

Memorandum of Understanding between

**University of Maryland, College Park** and Chesapeake College

**Preamble:**

This agreement affirms a 5-year period for the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program (MTAP) between the University of Maryland, College Park, (UMD) and Chesapeake College. MTAP seeks to foster increased access and greater academic success for students transferring from Chesapeake College to UMD.

*Efforts:*

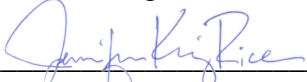
The University of Maryland, College Park and Chesapeake College will continue the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program through spring 2029 within the following guidelines:

- UMD and Chesapeake College will independently recruit and make offers of admission. UMD and Chesapeake College will coordinate information on MTAP applicants.
- UMD will decide on MTAP program admission and will communicate program admission to the applicants once all application material is received.
- UMD will send a list of MTAP participants to the Chesapeake College Counselor for Transfer Services after each selection period.
- MTAP-admitted students will be guaranteed UMD admission contingent on students meeting the following requirements:
  - Completion of an Associate degree with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA from all previously attended institutions;
  - OR completion of 30 credits of coursework with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, including at least 5 general education courses, coursework that fulfills the UMD Academic Writing (English Composition) requirement, and a college level mathematics course;
  - Completion of at least 15 credits at Chesapeake College;
  - Submission of the UMD transfer admission application by the posted priority deadline;
  - Enrollment at the University of Maryland, College Park or a University of Maryland, College Park, program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) within one year of completion of the Associate degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA from all previously attended institutions or completion of 30 credits with a minimum 3.0 GPA, including at least 5 general education courses, coursework that fulfills the UMD Academic Writing (English Composition) requirement, and a college level mathematics course
  - Not matriculated at any other institution of higher education after MTAP acceptance;


- Participation in the MTAP program for a minimum of one semester prior to transfer semester;
- Adherence to all admission policies in addition to the academic stipulations already listed.
- Chesapeake College will make available to the UMD Office of Undergraduate Admissions current student address and student academic record information for MTAP students at Chesapeake College
- MTAP students will have the option to attend the University of Maryland, College Park, or a University of Maryland, College Park, program at the Universities at Shady Grove. However, students intending to transfer to a University of Maryland, College Park program at the Universities at Shady Grove should be encouraged to apply to the Terp Transfer Program in lieu of MTAP.
- UMD will maintain MTAP program students as a priority category. After 15 credits completed at Chesapeake College. MTAP admitted program students will have access to UMD advising and a 25% course-tuition-scholarship for one UMD course per winter/summer term (four credits per term for three terms). Students must receive a grade of C-or better in UMD coursework in order to continue to be eligible for this benefit.
- Either party may terminate all or parts of this agreement with a minimum of a six-month written notice to both UMD and Chesapeake College Presidents. Currently enrolled MTAP students would be allowed to complete the program and transfer.

*General oversight of this agreement* is the responsibility of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Chesapeake College and the Senior Vice President and Provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Jennifer King Rice, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, and Provost

  
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 Date **May 10, 2024**

Dr. David A. Harper, Jr., Vice President for Workforce and Academic Programs

  
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 Date **4/10/23**