



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

January 20, 2005

RESPONSE DEADLINE FEBRUARY 7, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: Diploma of Transfer Readiness

The College Transfer Program Association (CTPA) has proposed the development of a Diploma of Transfer Readiness. This diploma would be issued upon the successful completion of the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) general education core.

The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) states that *students completing the general education transfer core will be considered to have fulfilled the institution-wide, lower division general education requirements of the receiving institution.* It is felt that the issuance of a diploma would offer an additional incentive for students to complete the general education core of the AA or the AS.

The development of a diploma would require revision to the NC Administrative Code. The following language has been suggested:

A college may award a diploma under an approved associate in arts or associate in science degree program for a series of courses taken from the approved associate in arts or science degree program of study. This diploma shall include a minimum of 44 and a maximum of 47 semester hours of general education core courses selected from the Common Course Library and approved for transfer to the University of North Carolina constituent institutions. The diploma shall include:

- a) 6 semester hours of English composition,*
- b) 12 semester hours of humanities or fine arts,*
- c) 12 semester hours of social or behavioral sciences, and*
- d) 14 semester hours of mathematics and natural sciences.*

A non-college transfer course of 1 semester hour of credit may be included in a 47 semester hour credit diploma program. This course will receive transfer evaluation by the receiving institution.

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We would like to request that you provide us with any concerns or feedback that you have about the development of a Diploma of Transfer Readiness. Please use the attached form to submit your comments to the System Office by February 7, 2005.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Frazelle at (919) 807-7120 or frazellej@ncccs.cc.nc.us.

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Attachment

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Email

**Diploma of Transfer Readiness
Concerns, Questions or Feedback**

College: _____

Name of Person Completing Form and Title: _____

Our college supports the development of the Diploma of Transfer Readiness.

Our college has the following concerns about the development of the Diploma of Transfer Readiness:

Questions or additional comments:

Signature of the College President

Date

Please return this form by February 7, 2005 to: Jennifer Frazelle, Program Coordinator
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