DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2026 TRANSFER EXCELLENCE CONVENING

Small Colleges, Big Impact: Advancing Transfer Through Rural Partnerships

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

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Built for What's Next!

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The South Carolina Technical College System defines student success as ensuring that every student is supported and equipped to reach their academic, personal, and career goals. Success is realized when students feel connected and empowered, achieve their chosen educational milestones, and are prepared to thrive in work, community, and life.

Adopted by Denmark Technical College, September 29, 2026

Built for What's Next

Alignment with the Mission and Vision

Academic Culture

Ensuring Student Success through high quality Curricula, Instruction, Partnerships, Support Resources, Engagement, Experiences, Outcomes, and Faculty Development

Engaging, Educating, and Empowering Students

From the Presidential Investiture and Legacy Scholarship Gala, January 30, 2026

"Together, we will continue to create opportunities that empower students and strengthen the communities we serve. . . . Together, we will continue moving Denmark Tech forward as a vital gateway to education and workforce success."

Dr. Eric Brown, President & CEO, Tenth President of Denmark Technical College

Values

Denmark Technical College will embark upon its mission towards realizing its vision by adhering to the following values:

EXCELLENCE - We are dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence in all facets of the College through the highest educational standards for student achievement, excellent and transformative faculty teaching, dedicated service, and co-curricular activities.

LEADERSHIP - We will act as role models, inspiring others, encouraging ambition, drive, grit, and perseverance as we work together toward a common goal and vision.

STUDENT CENTERED - Students are our top priority, and we are committed to helping them become globally competitive in an enriching, stimulating and supportive environment.

INTEGRITY - As an institution, we must ensure that we are consistent in providing professional, reliable, and fair services for our students as well as the community stakeholders.

TRANSPARENCY - Ensuring that all are aware of the successes and challenges of the college.

INNOVATION - We will be forward thinking, creative, and proactive in our endeavors to advance Denmark Technical College.

PARTNERSHIPS: Key Requirements

Certificate and Degree Types

Accreditation (Institutional and Disciplinary)

Course Pathway Mapping (and Matching)

Formal Application Submission

Minimum Grade Point Average for Admission

Fulfillment of Prerequisites

Satisfactory Course Performance

Transcripts and Credits

PARTNERSHIPS: Student and Institutional Gains

Advancing continuous learning

Providing pathways to further degree completion

Providing clear pathways from one credential to another

Reducing credit loss and financial burden

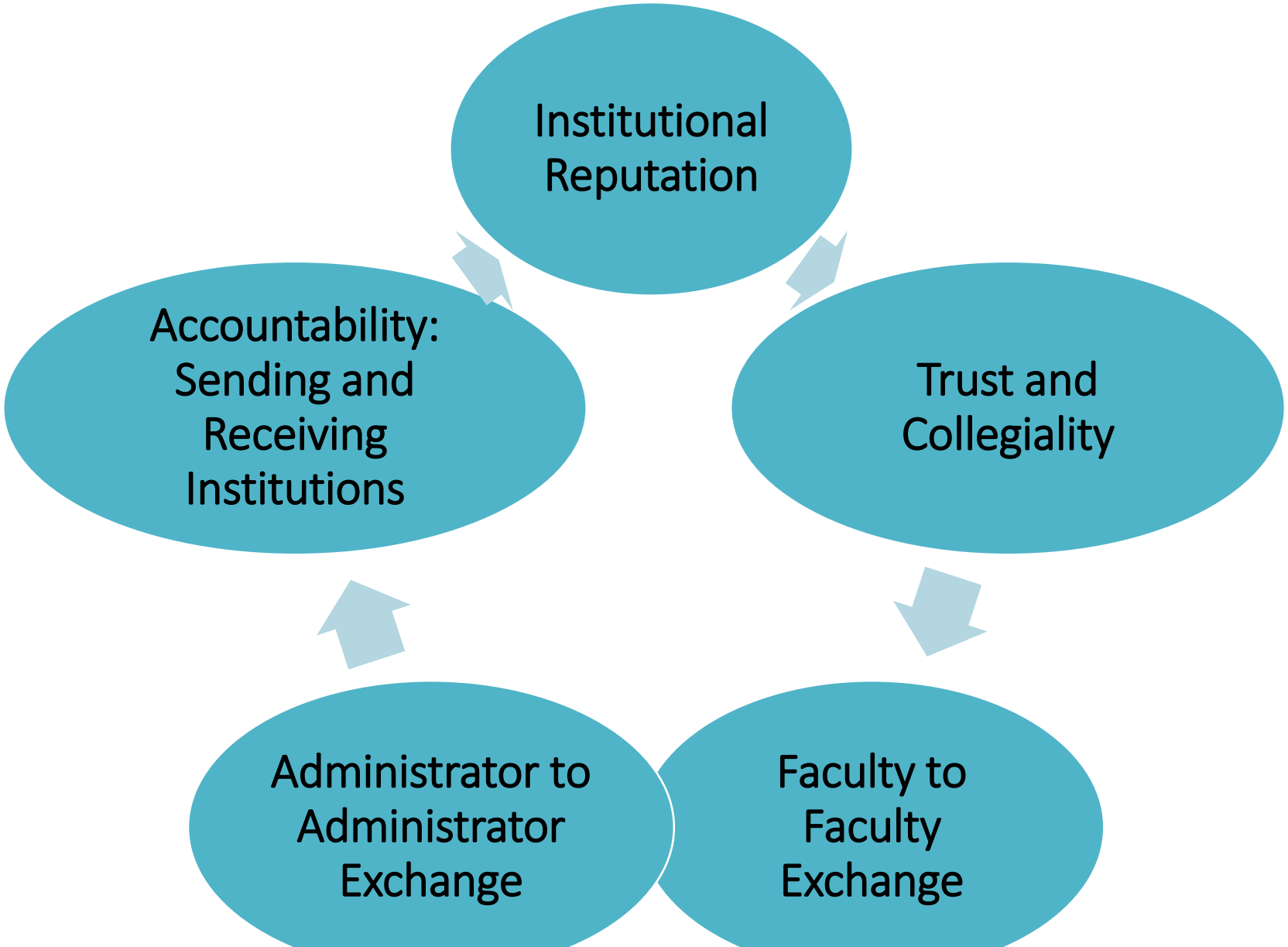
Enabling students to apply credits earned toward baccalaureate degrees

Assisting students in the movement from one institution to another academically, physically, socially, and culturally

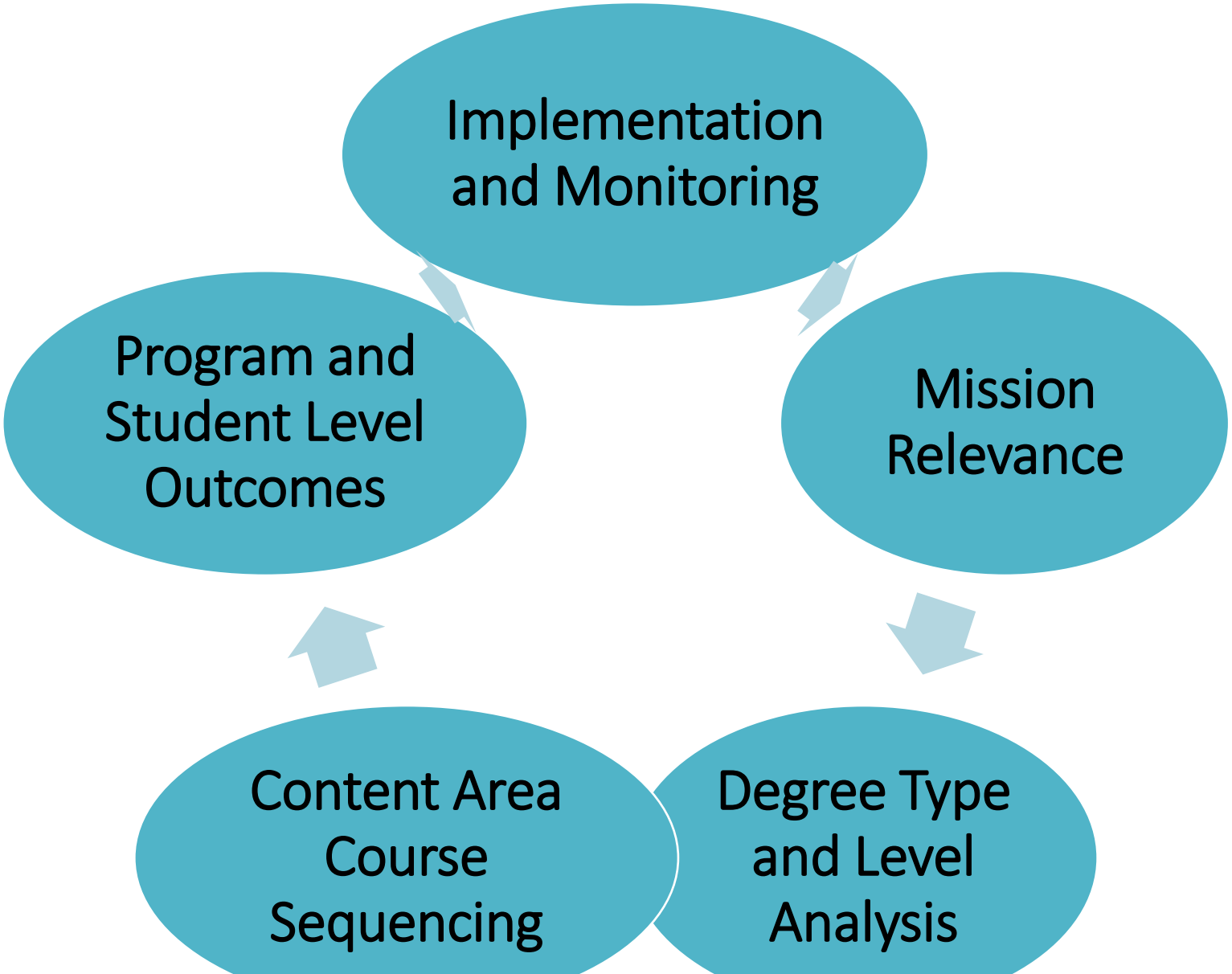
Enabling student academic and professional growth

Enabling transformation for return on investment, earnings power, and community building

PARTNERSHIPS: Institutional Insights



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- Moving from competition and/or duplication to collaboration and coordination
- Engaging in mindful student experience transitions and supports
- Meaningful collaboratives that meet academic and workforce needs
- Leveraging resources and strategically finding solutions to gaps
- Adhering to curricular and disciplinary standards, maintaining currency

PARTNERSHIPS: Effective Practices

Academic Affairs
and
Student Affairs

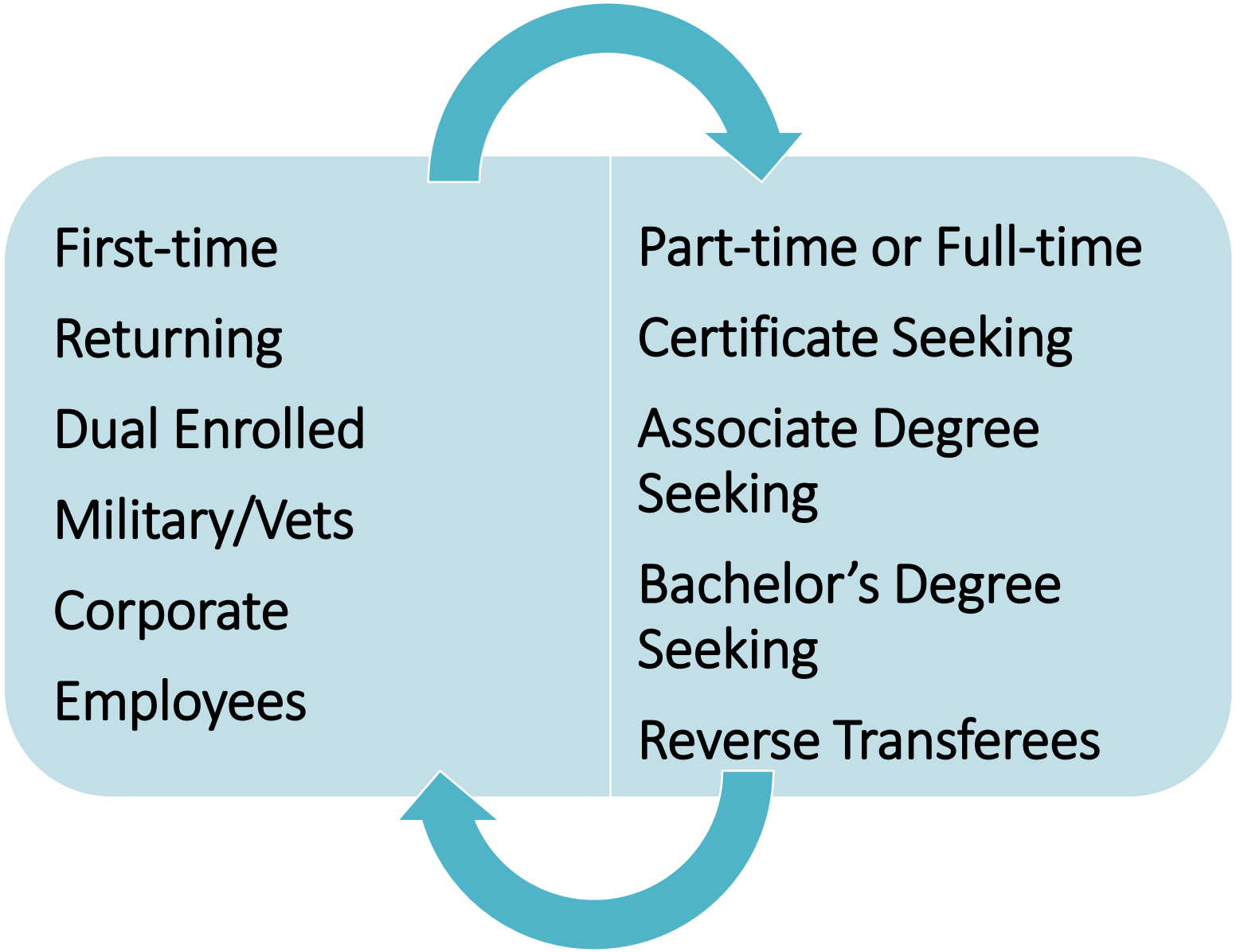
Faculty
and
Advising and Learning Communities

Financial Aid

Career Planning and Development

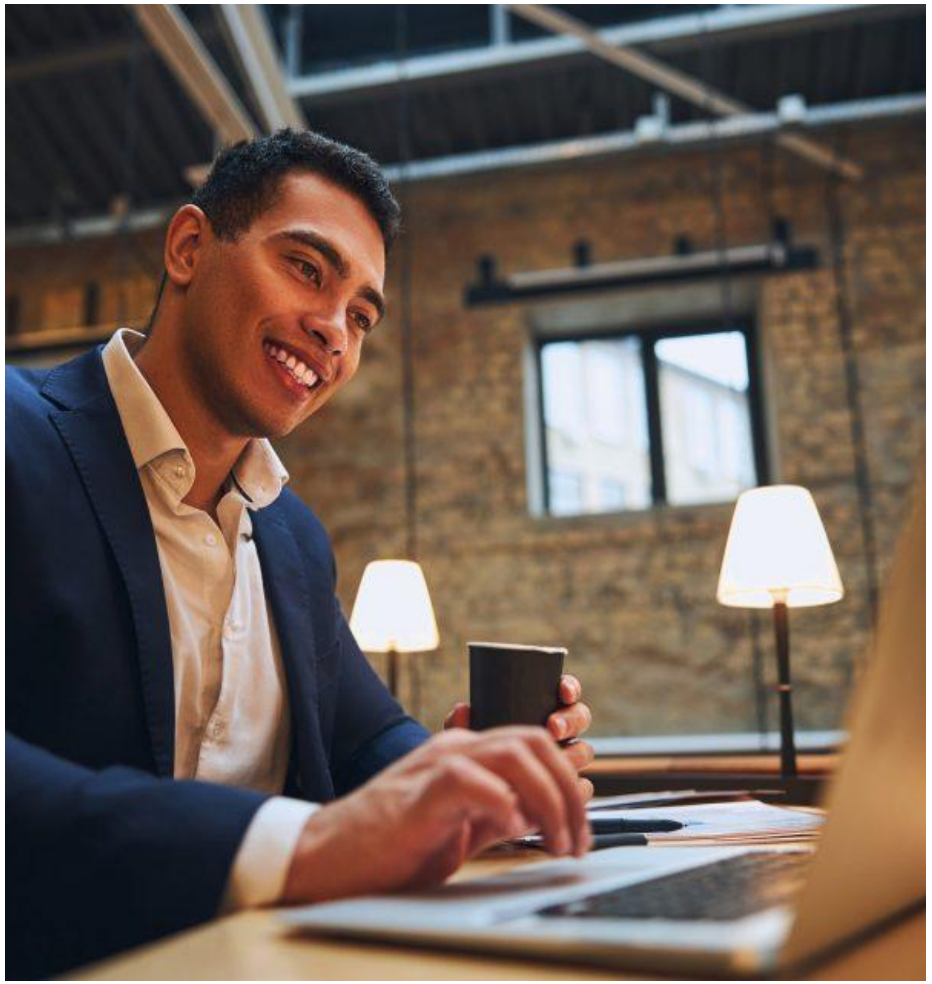
Transfer Support Center

PARTNERSHIPS: Who are the students?



PARTNERSHIPS: Elements of the Partnership

Purpose
Communication
Stewards
Admission Criteria
Student Status at Either Institution
Official Records
Credit for Transfer (Block, Individual Courses, Electives)
Enrollment at Either Institution
Coordination of the Agreement
Financial Assistance
Program Oversight
Institutional Responsibilities
Program Evaluation
Review of the Agreement



PARTNERSHIPS: Value Added Solvency

Accreditation of the Institutions

College-level coursework clearly identifiable

Matching course descriptions and learning outcomes

Comparable credit hours and grading standards

Degree program relevance and comparability

Syllabi comparisons

Direct course links to college majors

Degree standards



PARTNERSHIPS: Partner Appreciation

Morris College
-- Certificate in Cybersecurity to
Bachelor's Degree in Cybersecurity
-- Associate of Arts and Associate of Science transfer to Bachelor's Degrees

Allen University
-- NSF Grant, South Carolina Coordination Hub for AI Readiness

AHEC ---- And More to come . . . .

What is the present? What is the future?



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Making meaningful impacts. Strengthening the College legacy through its students. Expanding opportunities for students across the service area. Developing partnerships with quality, value, investments, collaboration, and commitment.

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Welcome home to Denmark.

Grow roots. Prepare to fly.



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Q&A, Thank you

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