

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR  
JOINT ADMISSIONS  
BETWEEN**

**University of Houston**

**And**

**Wharton County Junior College**

The University of Houston (“UH”) and Wharton County Junior College (“WCJC”) agree to implement a Joint Admissions program that will facilitate the admission of qualified students enrolled at WCJC who complete the associate’s degree (A.A., A.A.T., or A.S.) into four-year degree programs offered through the component universities of the UH. The agreement also seeks to reduce the costs of higher education by encouraging students to complete the associates’s degree at WCJC by improved and collaborative academic advising, and by completion of joint admissions contracts. This agreement provides only for admission to the University of Houston. Requirements for admission to individual colleges/academic programs in UH may vary and potential students must meet the respective requirements for those college and academic programs to which they seek admission.

The **University of Houston** will:

- Provide updated transfer and 2 + 2 UH agreements in collaboration with the National Articulation and Transfer Network (NATN) to students seeking Joint Admissions;
- Guarantee admission to UH institutions for WCJC students who:
  - Complete and submit a Joint Admissions Contract to the Admissions Office at WCJC and UH to permit the exchange of student information between WCJC and UH. The Joint Admissions Contract should be completed and submitted in the first 30 Semester Credit Hours (“SCH”) of coursework at the community college (includes developmental and workforce SCH); and
  - Have completed the associate’s degree (A.A., A.A.T., or A.S.) at WCJC; and
  - Are in academic, financial and disciplinary good standing.
- Provide reasonable access to UH advisors at WCJC who can develop and provide degree plans for prospective students;
- Advise students to complete the associate’s degree at a community college

- Waive the existing Transfer Application fee for students seeking joint admission under this agreement; and
- Develop incentives for students to participate in the Joint Admissions Contract between WCJC and UH (i.e. use of learning resources, access to sporting events at UH student rates, etc.)

**Wharton County Junior College will:**

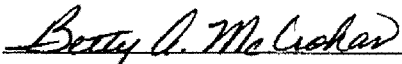
- Work with UH to promote the Joint Admissions Contract;
- Provide a list of interested students to UH;
- Assist students interested in participating in Joint Admissions in completing and submitting the Joint Admissions Contract in their first 30 SCH of work at WCJC; and
- Provide a copy of the community college application and all transcripts of each student seeking Joint Admission to UH in accordance with FERPA guidelines and the Joint Admissions Contract. WCJC will not charge additional fees to students to facilitate this exchange of information.

**Both parties** agree to work collaboratively to create professional development opportunities for advising staff to impact employee retention, enhance communication and improved the effectiveness of the WCJC-UH student "pipeline."

This agreement is effective beginning with the fall semester 2012 and will remain in effect until either party terminates by notifying the chief administrative officer of the other institution or the completion of a formal agreement detailing with more specificity the details of the Joint Admissions program.

Agreed to this 11 day of September 2012 by:

  
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Dr. Renu Khator  
Chancellor, University of Houston

  
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Betty McCrohan  
President, Wharton County Junior College

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