Guaranteed admission** to ASU for students who complete an ADT with a minimum 2.0 GPA;
- Admission with junior standing in an ASU bachelor's degree pathway aligned with the student's ADT;
- **Acceptance of at least 60 semester units** or 90 quarter units of eligible California community college coursework;
- **Fulfillment of ASU's lower-division general education** requirements in the aligned pathway, so students will not need to repeat those requirements; and
- A path to **complete** the aligned bachelor's degree with **no more than 60 additional semester units**.

Equitable Baccalaureate Attainment

This agreement directly advances the California Community Colleges' commitment to increasing ADT completion, strengthening transfer, and expanding equitable bachelor's degree attainment across California. By reducing uncertainty about how ADT coursework will transfer and creating multiple degree options for every ADT, the agreement makes the value of completing an ADT more concrete: students can see where their degree can lead and how their completed credits will apply toward a bachelor's degree. For students who are working, raising families, managing transportation or financial constraints, living far from a four-year institution, or needing to remain connected to their communities, the agreement provides additional ways to pursue a bachelor's degree without relocating or interrupting their responsibilities through online pathways.

Student Advising

Counselors and students may identify ASU bachelor's degree programs aligned with ADTs at [ADT.ASU.edu](https://adts.asu.edu). With support from a college counselor or transfer center, interested students can also connect with an ASU enrollment coach to:

- Understand the ADT admission guarantee and transfer process;
- Review how their completed coursework will apply;
- Compare aligned bachelor's degree options;
- Explore tuition, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities; and
- Apply to ASU and complete the transcript-submission process.

Eligible California community college students and alumni who enroll through ASU Online may also qualify for a tuition benefit through the [California Community College Achievement Plan](#). Students should review current eligibility and program information directly with ASU.

Resources

Colleges are encouraged to share information about the agreement with faculty, counselors, transfer center staff, admissions and outreach personnel, financial-aid staff, and student-success teams. Additional implementation resources will be shared in the coming weeks, including a systemwide webinar Nov. 2, 2026 at 11 a.m.

For questions regarding the agreement or implementation resources, please contact Transfer@CCCCO.edu or Jeff.Defranco@ASU.edu.

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