Program Guidelines

1. To participate in the PATS program, Piedmont Technical College students must be enrolled in a transfer program at PTC, have completed at least one semester of course work, and/or not have more than one required developmental course left to complete. The PATS Application form must be completed and returned to the PATS program coordinator at either USC Aiken or PTC. In order to receive benefit from the program the student must plan to enroll at PTC for at least one semester following submission of the PATS Application.

2. After being accepted to the program, students will be given an opportunity to meet with advisors from both PTC and USCA each major semester.

3. Since there are minor differences in the General Education requirements required in several USCA majors, students are strongly advised to declare an intended major at the time of application to this program. (Students must declare a major in order to receive the maximum benefit.)

4. If a student changes his/her intended major, he/she must notify the PATS program coordinator to ensure that a reevaluation of his/her transcript is completed and appropriate advisement can take place during the next advisement session. (Students who change their majors may be required to take additional courses for the new major and find that some of the courses they have already taken may not be applicable to their new major.)

5. If the degree requirements of a USCA program change while a student is enrolled in the PATS program he/she will be given the opportunity to graduate under the old program as long as he/she is continuously enrolled (at PTC) in the PATS program or transfers directly to USCA without missing a major semester.

6. All course work must be completed with a C or above to transfer to USCA.

At the time of transfer from PTC to USCA, students enrolled in the PATS program must:
- Complete an application for admission as a transfer student (the application fee will be waived for students participating in this program);
- Submit official college transcripts of all courses attempted through the time of application, followed by final transcripts to reflect complete academic work prior to beginning classes;
- Submit final official high school transcript, including SAT/ACT scores if the student has attempted less than 30 semester hours of transferable college-level courses.

A transfer grade point average is calculated for the purpose of admission using all credits attempted and grades earned at other institutions, with the exception of occupational, technical or remedial courses. Transfer students (including students in the PATS program) are required to have a 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level course work. In addition, you must be in good standing and eligible to return to the institution you last attended.

In addition to meeting the admission requirements to the University, students planning to major in Education, Nursing, Business, and Exercise & Sports Science must fulfill additional requirements for admission to these programs. Detailed information can be found in the USCA Bulletin under each of these Schools describing entrance requirements to their specific programs.

A rising junior proficiency portfolio in writing is required to be submitted by all USCA students between 60-75 hours. Transfer students without writing samples from PTC will have up to 30 hours in residency at USCA to generate those papers. More information is available from the USCA Director of Writing Assessment or the Director of the USCA Writing Room.

Math placement tests are not required of students who receive transfer credit for a USCA mathematics course. However, students whose program of study requires additional mathematics courses are strongly encouraged to take the math placement test prior to enrolling in any USCA mathematics course.

For more information, contact the PATS Coordinators:

At USCA:	**Ashley Riser**	*At PTC:*	**Lynn Mack**
	(803) 641-3432 (local calls)		(864) 941-8449
	(803) 278-1967 (from Augusta)		
	1-888-WOW-USCA (toll free)		

Application for

Parallel Advisement for Transfer Students (PATS)

Piedmont Technical College/University of South Carolina Aiken

Social Security Number _____-_____- _____

Name _____
     (legal last name)   (legal first name)   (middle or maiden)

    _____
    (preferred first name)

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth:_____ Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Program enrolled in at PTC: (circle one) Associate of Arts   Associate of Science

High School Attended: _____ Date of Graduation _____

Date you anticipate transferring to USCA: Year_____ ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer

Mark the major or concentration you wish to pursue at USCA:

☐ Biology (106-41)
Business Administration (991-46)
 ☐ Accounting (205)
 ☐ Finance (210)
 ☐ Management (220)
 ☐ Marketing (225)
  ☐ Golf Course Services (760)
☐ Chemistry (109-41)
☐ Communications (640-40)
Education
 ☐ Early Childhood (311)
 ☐ Elementary (310)
 ☐ Middle Level
 ☐ Special (385)

Secondary (373)
 ☐ Biology (106)
 ☐ Chemistry (109)
 ☐ Comprehensive Science (759)
 ☐ Social Studies (758)
 ☐ English (115)
 ☐ Mathematics (145)
☐ Engineering*
☐ English (115-40)
 • Writing Concentration (751)
Exercise and Sports Science (334-41)
 ☐ Basic Sciences (757)
 ☐ Fitness Management (756)
☐ Fine Arts (127-40)
 (Art, Music, Theatre, Technology Arts)
☐ History (136-40)

☐ Industrial Mathematics (126-41)
☐ Mathematics/Computer Science (140-41)
☐ Music Education (328-40)
☐ Nursing - Generic Bachelor's Degree (050-52)
☐ Nursing - Completion Bachelor's Degree (051-52) *(Open to associate degree and diploma RNs only)*
☐ Pharmacy**
☐ Political Science (157-40)
☐ Psychology (159-40)
Sociology (175-40)
 ☐ General (990)
 ☐ Criminology/Criminal Justice (763)
 ☐ Human Services (753)
☐ Undecided (100-00)

* USC Aiken offers the first two years of the USC Columbia Engineering program. The program offers the core courses common to all specialties in engineering and prepares the student to transfer as a junior to the Columbia campus.

** The USC Aiken pre-pharmacy curriculum satisfies requirements for entrance into the pharmacy programs at USC Columbia and the Medical University of South Carolina as well as most other universities.

Release of Information: My signature below will serve to authorize release of all admissions and academic records between Piedmont Technical College and USC Aiken. I also certify that I have read and understand the information on the reverse side of this application.

_____ _____
Student Signature   Date