



## **Umbrella Program Transfer Agreement Cecil College and Towson University**

### **Admissions:**

- Towson University (TU) will provide students graduating from Cecil with associate degrees the opportunity to seamlessly transfer to TU into any of the bachelor's degree programs offered by TU that do not have special admissions requirements.
- A completed General Education program taken as part of an associate's degree (e.g., AA, AS, ASE, AAT) at Cecil will transfer to TU's Core Curriculum without the need for a course-by-course match. Students will be required to take TU's Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and additional units (which is the term TU uses when referencing credits/credit hours) necessary to complete the minimum number of Core Curriculum units.
- The Towson Seminar (Core 1) course will be waived for all students transferring under this Agreement.
- Official Transcripts from all higher education institutions from which students have earned academic credit must be submitted to TU as part of the application process. Credits transferred into Cecil from other colleges/universities will be reviewed individually to determine transferability and applicability.
- TU does not grant academic credit for occupational competency/life experience. However, such credits, including institutional examination credits, will be accepted if awarded by Cecil and documented on an official transcript. TU will also accept a maximum of 30 credits in any combination from one or more of the following sources:
  - Advanced Placement (AP) examination scores
  - Acceptable College Level Examination Program (CLEP) scores
  - Dense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) exam credits
  - Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma
  - Successful completion of International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations
  - Acceptable transfer credit for prior learning
- New TU students are required to attend the New Student Orientation. During this orientation, students will meet with their academic advisors to review prior coursework, discuss academic interests and goals, and register for the upcoming semester.
- Students are encouraged to complete their associate's degree at Cecil before transferring. Additionally, TU will support former Cecil students who have transferred to TU without completing their associate degrees through the "Reverse Transfer" process. TU will facilitate reverse transfers each spring and fall semester, identifying students who meet the reverse transfer criteria.

### **Financial Aid/Scholarships:**

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for need-based aid. Students transferring from Cecil to TU must indicate TU's school code of 002099 when submitting the FAFSA. All students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> but no later than the deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Students transferring from Cecil to TU who meet the transfer admissions priority deadline will be considered for TU's merit-based scholarship, the Transfer Achievement Award, for outstanding academic achievement.
- Cecil students who transfer to TU are encouraged to apply for other TU scholarship opportunities as they become available. Students are encouraged to apply for the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) 2+2 Transfer Scholarship.