

Wake Tech and William Peace University Forge Historic Academic Partnership

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Wake Tech is partnering with William Peace University on two new groundbreaking transfer opportunities. Wake Tech President Dr. Stephen C. Scott and Dr. Brian C. Ralph, President of William Peace University, signed the agreements today, which offer a convenient way for Wake Tech graduates in Criminal Justice and Business Analytics to continue on to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Wake Tech currently offers the nation's only associate's degree in Business Analytics. Since it began with 13 students in 2013, the program now enrolls more than 500 students. Those students will now be able to continue their studies at William Peace, which will now offer North Carolina's only baccalaureate degree program in Business Analytics.

Wake Tech's Criminal Justice program has also seen significant growth, with a 28% increase in students during the spring semester. Graduates of that program will also be able to transfer seamlessly to William Peace to earn a bachelor's degree. The transfer agreements begin this fall. Both fields offer vast employment opportunities in the Triangle.

"These agreements are a win-win," said Dr. Scott. "It's a great opportunity for our students to continue their education and earn a bachelor's degree, while providing local employers with the skilled workforce they need."

"We approach these partnerships with great confidence," said Dr. Ralph. "Students who come to William Peace from Wake Tech are well-prepared, and we see them excel in their field of study."

Earlier this year, Wake Tech and William Peace announced a similar transfer agreement for Simulation and Game Development students. These transfer programs are the latest in a series of partnerships between Wake Tech and public and private four-year institutions. They enhance the North Carolina Community College System's Comprehensive Articulation Agreement.