SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

HILL COLLEGE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SWAU in Two Transfer Pathway Program

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into by and between Southwestern Adventist University ("SWAU"), a private institution of higher education located in Keene, Texas, and Hill College ("Hill College"), a public community college organized under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal campus in Hillsboro, Texas. SWAU and Hill College may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

I. Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the SWAU in Two Transfer Pathway Program, a structured and seamless transfer pathway that enables Hill College students who complete approved associate degrees to transition into designated bachelor's degree programs at SWAU, with the intent of completing the bachelor's degree within approximately two additional academic years.

II. Program Overview: SWAU in Two

Under the SWAU in Two program, Hill College students who complete an approved Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), or Associate of Applied Teaching (A.A.T.) degree will be eligible for automatic admission to SWAU, subject to meeting the requirements set forth in this Agreement. Coursework will be pre-mapped and articulated to support efficient transfer and timely degree completion.

III. Automatic Admission

Automatic admission under the SWAU in Two program is granted to students who: (a) successfully complete an approved associate degree at Hill College; (b) earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher, or a higher GPA if required by the specific SWAU program; (c) are in good academic and disciplinary standing at Hill College; and (d) submit all required admission materials by SWAU's published deadlines.

IV. Transfer Scholarship Eligibility

Students admitted through the SWAU in Two program will be automatically eligible for consideration for SWAU's Transfer Scholarship, subject to institutional scholarship policies, eligibility criteria, and availability of funds. Scholarship renewal is contingent upon enrollment and continued good academic standing at SWAU.

V. Degree Pathways and Articulation

Approved associate-to-bachelor degree pathways are outlined in Appendix A (Exhibit A) to this Agreement. Courses completed at Hill College that are included in the approved pathways will transfer directly and apply toward the corresponding SWAU bachelor's degree. The Parties agree to communicate curriculum changes in advance to minimize disruption to student progress.

VI. Advising and Student Support
Hill College will promote the SWAU in Two program and provide academic advising aligned with approved transfer pathways. SWAU will provide dedicated transfer advising, timely transcript evaluations, degree audits, orientation, and academic success support for participating students.

VII. Financial Aid and Tuition
Students transferring under this program may be eligible for federal, state, and institutional financial aid, where applicable, and SWAU institutional scholarships. Students are responsible for all tuition, fees, books, housing, and related expenses in accordance with SWAU policies.

In addition, students transferring from Hill College to Southwestern Adventist University under the SWAU in Two Transfer Pathway Program shall receive a tuition discount equal to twenty percent (20%) of SWAU's published undergraduate tuition rate. This discount applies to tuition only and does not apply to fees, housing, meals, books, or other charges. The tuition discount may be combined with SWAU institutional transfer scholarships and is contingent upon enrollment and continued good academic standing.

VIII. Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance
All academic activities conducted under this Agreement shall comply with the accreditation standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and applicable regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). SWAU retains sole authority over academic oversight, curriculum approval, faculty governance, admissions decisions, transfer credit evaluation, maintenance of academic records, and the awarding of degrees.

Transfer credit will be awarded in accordance with SWAU's published transfer credit policies and THECB transfer guidelines. Completion of an associate degree does not waive residency requirements, upper-division credit minimums, or program-specific degree requirements.

IX. Marketing and Use of Name
Neither Party shall use the name, logo, or branding of the other Party in any publicity, advertising, or promotional materials without the prior written approval of the other Party.

X. Term and Termination
This MOU shall become effective upon final execution by both Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Either Party may terminate this Agreement with ninety (90) days' written notice.

XI. Modification
This Agreement may be amended only by written mutual consent of authorized representatives of both Parties.

XII. Non-Binding Nature
This MOU expresses the intent of the Parties and does not create a legally binding obligation, except where expressly stated herein.

XIII. Signatures
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the dates set forth below.

Southwestern Adventist University

Ana Patterson

Ana Patterson
President
Date: 02/18/26

Hill College

Name: Irene Benero
Title: Vice President of Student Learning & Success
Date: 2/18/2026

APPENDIX A
SWAU in Two Transfer Pathway & Compliance Framework
Exhibit A: Approved Transfer Pathways

Hill College Degree	Degree Type	SWAU Bachelor's Degree	Degree Type
Kinesiology	A.A.	Exercise Science	B.S.
Biology	A.S.	Integrative Biology	B.S.
Mathematics	A.S.	Mathematics	B.S.
Chemistry	A.A.	Chemistry	B.S.
Business Administration	A.A.	Accounting	B.B.A.
Business Administration	A.A.	Finance	B.B.A.
Business Administration	A.A.	Marketing	B.B.A.
Business Administration	A.A.	Management	B.B.A.
Liberal Arts (any degree)	A.A.	Communication	B.A.
Liberal Arts (any degree)	A.A.	English	B.A.
Liberal Arts (any degree)	A.A.	History	B.A.
Liberal Arts (any degree)	A.A.	Music	B.A.
Liberal Arts (any degree)	A.A.	Social Science	B.S.
Teaching	A.A.T.	Elementary Education	B.S.
General Studies	A.A. or A.S.	Multiple Options	B.S. or B.A.

Pathways are designed to support completion of the SWAU bachelor's degree in approximately two additional academic years, assuming full-time enrollment and continuous progress.

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Southwestern Adventist University retains sole authority for academic oversight, curriculum approval, faculty governance, admissions decisions, transfer credit evaluation, maintenance of academic records, and the awarding of degrees. Upper-division coursework and major requirements shall be completed through SWAU under the same academic standards applied to all enrolled students.

Transfer credit will be awarded in accordance with SWAU's published policies and THECB transfer guidelines. Completion of an associate degree does not waive residency requirements, upper-division credit minimums, or program-specific requirements.

Should this Agreement or any pathway implemented hereunder constitute a substantive change as defined by SACSCOC or THECB regulations, SWAU shall secure all required notifications and approvals prior to implementation.

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