

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

University of Redlands and Desert Community College District for College of the Desert, For

Guaranteed Transfer of eligible College of the Desert students to the University of Redlands

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made this 24th day of January, 2018, by and between the University of Redlands and Desert Community College District for College of the Desert.

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WHEREAS, It is the mission of College of the Desert to “advance the educational, career, and personal success of our diverse campus community through engagement and learning;”

WHEREAS, The University of Redlands, a private, independent liberal arts university, is “...committed to providing a personalized education that frees students to make enlightened choices;”

WHEREAS, College of the Desert provides all students with transfer support services and 25 Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees for transfer;

WHEREAS, The University of Redlands blends liberal arts and professional programs, applied and theoretical study, traditional majors and self-designed contracts for graduation;

WHEREAS, College of the Desert and the University of Redlands have a mutual interest in increasing baccalaureate degree attainment in the Inland Empire, and in promoting higher education to all citizens;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a mutual agreement to improve student access, success, and four-year degree completion, expand student options for transfer, and use resources at both institutions more efficiently and effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

College of the Desert agrees to:

- Provide students with articulated transfer courses to prepare them for early or junior-level transfer to the University of Redlands
- Provide transfer preparation courses in the following disciplines:
 1. Anthropology
 2. Art History
 3. Biology

4. Business Administration
 5. Chemistry
 6. Communication Studies
 7. Computer Science
 8. Early Childhood Education
 9. Economics
 10. Elementary Teacher Education
 11. English
 12. Geography
 13. Geology
 14. History
 15. Mathematics
 16. Music
 17. Philosophy
 18. Physics
 19. Political Science
 20. Psychology
 21. Sociology
 22. Spanish
 23. Studio Arts
 24. Theatre Arts
- Promote and market a University of Redlands transfer option and process
 - Identify and recruit qualified students
 - Develop student educational plans that support early transfer to the University of Redlands, and meet individual educational goals
 - Schedule courses in a pattern that supports early or junior-level transfer to the University of Redlands

University of Redlands agrees to provide two distinct transfer pathways:

School of Business Pathway: *Geared towards students who want to complete their bachelor's degree in business in the evening (to accommodate working schedules) in the Coachella Valley.*

- Provide transfer-related marketing materials to College of the Desert
- Provide application and transfer workshops at College of the Desert
- Guarantee admission to College of the Desert students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and 40 transferable units at College of the Desert. Transferable units must include completion of college-level general education courses and electives, with at least grade of C
- Offer a 20% tuition discount to College of the Desert students (excluding Active Duty military members) who meet the aforementioned criteria.
- Active duty military members receive a discounted tuition rate of \$250 per unit. Veterans may also qualify for the yellow ribbon bill.
- For Cal Grant eligible students who meet the aforementioned criteria, Redlands guarantees to cover full tuition costs with financial aid (including University discounts, state and federal grants, and direct student loans)
- Provide students who complete the College of the Desert/University of Redlands baccalaureate degree pathway with guaranteed admission to a University of Redlands graduate program

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College of Arts and Sciences Pathway: *Geared towards students who want to complete their bachelor's degree in Redlands on our main campus in one of 45 different academic majors*

- Provide transfer-related marketing materials to College of the Desert
- Provide application and transfer workshops at College of the Desert
- Provide Redlands Common Application fee waiver for College of the Desert students
- Provide College of the Desert student group opportunity to partake in a Day Visit at the University of Redlands
- Offer campus resources to Veterans and dependents
- Guarantee admission to College of the Desert students who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.1 in 24 transferable units at College of the Desert. Transferable units must include completion of college-level English and mathematics or the equivalent, with at least a grade of C or better
- Offer a scholarship of at least \$16,000 to College of the Desert students who qualify for guaranteed admission to the University of Redlands
- For Cal Grant eligible students who meet the aforementioned criteria, Redlands guarantees to cover full tuition costs with financial aid (including University grant and scholarship aid, state and federal grants, and direct student loans)
- Provide students who complete the College of the Desert/University of Redlands baccalaureate degree pathway with guaranteed admission to a University of Redlands graduate program

College of the Desert and the University of Redlands agree to:

- Mutually agree upon course sequences and transfer pathways that promote transfer and baccalaureate degree attainment
- Jointly resolve any issues relating to articulation, course content, or other curricular matters
- Provide opportunities for dialogue and joint training of College of the Desert counselors and University of Redlands academic advisors
- Promote the early engagement of College of the Desert students with the University of Redlands
- Promote the University of Redlands Guaranteed Admission and Degree Pathways to College of the Desert students, faculty and staff
- Co-host application and transfer workshops at College of the Desert and the University of Redlands
- Host College of the Desert counselors on the University of Redlands campus once a year.

**ARTICLE II
TERM**

The term of this MOU shall commence upon full execution by both parties and shall remain in effect unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. The term can only be extended by written agreement of both parties.

**ARTICLE III
EARLY TERMINATION**

The Desert Community College District or the University of Redlands may terminate this Agreement without cause by serving a written notice to the other thirty (30) days in advance of termination.

**ARTICLE IV
HOLD HARMLESS**

The University of Redlands agrees, at its own expense, cost and risk, to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless College of the Desert and the Desert Community College District, their agents, employees and officers against any and all personal injuries, damages, liabilities, costs, suits or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of any act or omission or the condition of any property owned or controlled by College of the Desert in the performance of this agreement.

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**ARTICLE V
ENTIRE MOU**

This MOU constitutes the entire MOU between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior or contemporaneous MOU's of any kind of nature relating to the same shall be deemed to be merged herein. Any modifications to the terms of this MOU must be in writing and signed by the parties herein.

**ARTICLE VI
NOTICES**

Unless expressly provided otherwise, all notices herein provided to be given, or which may be given, by any party to the other, will be deemed to have been fully given when written and personally delivered or deposited in the United States mail, certified postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

**To Desert Community College
District/College of the Desert**

Desert Community College District
Attn: Fiscal Services
43-500 Monterey Ave.
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Copy to:
Dr. Pamela Ralston
Vice President, Student Learning
College of the Desert
43-500 Monterey Ave
Palm Desert, CA 92260

To the University of Redlands

Dr. Kathy Ogren, Provost
1200 East Colton Ave.
Redlands, CA 92373

Kevin Dyerly
Vice President for Enrollment
1200 East Colton Ave.
Redlands, CA 92373

**ARTICLE VII
ALTERATION**

No alteration or variation of the terms of this MOU shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or MOU not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto.

**ARTICLE VIII
SEVERABILITY**

If any provision in this MOU is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**ARTICLE IX
INVALIDITY OF SECTIONS OF MOU**

The unenforceability or invalidity of any section or provision of this MOU shall not affect the enforceability and validity of the balance of the MOU.

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**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT**

This MOU and any attachments hereto may be amended or modified only by mutual written consent of the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, both parties may amend this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party in order to maintain compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

**ARTICLE XI
GOVERNING LAW**

The parties and this MOU are subject to the laws of the State of California and the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU.

**Desert Community College District for
College of the Desert**

University of Redlands

Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D.

Ralph Kuncl, Ph.D.

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Superintendent/President

President

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