

**MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM  
AND  
MAINE ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

***COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT***

This agreement is a cooperative effort between the Maine Technical College System and Maine Adult Education Association to help Maine adults attain economic security and greater opportunities by providing an effective pathway to college.

*WHEREAS*, a recent study showed that over 90,000 Maine adults without a college degree have a high interest in going to college;

*WHEREAS*, it is an economic necessity for Maine employers and the State's economy that more Maine adults attain a college degree in order to assure a high-skilled workforce for the future;

*WHEREAS*, many Maine adults who desire to go to college lack the academic preparation required for entry into and success in college;

*WHEREAS*, Maine's statewide network of Adult Education Programs have long provided pre-college preparatory work, including remedial instruction in elementary reading, writing and math, GED preparation and basic skill development as well as student advising and referral to the various technical colleges;

*WHEREAS*, Maine's Adult Education Programs and Technical Colleges have a long history of collaborating effectively in serving adults; and

*WHEREAS*, it is a priority of the parties to strengthen those collaborations and help more Maine adults transition successfully into college;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the Maine Technical College System (MTCS) and Maine Adult Education Association (MAEA) commit to enhancing partnerships statewide to provide an effective, cost-efficient and convenient pathway to college for adults who need additional preparatory work beyond that available at the technical colleges in order to enter and be successful in college.

The MTCS and MAEA further agree to encourage their respective programs and colleges to enhance or expand collaborations to serve, through Adult Education Programs within the service delivery area of the various colleges, under-prepared adults whose technical college assessment scores and/or admission documents indicate a need to acquire basic reading, writing and/or math; a GED; and/or English as a Second Language, literacy and other basic skills development in order to qualify for a specific program of study at a technical college.

Maine's Technical Colleges further agree to refer students identified by the college as under-prepared for success at the college to the respective Adult Education Program for pre-college preparatory work and remediation. With the student's permission, the technical college will provide the program with preliminary assessment information that may be helpful for appropriate advising.

The Adult Education Program will make available to students referred by the technical college, coursework to develop the academic competencies required for admission into a technical college program of study. Upon the student's successful completion of the needed competency development, the program will refer the student back to the technical college and provide the college with a transcript of the student's performance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement on the dates written below.

MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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John Fitzsimmons  
President

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Date

MAINE ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Robert Wood  
President

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Date

