

## Student / Parent / Guardian Memorandum of Understanding

The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning and Support (PALS) will be offered to students who were enrolled in an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) programs in primary and/or secondary school with an IEP or 504 Plan. The Arc Gateway PALS is designed for adults age 18 and older with disabilities who want earn career certification and get a job. It is preferred that the student has experience in at least two paid or non-paid work experiences.

The Arc Gateway PALS is a career certificate program. One of the central goals of the program is to assist students in reaching a level of independence to enable them to transition into adult life with a minimum number of ongoing supports. The program requirements of each participant include, but are not limited to the following:

- Students must be able to independently navigate both on and off campus
- Student must be able to manage his/her schedule
- Student must obtain his/her own cell phone for use when on campus (*preferred*)
- Student must be responsible for buying or bringing his/her own meals, snacks, etc.
- Student must be able to actively participate in career skills learning activities
- Students must be able to follow directions and exhibit appropriate behaviors
- Students must desire to obtain community-based employment upon completion

As a student, parent(s)/guardian(s), you need to clearly understand the expectations and agree to the limitation of The Arc Gateway PALS to provide direct supervision of the students enrolled. Some opportunities provided by the program may occur beyond the hours of a traditional college day, during a weekend, or occur off campus.

The Arc Gateway PALS offers a unique opportunity for selected students to grow, learn, and meet their goals. Based on student needs, a course of study, career exploration, peer mentoring, vocational training, and work opportunities will be arranged for each student. Supports and services will meet the program's stated objective of preparing students to transition into the workplace as independently as possible.

I/we understand if \_\_\_\_\_ is accepted into The Arc Gateway PALS, we will provide the necessary parental/guardian support, and we are aware he/she will not be under direct supervision throughout the school day(s). There are risks associated with any program, and I/we accept those risks and do not hold Pensacola State College or The Arc Gateway, Inc. or their employees liable.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_