Central Texas College District and
Angelo State University
Memorandum of Understanding
for the
Texas College Credit for Heroes Program – Phase II

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Central Texas College District ("CTCD") located in Killeen, Texas, and Angelo State University ("ASU") located in San Angelo, Texas. This MOU formally recognizes that CTCD and ASU are actively committed to the College Credit for Heroes (CCH) Program established by the State of Texas in June 2011.

CTCD and ASU will work collaboratively to maximize the acceptance of college credits awarded to Texas veterans and servicemembers for their military educational experiences and other nontraditional learning through the online statewide **Texas College Credit for Heroes (TCCH) System**. The TCCH System is a standardized method of evaluating military educational experiences and nontraditional learning and to recommend equivalences with existing college courses. The goal of this program is to streamline the evaluation of military educational experiences for all Texas veterans and servicemembers thus enabling these students to progress toward an associate or bachelor degree in a more expedient manner and expedite their entry into the workforce.

Veterans, servicemembers, and individuals advising them comprise the target population of the TCCH System. Texas veterans and servicemembers may request an unofficial analysis of recommended credits awarded for military enlisted occupations, military courses, and other nontraditional learning. Contingent upon sufficient funding for each fiscal year, CTCD is committed to supporting and maintaining the online TCCH System through August 31, 2014, with 3 potential annual option periods, the last of which ends August 31, 2017.

During the TCCH System Phase II, eligible veterans and servicemembers to include Coast Guard may receive a formal evaluation of their military educational experiences documented on a TCCH transcript that can be used either for pursuing further education or for credentialing purposes when applying for employment. Credit transcripted through the TCCH system may be applicable to some degree programs

but not applicable to others. ASU and its faculty retain the right to determine applicability to specific degree programs.

ASU agrees to the following:

1. Designate ASU representatives and management (decision makers) as points of contact who will be involved in the TCCH Program.
2. Review credits awarded to eligible veterans and servicemembers through the TCCH System for relevance to programs of study at ASU and accept credits where appropriate.
3. Identify and track eligible veterans and servicemembers who receive transcripts through the TCCH System and enroll at ASU. Provide feedback to CTCD on whether college credits awarded through the TCCH System were accepted in a veteran's or servicemember's program of study at ASU.
4. Provide a hyperlink from ASU's webpage that will link the TCCH System to ASU's webpage. This webpage will identify ASU as an institution that agrees to accept credits awarded through the TCCH System where appropriate.
5. Provide a brief description (500 characters or less) and logo of ASU to CTCD. During Phase II this description and logo will be used to promote ASU on the TCCH System.
6. During Phase II explore participating in a feasibility study with CTCD, in which ASU refers its veterans and servicemembers to the TCCH System for a formal evaluation of their military educational experiences resulting in a TCCH transcript issued to ASU.
7. Participate in TCCH System-related surveys and assessments.
8. Promote the TCCH System to the target population.

Central Texas College District agrees to the following:

1. Designate CTCD representatives and management (decision makers) as points of contact who will be involved in the TCCH Program.
2. During Phase II of the TCCH System, CTCD will formally award credits to eligible veterans and servicemembers for their military educational experiences documented on a TCCH transcript.
3. Maintain a hyperlink to ASU's webpage that identifies ASU as an institution that agrees to accept credits awarded through the TCCH System where appropriate.
4. Collaborate with selected participating institutions in feasibility studies to improve the quality and efficiency of the formal evaluation of veterans' and servicemembers' military educational experiences and other nontraditional learning and transcription of such credits.
5. Participate in TCCH System-related surveys and assessments.

It is understood that servicemembers and veterans using the TCCH System will be required to follow ASU's admission and transcript processes for award of college credit and therefore must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to admissions, orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. These servicemembers and veterans will be required to abide by all ASU policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all prospective and current students. The

maximum number of credits that can be accepted and applied toward program completion is based on ASU's established policies.

Provisions for MOU Implementation, Maintenance, and Revision: Persons will be designated at ASU and CTCD to oversee the implementation of this MOU and to review the MOU annually.

Effective Date: This MOU becomes effective upon the date of the last approving signature and will remain in effect through August 31, 2014, and each successfully negotiated option period until superseded, rescinded, or modified by mutual written consent between CTCD and ASU.

Termination: Either party may terminate this MOU with 90 days written notice. Upon the termination date both parties shall cease all activities agreed to herein.

Angelo State University:

Brian J. May, Ph.D.	Date
President	

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