



### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between the
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
and the
GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### **Preamble**

The University of Guam (UOG) and the Guam Community College (GCC) establish this Memorandum of Agreement to enhance relations between the two institutions and streamline student transfer experiences. UOG regards GCC as an important partner in offering programs to students on Guam, serving differing needs to the community of Guam. UOG also regards students from GCC as an important population and recognizes the mutual benefits of expanding the portfolio of articulated courses and programs with GCC.

## Purpose

The objective of this Agreement is to promote cooperation and further understanding between the two academic Computer Science programs, to provide a framework to establish program to program articulations, dual enrollment for students enrolled in Computer Science, and complete articulation of general education courses required by both Computer Science Programs, such that a "cooperative 2 + 2" degree program is established between the GCC Associate of Science in Computer Science degree and the UOG Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree.

This "cooperative 2 + 2" degree program will consist of a student earning his or her Associate of Science in Computer Science degree in the first 2 years and then earning his or her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree in the second 2 years. Moreover, this "cooperative 2 + 2" degree program will ensure that all of the GCC General Education requirements will be accepted by UOG as sufficient to meet the UOG General Education requirements, with the exception of either successful completion of the Critical Thinking 101 course or successful completion of a Critical Thinking assessment test at UOG, as well as the capstone course in the 4<sup>th</sup> year, at UOG.

These objectives will be subject to the same procedures, policies, rules, and regulations as may govern the parties to this Agreement, including obtaining any necessary clearances from government agencies, internal administrative units, and/or other oversight bodies.

#### **Implementation**

The management of this agreement will be coordinated through the Chief Academic Officers or their designees at each institution. Changes in the courses, programs, or policies at either institution will be communicated to the Chief Academic Officers or their designees at each institution, which may result in modifications or amendments to the terms of the agreement.

The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will work with the UOG College of Natural & Applied Sciences Dean's Office, the GCC School of Technology & Student Services Dean's Office and the Computer Science faculty of both GCC and UOG to finalize the degree pathways and advising materials to facilitate transfer between the two institutions.

# Funding and financial arrangements

Implementation of specific collaborative programs will depend upon the availability of funds. UOG and GCC may agree to assist each other with the application to funding agencies for financial support of collaborative and exchange activities. Financial arrangements between the partner institutions may vary depending on the nature of specific activities and may be subject to separate agreements specifying the terms and conditions. No financial commitments or obligations are being undertaken attendant to this Agreement.

# Duration of the Agreement, Review, Renewal, and Termination

This Agreement becomes effective upon signature by both parties. The Agreement may be amended by the written consent of both parties. The Agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 120 days written notice.

This Agreement will be valid for five years from the date of its implementation and will be reviewed at the end of this term to evaluate the progress and the quality of the cooperation. The Agreement may be extended for a five-year period based upon the mutual agreement and written consent of the parties.

# **Extent of the Agreement**

This Agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships, but it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial institutional articulation relationship.

### Signatures:

For University of Guam:	For GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE:		
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