



**Articulation Agreement
between
Angelo State University
and
Austin Community College District**

This articulation agreement is made and entered by and between **AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** hereinafter called "**ACC**" and **ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY**, an institution of higher education of the State of Texas and a member of the Texas Tech University System, hereinafter called "**ASU**." **WHEREAS** ASU is dedicated to service the educational needs of the citizens of the state of Texas as a part of its mission statement, and **WHEREAS** ACC is dedicated to fulfilling its mandate to serve the educational needs of the members of its service area, and **WHEREAS** ASU and ACC are supportive of cooperative attempts to meet these educational needs, **WHEREAS** ASU and ACC enter into this agreement in order to cooperatively offer a greater range of educational opportunities to the citizens of the state of Texas. **NOW THEREFORE** and in consideration of the foregoing and in further consideration of the mutual benefits, the ASU and ACC hereto agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
TRANSFER AGREEMENT AND TRANSFERABILITY OF COURSES**

A student transferring to any of the current programs at ASU under this agreement shall have full acceptance of academic credits earned at ACC. The Department Head of each major determines how these credits may apply to the degree plan to ensure that all requirements for graduation from ASU be met for the program of study.

Transfer into any programs offered at ASU will be subject to the following provisions:

1. The student will have graduated from ACC with an associate degree, with at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or
2. The student shall have earned a minimum of eighteen academic semester credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. ASU will accept a total of 66 transfer credit hours from ACC.

Reverse Transfer

Reverse transfer is the process of awarding an associate degree to students who begin their education at ACC, transfer to another institution, and complete their associate degree requirements while working toward a bachelor degree. ASU and ACC will develop a reverse transfer process to provide students with the opportunity to complete the associate degree while working on their ASU

bachelor degree. Student records will be exchanged between ASU and ACC for this purpose, strictly adhering to all privacy regulations and ensuring compliance with House Bill 3025.

Scholarships

ACC students who are members in good standing with the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) organization are encouraged to apply for the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship at Angelo State University. Qualified candidates may be eligible to receive an award each academic year through the completion of a first baccalaureate degree at ASU. Applicants must obtain a PTK Scholarship Reference Form from their ACC PTK advisor and submit it to the ASU Financial Aid Office.

ACC students are encouraged to complete their application for admission to the university prior to February 1 or as early as possible in order to qualify for the Carr Transfer Scholarship. Qualified candidates may be eligible to receive a Carr Scholarship as determined by the Carr Scholarship Matrix, which can be access at www.angelo.edu/carr. This scholarship is renewable according to the Carr Scholarship terms and conditions.

Courses listed in the Texas Common Course Numbering System Guide will transfer to ASU as indicated in the guide. Other ACC academic courses will transfer as non-equivalent work unless they are validated as substitutes for specific ASU courses by mutual agreement between appropriate ASU and ACC personnel. "Validated" courses will be added to the Texas Common Course Numbering System Guide and the ACC *Equivalency Guide*.

ARTICLE II

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each institution will appoint an institutional representative who will:

1. Implement, maintain, and evaluate this articulation agreement. Administrators from both ASU and ACC will be responsible for communicating curriculum changes and updates.
2. Update the *ASU/ACC Equivalency Guide* on a timely basis. Course inventory changes will be shared as soon as they are approved for implementation.
3. Faculty members from ASU and ACC may meet to develop and maintain a 2+2 transfer guide specific to a particular major to improve the articulation process for ACC students who wish to transfer to ASU. Changes will be shared as they are approved by each institution.
4. Coordinate ASU visits to the ACC campus during the spring semester. These visits will be designed to assist ACC students interested in transferring to ASU. Topics such as transferability of courses, the application process, academic advising, cost of attendance, and the availability of financial aid will be discussed.
5. Coordinate periodic "team visits" to promote relationship building at the academic level.

ARTICLE III

SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, the invalidity of that section shall not affect the validity of any other section of this agreement provided that any invalid provision is not material to the overall purpose and operations of this agreement. The remaining provisions of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENT

This agreement may be amended in writing to include any provisions that are agreed to by the contracting parties.

Notice to ASU shall be mailed to:

Ms. Dallas A. Swafford
Associate Director
Office of Admissions
Angelo State University
ASU Station #11014
San Angelo, TX 76909

Notice to ACC shall be mailed to:

Dr. Mary Jane McReynolds
Director and Professor
Office of Articulation & Transfer Resources
Austin Community College District
5930 Middle Fiskville Road
Austin, Texas 78752

ARTICLE V VENUE

This agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue will be in accordance with the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and any amendments thereto.

ARTICLE VI ASSIGNMENT

Neither party shall have the right to assign or transfer their rights to any third parties under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

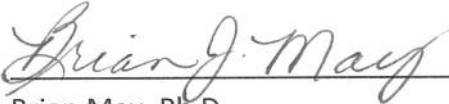
ARTICLE VII INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship between contracting parties. The sole interest and responsibility of the parties is to ensure that the services covered by this agreement shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, and satisfactory manner.

ARTICLE VIII
ORIGINAL TERM, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

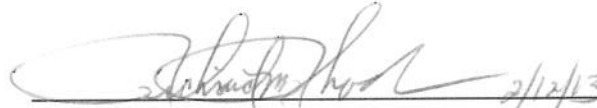
The agreement will take effect with the signatures affixed below and will automatically renew in one-year increments thereafter. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving the other party ninety (90) days written notice of its intent to terminate the agreement.

Angelo State University

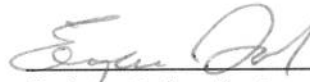


Brian May, Ph.D.
President

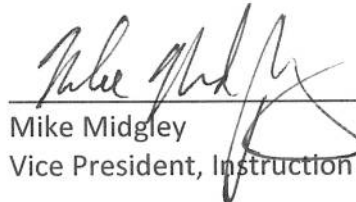
Austin Community College District

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Richard M. Rhodes, Ph.D.
President/CEO



Enrique Solis, Ph.D.
Interim Provost/Executive Vice President

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Mike Midgley
Vice President, Instruction