



**Articulation Agreement
Establishing an
Admissions, Transfer, and Enrollment Program for Transfer Students
With The Seattle Colleges**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, a member of The Texas A&M University System, an agency of the State of Texas (hereafter referred to as "University") and the Seattle Colleges, comprised of Seattle Central College; North Seattle College; and South Seattle College (hereafter referred to as "Seattle Colleges") enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("ARTICULATION AGREEMENT") effective June 17, 2014.

The University will consider for credit, collegiate level work from regionally accredited institutions. Course work which will count toward completion of an undergraduate degree must represent collegiate course work relevant to that degree, with course content and level of instruction resulting in student competencies at least equivalent to those students enrolled in the relevant degree programs at the University. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi recognizes the validity of accepting credit for specified levels of achievement on institutionally approved, standardized examinations. Examples include College Level Exam Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), DSST Program, American College Testing Proficiency Examination Program (ACT/PEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams. Such work will be treated as transfer credit. The minimum scores acceptable for the different examinations are stated in the Undergraduate Catalog. The testing agency must provide examination results (scores) directly to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. A grade of CR (credit) will be assigned where applicable. This grade will not be computed in the student's grade point average, will not carry grade points, and cannot be translated into grades A, B, C, or D. The grade of CR will not replace any existing course grade earned at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Credit earned by examination does not count toward the number of semester credit hours required for graduation with honors. For information regarding applicability of these tests to specific degree programs, students should contact an academic advisor. Remedial or duplicate work will not be transferred to the University. High school coursework completed through Programs affiliated with Colleges/Universities, such as dual credit, will transfer and it is applicable to degrees as determined by the College of the student's major. Official College/University transcripts must be sent to the University. Acceptability of credit for transfer determines University admission eligibility; however, does not imply that it is applicable to the requirements of a particular degree program, such as Teacher Education, Nursing, Business or Mechanical Engineering.

The University and the Seattle Colleges have a mutual interest in cooperating to more effectively and efficiently serve Transfer Students and in facilitating the recruitment of college students, increasing diversity, and providing students with a varied and enriched university experience. The University and Seattle Colleges desire to establish the Admissions, Transfer, and Enrollment Program (the "Program"), as described in this articulation agreement, to provide a more seamless transition for students between the two institutions, and enhance opportunities for student success. The University and Seattle Colleges ("Institutions") agree as follows:

1. The Program

1.1 A student is eligible to participate in the Program if he or she:

- (a) Has completed the Associates degree at the Seattle Colleges and has a minimum cumulative transfer GPA of 2.5 for international and 2.0 for domestic students on a 4.0 scale.

Transfer Credit Equivalencies:

For conversion from quarter hours to semester hours, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has established the following equivalencies:

quarter hours	semester hours
1	0.7
2	1.3
3	2.0
4	2.7
5	3.3
6	4.0

- (b) Meets all other requirements for Transfer Student as listed on the website: <http://admissions.tamucc.edu/transfer/index.html> for domestic students or <http://www.international.tamucc.edu> for international students.

1.2 Upon completion of the Associate's degree at Seattle Colleges, students will be accepted by the University at junior status with 90 quarter transfer credits (60 semester-credit hours) providing all transfer requirements are complete. Students will consult with the Academic Advisors in their major to determine course applicability in their intended degree program.

1.3 In completing the Associate's degree, students will have met many of the general education requirements at the University. In order to meet the Texas Core Curriculum requirements, students should select courses equivalent to TAMU-CC core curriculum [please see attached appendix]. Specifically, students must choose 6 semester credit hours of US History and 3 semester credit hours of American Government. Students will need to take Texas Government at TAMU-CC. For additional information, students may direct their questions to the Director of Transfer and/or consult online transfer guides to assist in course selection <https://transferguides.tamucc.edu>.

1.4 Students admitted into the Program are not guaranteed admission into programs at the University that have separate, selective admissions criteria and may require a secondary application (for example, Teacher Education, Nursing, Business and Mechanical Engineering).

1.5 Students must choose and declare enrollment as a degree-seeking student at the University, and follow the core curriculum requirements outlined in the catalog.

1.6 Each Institution shall provide advising services to Students, and the University shall assist Students through its Islander Transition Center to help ensure seamless transfer and enrollment.

1.7 Student Information

- (a) Students shall provide the University with:
 - (1) Student application information via <http://www.applytexas.org>;
 - (2) Student transcripts (a fee may be required);
- (b) Each Institution shall comply with all applicable privacy restrictions, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), in exchanging student information.
- (c) Any alterations in the institutions' degree programs shall be accessed via the online catalog.

1.8 Students may apply for scholarships at the University beginning their first semester of enrollment in University courses.

1.9 Resolution of transfer disputes for lower-division courses will follow the guidelines as stated in the University catalog.

1.10 International Students: To be considered for admission must have a minimum score of

- 550 on the TOEFL paper examination, or
- 79 on the TOEFL internet examination, or
- 6.5 on the IELTS examination

NOTE: Students who have successfully completed two years of instruction (taught in the English language) at a U.S. or Canadian high school or college are eligible for a waiver or exemption. Please see the University website. <http://admissions.tamucc.edu>.

2. Implementation and Oversight

2.1 Each Institution appoints the following administrator to implement and oversee the Program on its behalf:

- (a) University: Dr. Chris Markwood, Provost
- Seattle Colleges: Andrea Insley, Executive Dean

2.2 The Institutions shall monitor, evaluate, and, as necessary, modify the administration of the Program. The Institutions shall confer and address such issues as:

- (a) Recruiting, marketing, and publications;
- (b) Advising and enrollment processes;
- (c) Procedural timelines; and
- (d) Program assessment.

3. Further Understandings. This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT does not:

3.1 Preclude either Institution from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education;

3.2 Prevent the University from admitting college students through existing admissions processes;

- 3.3 Prevent either institution from eliminating a college, department, or degree program;
- 3.4 Waive any program requirements;
- 3.5 Ensure eligibility for financial assistance; or
- 3.6 Provide any guarantees or representations as to tuition rates or fees.

4. Term and Termination

- 4.1 This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT commences on the Effective Date and terminates five years from that date, or terminated as provided in this Article 4.
- 4.2 Either Institution may terminate this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT by giving the other Institution at least 90 days' advance written notice.
- 4.3 Upon termination of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT, each Institution shall continue to abide by the terms of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT as to each student admitted into the Program prior to the effective termination, so that those students will have the opportunity to complete the Program.

5. General Provisions

- 5.1 The Institutions are independent contractors and not partners or joint ventures. Neither Institution may make any warranties, representations, or commitments which bind the other Institution.
- 5.2 Notices.
 - (a) Any notices required or permitted under this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT will be deemed given:
 - (1) Three business days after it is sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested;
 - (2) The next business day after it is sent by overnight carrier;
 - (3) On the date sent by email with confirmation of receipt, if sent during the recipient's normal business hours, and if not, on the next business day; or
 - (4) On the date of delivery if delivered personally.
 - (b) Each notice must be addressed to the intended recipient at the address below or such other address as the intended recipient may specify in writing:
 - (1) The University: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5731
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412
Attention: John A. Casey
Director of Contracts & Property
Phone: (361) 825-22422
Email: <mailto:john.casey@tamucc.edu>

(2) Seattle Colleges

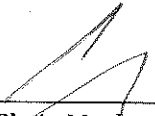
Seattle Colleges
1500 Harvard Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122
Attention: Jill Wakefield, Chancellor
Phone: (206) 934-4100
Email: jill.wakefield@seattlecolleges.edu

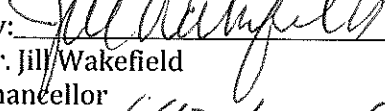
- 5.3 This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is assignable only with the written consent of both Institutions.
- 5.4 Nothing in this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT waives or relinquishes either Institution's right to claim any exemptions, privileges, and immunities as may be provided by law.
- 5.5 Each provision of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is severable. If any provision is rendered invalid or unenforceable by statute or regulation or declared void by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect if the essential terms of this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT remain valid, legal, and enforceable.
- 5.6 This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT contains the entire understanding of the Institutions as to the matters contained in this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT, and supersedes all other written and oral agreements between the Institutions as to those matters. The Institutions may execute other contracts, but those will not change or alter this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT unless expressly stated in writing.

The institutions have executed this ARTICULATION AGREEMENT on the dates indicated below.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Seattle Colleges

By: 
Dr. Chris Markwood
Provost
Date: 6/30/14

By: 
Dr. Jill Wakefield
Chancellor
Date: 6/12/2014