

# 2025 MTC–USC Direct Transfer Summit: Highlights & Outcomes

**Date:** Monday, May 12, 2025 | **Location:** Close-Hipp University Conference Center

**Theme:** *Progress and Innovation in Our Partnership*

*The MTC/USC Direct Transfer Partnership continues to serve as a model for transfer excellence in South Carolina, building on a strong foundation of collaboration between Midlands Technical College and the University of South Carolina. Since 2020, academic leaders from both institutions have worked to strengthen educational pathways through the development of Direct Transfer Tracks, annual partnership summits, and engagement with statewide transfer initiatives. The 2025 Direct Transfer Summit, hosted at USC Columbia, welcomed 104 participants from both campuses, including faculty, advisors, and administrators. The event showcased finalized tracks in Psychology and Retail, with several others under active consideration. Key outcomes included expanded course alignment, new ideas for addressing knowledge gaps, and renewed commitments from participants. With ongoing efforts to strengthen collaboration and improve student support, the partnership continues to advance with shared momentum, innovative practices, and a strong focus on transfer student success.*

## **Attendance Overview**

	Midlands Technical College	University of South Carolina	SC Technical College System
Faculty	22	13	
Advisors	13	40	
Administration	7	7	1

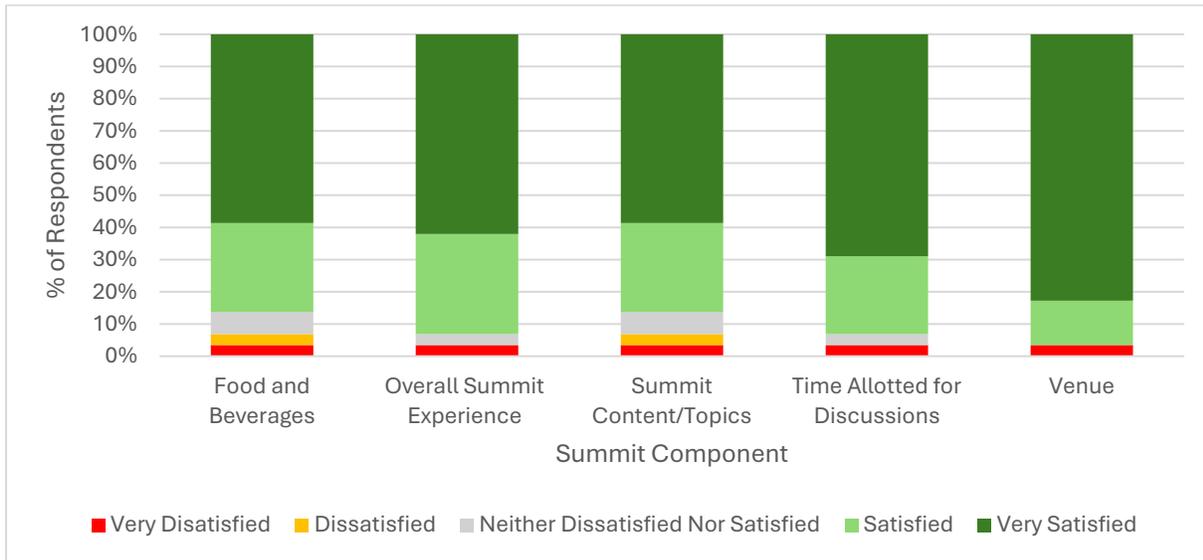
## **Participant Feedback**

*“As a first-time participant, I learned so much about our partnership with MTC because I really had no idea about the direct transfer options!”*

*“I was pleasantly surprised at the lessons learned from the case study during the transfer breakout sessions. This helped our team to think about some of the complex situations we face with our students and their broad interests.”*

*“Having the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues at MTC was very beneficial. It takes a village, and I love knowing that my village is growing as we all work to support future teachers.”*

## **Distribution of Attendee Satisfaction Ratings by Summit Component**



## **Emerging Outcomes**

### **New Direct Transfer Tracks Finalized or In Development**

1. Psychology (Finalized)
2. Retail (Finalized)
3. Retail – Fashion Merchandising (Finalized)
4. Social Work (under consideration)
5. Integrated Information Tech (under consideration)
6. Communications (degree pending final approval by CHE/under consideration)
7. Public Relations (under consideration)

### **Key Takeaways for Leadership**

- Cross-Institutional Synergy: Faculty and staff engaged in hands-on discussion, modeling a collaborative approach to transfer policy alignment.
- Forward Momentum: USC and MTC surfaced new ideas to explore course equivalencies and resolve knowledge gaps in math and other course sequences.
- Commitment to Action: Attendees completed “One Small Step” commitment cards outlining individual follow-ups, emphasizing sustainability of the work post-summit.
- Student Impact Lens: While we continue to work toward data-sharing, both institutions acknowledged the importance of integrating student profiles
  - Future considerations: Identifying student profiles of first-generation and Pell-eligible students

Resources: Digital Booklet and Slide Deck available on our [Summit website](#).