



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

GEORGIA NORTHWESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

AND SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

This Agreement is entered into by and between Georgia Northwestern Technical College (hereinafter referred to as "GNTC") and Southern Adventist University (hereinafter referred to as "Southern"). The purpose of this MOU is to develop an academic and educational transfer partnership between the two parties for students at Georgia Northwestern Technical College who are interested in enrolling in the Adult Degree Completion (ADC) Program at Southern Adventist University.

The ADC Program at Southern Adventist University

- Is designed specifically for adults aged 25 years and older (or independent adults younger than 25 years) who have earned at least 24 hours of college credit but never completed a four-year degree. There is no age requirement for entrance into the nursing program.
- Requires students have at least a 2.0 GPA in order to enroll.
- Provides mostly online courses since most adults have a full-time job, busy lives, and a family, but offers 1-hour a week in-person class sessions to provide face-to-face support. (Nursing courses will be primarily onsite.)
- Allows students to earn their baccalaureate degree in as little as 18-24 months.
- Allows students to earn college credit based on prior work/learning experience/assessment (PLA).

Programs offered in the ADC Program will include the following:

- Business Management, BS
- Bachelor of Integrative Studies, BIS
- Communication, BS
- Nursing BSN (Entry requirements and delivery modes are different for this program)
- Psychology, BS

Southern Adventist University will agree to the following:

- o Offer current GNTC students who are completing the requirements for their associate degrees and associate degree graduates of GNTC from the last five years an additional discounted rate (10%) off for regular paying ADC students who meet the admissionso requirements for Southern Adventist University's ADC Program.o
- o Southern's goal is to enroll at least 10 students from GNTC per term as Southern will useo this number as an internal benchmark to determine the success of the ADC Program aso this will not be a commitment of nor the responsibility of GNTC.o
- o The Director of the Adult Degree Completion Program at Southern will coordinate witho the Department of Career Services at GNTC to host at least two annual ADC Programo Open House recruitment efforts at the GNTC Floyd County Campus.o
- o The Director of the Adult Degree Completion Program at Southern will make and shareo ADC Program marketing materials with the Department of Career Services at GNTC, foro strategic placement onsite at GNTC campus locations and electronically to interestedo students.o

Georgia Northwestern Technical College will agree to the following:

- o Academic Program Directors at GNTC will coordinate with the Director of the Adulto Degree Completion Program at Southern to identify and nominate students considered too be "strong candidates," who have met the ADC qualifications to enroll, and desire too complete a baccalaureate degree online within 18-24 months in the ADC program ato Southern.o
- o The Department of Career Services at GNTC will coordinate with the Director of theo Adult Degree Completion Program at Southern to host at least two annual ADC Programo Open House recruitment efforts on campus at the GNTC Floyd County campus.o
- o The Department of Career Services will assist in strategically promoting ADC programo marketing materials provided by the Director of the Adult Degree Completion Program ato Southern both onsite at GNTC and electronically to interested students.o
- o Refer qualified students to Southern's ADC Program.o
- o GNTC will share a link to Southern's website under Academic Partnerships on theo Articulation Agreements webpage, <https://www.gntc.edu/academics/articulation-agreements/>, on the GNTC website. Students who are interested in Southern's ADCo program will gain access to pertinent information about the program through this link.o

Term: This Agreement shall be effective for a period of five (5) years commencing on March 01, 2025, and ending on March 01, 2030. The MOU will be reviewed annually and changes or revisions necessary will be made by mutual agreement of both parties.

Term Extension: The period of validity of this MOU beyond the five-year term may only be extended by the mutual written consent of both parties. The collaboration will focus on developing a partnership in the area of the Adult Degree Completion (ADC) Program offered at Southern Adventist University.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

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