

## **Stockton, Atlantic Cape Community College Sign Dual Admission Agreement**

Students Would Save Money, Transfer More Easily

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**Galloway, NJ** - Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College today signed a conditional dual admission agreement that will enable students from Atlantic or Cape May counties to earn their associate degrees at Atlantic Cape and then easily transition to Stockton to complete their undergraduate education.

A student from either of the two counties who is denied admission to Stockton University directly out of high school would be offered conditional admission as a transfer student to Stockton from Atlantic Cape, under the program. The application fee for Stockton will be waived for eligible students.

"This agreement will benefit students by reducing the cost of their education," said Stockton Interim President Harvey Kesselman. "Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College are passionate about providing cost-effective paths for students to earn their degrees, which prepare them for the jobs of today and tomorrow and lead to more successful lives."

Admission to Stockton would be contingent upon: successful completion of the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree at Atlantic Cape, having maintained a 2.5 or better cumulative grade point average at Atlantic Cape in all courses. Students also would have to achieve a grade of "C" or better in those courses preparing them for their major at Stockton.

"Atlantic Cape is excited about the opportunity to expand our partnership with Stockton University and provide local residents another cost-effective pathway to a baccalaureate degree," said Dr. Peter L. Mora, Atlantic Cape president. "Developing partnerships like this will make our community stronger and lead to more highly skilled graduates to support our local workforce."

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Students seeking to enter the program must complete an application and a waiver form allowing Atlantic Cape to share academic records with Stockton. Students would indicate their intention to progress to Stockton no later than July 1 for a fall semester start or Dec. 1 for a spring semester start.

Eligible students who register for conditional dual admission will be assigned a Stockton University Academic Adviser in the Center for Academic Advising.

Students completing an A.A.S. degree from Atlantic Cape may be required to take more than 128 credits dependent upon the program they choose at Stockton University.

The agreement is for a term of five years and would be reviewed during its fourth year, with extensions presumed to be approved.

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***Caption:*** Officials from Stockton University and Atlantic Cape Community College signed a conditional dual admission agreement Nov. 3 that will enable students from Atlantic or Cape May counties to earn their associate degrees at Atlantic Cape and then easily transition to Stockton to complete their undergraduate education. Pictured from left are: Otto Hernandez, vice president for Academic Affairs at Atlantic Cape Community College, President Peter Mora of Atlantic Cape, Interim President Harvey Kesselman of Stockton University, and Susan Davenport, interim provost and executive vice president at Stockton.

**About Stockton** Stockton University, New Jersey's Distinctive Public University, offers an outstanding interdisciplinary approach to graduate and undergraduate education in arts and sciences, professional studies, health sciences, and graduate and continuing studies. In February 2015, Stockton celebrated its new designation as Stockton University. Stockton is among the top public Regional Universities of the North, ranked at #12 by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2016 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Stockton's main campus in Galloway, NJ is located in the Pinelands National Reserve. The campus and the nearby Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, which offers student residences and opportunities for internships in hospitality and tourism, comprise over 2,000 acres. The university also has instructional sites in Ocean and Cape May counties, at the Carnegie Center in Atlantic City, and in Hammonton in western Atlantic County. A \$28.62 million expansion of Stockton's world-class science facilities is in the works, along with a new classroom building. Both are set to open in 2017 on the main Galloway campus. For more information, visit [www.stockton.edu](http://www.stockton.edu).

**About Atlantic Cape** Atlantic Cape Community College is a comprehensive, two-year college offering flexible, affordable learning for students of all ages since 1966. Atlantic Cape serves residents of Atlantic and Cape May counties at three full-service campuses in Mays Landing, Atlantic City and Cape May Court House. The Mays Landing Campus, which encompasses 541 acres in New Jersey's picturesque Pinelands, houses several academic buildings, the Academy of Culinary Arts with eight training kitchens and a full-service gourmet restaurant, and a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering and Math building that opened in January 2015. The Cape May County Campus opened in 2005, providing access to all college programs and amenities close to home. The Worthington Atlantic City Campus houses the Casino Career Institute, which includes a mock casino floor and slot machines, the Health Professions Institute, where students train for careers in allied and auxiliary health fields, and the Caesars Entertainment Wing for Hospitality and Gaming Studies. For more information, visit [www.atlantic.edu](http://www.atlantic.edu).