



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS**  
**HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**AND**  
**NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE**

**Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences (ASLAS)**  
**to**  
**Bachelor of Music (BM) – Choral Education**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”), entered into by and between **HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY** (hereinafter, “HSU”), located at 1100 Henderson Street, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71999 and **NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE** (hereinafter “NPC”), located at 101 College Drive, Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas 71913.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences at NPC to the Bachelor of Music – Choral Education degree at HSU. Through collaborative efforts, HSU and NPC desire to provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, thereby affording students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

**AGREEMENT**

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree at NPC will be admitted to the Bachelor of Music – Choral Education program at HSU with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to HSU.
- B. The student will have earned the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences at NPC, with at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average, or on after the effective date of this agreement.

- C. Degree program admission requirements for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at HSU.

### **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed on the attachment, 2+2 Degree Plan Checklist: NPC Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences to HSU Bachelor of Music – Choral Education.
- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences degree plan at NPC, as stipulated on the above-referenced degree plan checklist, before entering HSU, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- C. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to HSU.
- D. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of HSU.

### **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW**

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis; both HSU and NPC agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. HSU and NPC will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at NPC. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.
- E. HSU and NPC will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, published catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to HSU, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.

D. This agreement shall become effective at the time that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto cause this Agreement to be executed:

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE

Bled Jones 4/18/2017  
President Date

John Wagon 4/17/17  
President Date

[Signature] 4/18/17  
Provost Date

Walt Dab 4-17-17  
Vice President for Academic Affairs Date

John Harder 4/18/17  
Dean Date

Susan Fairlee 4-17-17  
Dean Date