

## **Bilateral Agreements between the NC Community College System (NCCCS) and the University of North Carolina**

Under bilateral agreements, individual universities and one or more community colleges may join in a collaborative effort to facilitate the transfer of students from associate in applied science (AAS) degree programs to baccalaureate degree programs. The Transfer Advisory Committee maintains an annual inventory of bilateral articulation agreements for AAS degree programs. These agreements often serve as models to encourage the development of new articulation agreements among institutions.

The special circumstances surrounding transfer agreements for AAS programs, which were not designed to transfer, require bilateral rather than statewide articulation. Special circumstances include different accreditation criteria for faculty in transfer and non-transfer programs, the different general education requirements for transfer and non-transfer programs, and the workforce preparedness mission on the technical/community college AAS programs.

Durham Tech has bilateral agreements with a variety of universities. These agreements facilitate transfer of coursework not protected by the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement from the AAS degree to selected universities.

The list of agreements can be found on the Virtual Transfer Center under Bilateral Agreements.