



## Student / Parent / Guardian Memorandum of Understanding

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning and Support (PALS) will be offered to students who were enrolled in an Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program in primary and/or secondary school. The Arc Gateway PALS is designed for ESE students age 18 and older with Intellectual or Developmental disabilities who want additional transitional services. It is preferred that the students have experience in at least two paid or non-paid work experiences. The Arc Gateway PALS will provide opportunities for students to continue academic goals, vocational goals, and competitive employment.

The Arc Gateway PALS is a two-year 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 the participants include, but are not limited to the following:

- Students must be able to be independent on a college campus
- Students must be able to manage his/her schedule
- Students must obtain his/her own cell phone for use when on campus
- Students must be motivated and willing to participate in campus activities
- Students must be responsible for buying or bringing his/her own meals, snacks, etc.
- Students must be able to actively participate in academic learning activities
- Students must be able to follow directions and exhibit appropriate behaviors

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 move into adult life. Based on student's needs, a course of study, life skills, recreation, 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 adult life 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 or their employees liable.

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

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