

Memorandum of Understanding

The College of the Desert

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between
The College of the Desert
and
New Mexico Highlands University
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The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding between The College of the Desert (COD), a Community College located in Palm Desert, California, and New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU), a Comprehensive University located in Las Vegas, New Mexico, is to establish a process by which students may complete any of the options mentioned below at COD to transfer and complete a four-year degree at NMHU. This understanding will authorize and initiate the development of *integrated and seamless curricula* that will facilitate the transfer of students.

In addition, NMHU will waive the admissions application fee, and COD advisors will assist students in completing the application process.

Students may transfer under one of four options, for which articulation and transfer guides will be developed:

Option 1. Course-by-Course Transfer Option: Students who have not completed an Associate's Degree at COD may transfer under this option. Credits earned will be reviewed by program faculty and/or the Registrar to determine the applicability of the courses within the student's chosen major field of study or other University requirements.

Option 2. (Dual Degree). Program Completion: Students who have earned an Associate's Degree from COD in a given field of study may transfer and then complete the Bachelor's Degree from NMHU in the same field of study.

Option 3. (Dual Degree). Bachelor's Degree Completion: Students who have earned an Associate's Degree from COD in a given field of study may transfer and then complete a Bachelor's Degree from NMHU in a different field of study.

Option 4. Reverse Transfer Option: Students who transfer from COD to NMHU before completing the Associate's Degree may

(1) transfer credits earned at NMHU to complete the Associate's Degree at COD, provided that the credits are acceptable to COD or

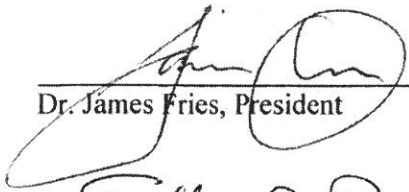
(2) transfer to COD to complete the Associate's Degree requirements. If the credits are needed for completion of the Bachelor's Degree, NMHU will waive the last 16 credits-in-residence requirement.

Curriculum guides will be developed listing the courses that, when successfully completed, will result in the student being awarded an Associate's Degree from COD and then a Bachelor's Degree from NMHU.

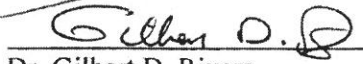
Students who have an earned Associate's Degree will have NMHU proficiency, extended core, and minor requirements waived. However, all other University requirements, including the University's State mandated 35-hour common core, program, residency, and the 51 upper-division credit requirements must be met before granting of the Bachelor's Degree.

Efforts will be made to assure that students complete the degree from NMHU with minimal, if any, loss of time and credits.

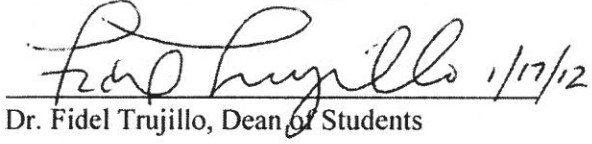
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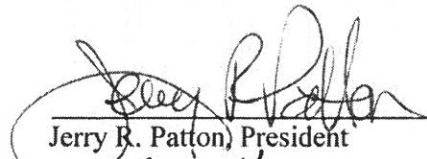
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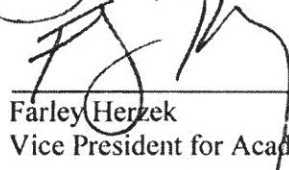
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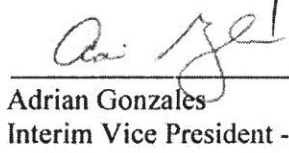
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