

GENERAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

The University of North Texas

&

Separately SACSCOC Accredited Colleges

(Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College,
Mountain View College, North Lake College and Richland College)

of the

Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Articulation Agreement is to create clearly marked transition pathways by clarifying and streamlining the transfer processes. Therefore, the students are able to transfer to the University of North Texas carrying with them the credits which they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The participating institutions understand and agree that transfer articulation under this general agreement is with Dallas County Community College District hereafter referred to as "DCCCD", inclusive of the following colleges: *Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, North Lake College, Richland College* and the University of North Texas hereafter referred to as "UNT" and hereby enter into the following agreement governing the matriculation of students from the separately accredited colleges of DCCCD to UNT.

TERMS and CONDITIONS

In order to facilitate the process of student transfer, UNT and DCCCD have agreed to the following:

General Admission:

1. DCCCD students who follow the recommended program of study - the common core and transfer curriculum - and who meet all other admissions requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees shall be eligible for admission to UNT. Transfer students must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as a native UNT student. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students at that institution.

2. Transfer students from the colleges of DCCCD are to adhere to UNT's admission requirements based on the catalog year in effect at the time the student first enters one of DCCCD's colleges, provided that the student maintains continuous enrollment.

Guaranteed Admission:

1. DCCCD students who meet the general admission requirements of UNT with a completed the core curriculum or Associate of Arts/Science degree, and who are in good standing at the institution where they last attended, will receive automatic admission to UNT.
2. While admission to UNT does not guarantee admission to all degree granting programs, majors, minors, or fields of concentration, incoming transfer students shall be able to compete for admission to specific programs on the same basis as students native to the UNT.

Acceptance of Transferable Credits and Core Curriculum:

1. UNT and DCCCD will provide clear information (see "Transfer Information" section, below) to advisors and students, facilitating the acceptance of college-level credits listed in the Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM). Students who have completed an A.A. or A.S. degree and achieved the required level of performance in their coursework will be able to transfer at least sixty (60) credits to UNT.
2. Transfer students will receive academic credit for transferable college level courses only completed with a grade of "C" or better, unless stated otherwise in UNT's catalog.
3. Remedial/developmental courses will not be accepted for transfer.
4. Technical/vocational courses will not be accepted except as specified in a separate, authorized "Guided Pathway" (program-to-program articulation) agreement, or as provided for through the approval of advisors and faculty within specific UNT programs.
5. UNT will accept transferable college level courses from the DCCCD without regard to institutional modality including, but not limited to, online courses and programs, Dual Enrollment credits, and Early College High School classes.
6. UNT and the DCCCD will work cooperatively to create a mutually acceptable articulation appeal process for reviewing credits not accepted in transfer admission at UNT.
7. Completion of any course designated as fulfilling the requirement of one of the component areas or of the component area option within a DCCCD College's Core Curriculum will be accepted at UNT as fulfilling that same component area or component area option requirement within the UNT Core Curriculum.

8. DCCCD students transferring with an A.A. or A.S. degree shall not be required to take additional general education/core courses at UNT unless a specific core curriculum is established in a transfer pathway agreement.

Acceptance of DCCCD Associate Degrees:

This agreement establishes the principle that UNT will accept and apply DCCCD associate degrees into baccalaureate degree plans based on articulated pathways and program-to-program agreements. The needed courses and course alignment in order to achieve the acceptance AND application of an associate degree in its entirety to a specific discipline at UNT will be specified in detail in a Transfer Pathway Agreement (A.A./A.S./A.A.T.) or Program-to-Program Agreement (A.A.S.) between one DCCCD college and a college/school/center at UNT.

Pre-Admission:

1. Through UNT's "Eagle Bound" program, a DCCCD student is eligible to apply for the benefit of Pre-Admission status at UNT upon the student's first enrollment at a DCCCD college, or at any time thereafter.
2. Eagle Bound students who have a UNT 'Eagle Pass' card will have the right to purchase tickets at reduced rates and attend student events on UNT campus. Eagle Bound students may also request a 'TexShare Card,' will give them access to UNT Libraries.
3. UNT on-site admissions events will be held at the seven colleges of DCCCD at least once a year, upon request.

Honors Program:

DCCCD and UNT will develop a smooth transition for qualified students wishing to enter the UNT Honors College. DCCCD and UNT will each maintain membership in the National Collegiate Honors Council. Students from DCCCD Colleges may be accepted into the UNT Honors Program if they have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or better on all college work and bring fewer than 72 total hours in transfer. Honors courses complete with a grade of 'B' or better at the DCCCD colleges may fulfill up to half of the credits required to graduate with UNT Honors College recognition.

Transfer Information:

1. The Office of Transfer and Articulation Services at the DCCCD District Office and UNT will continue to work together to provide appropriate transfer information for DCCCD students.
2. UNT will maintain two specific tools to provide guidance to DCCCD students:

- UNT's transfer website, which includes detailed information regarding transfer agreements and transfer processes, including:
 - i. Overview of general pre-transfer and admissions processes.
 - ii. Overview of post-transfer services and supports.
 - iii. Financial resources for transfer students
 - iv. Details regarding any additional requirements for admission into specific academic programs at UNT
 - v. Clear links to UNT's "Transfer Guides"
 - vi. Clear links to specific agreement(s) and an official list of all program-to-program "Guided Pathways" approved by DCCCD and UNT.

 - UNT's "Transfer Guides" (<http://registrar.unt.edu/transfer-guides>) provide Course Equivalency Guides utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify the courses that may be completed at any Texas community college, and applied toward pre-requisites or requirements for a major at UNT. The Transfer Guides are updated annually and provide a guaranteed set of courses that students may bring into the specified UNT degree programs. In Addition, "Guided Pathways" may be developed collaboratively between specific UNT bachelor's degree programs and DCCCD member college's associate degree programs. These Guided Pathways will provide a suggested set of courses, in sequence, that students may use as a self-guided resource that provides for the completion of an associate's degree and the efficient application of that coursework to a specific UNT degree.
3. DCCCD and/or the member Colleges maintain two specific tools to provide guidance to DCCCD students:
- DCCCD will provide clear links to UNT's transfer website, which includes detailed information regarding "Transfer Guides", transfer agreements and transfer processes.
 - DCCCD will invite UNT to participate in and provide updated information at internal training events to administrators, faculty members and student services staff.

Scholarships:

UNT will provide opportunities for DCCCD students to learn about UNT scholarships. UNT may collaborate with DCCCD to host events for DCCCD Rising Star Scholars, Phi Theta Kappa Scholars students and others interested in learning about how one can afford to complete a bachelor's degree.

Reverse Transfer:

The Registrar at UNT will collaborate with the District Office of Academic and Student Records at DCCCD district office to share information, as permitted by law, about students enrolled at UNT who could have sufficient hours to receive an associate's degree from DCCCD. The Registrar at UNT will send all reverse transfer transcripts to the following address:

DCCCD District Office of Academic and Student Records
Attention: Veronica Montero
1601 South Lamar Street
Dallas, Texas 75215-1816

Communication and Data Exchange:

1. The Office of Transfer and Articulation Services at the DCCCD District Office serves as the liaison office to establish routine communication mechanisms with UNT for addressing issues or problems associated with student transfer.
2. UNT will provide DCCCD students the equal opportunity to entry into limited access programs.
3. UNT and the DCCCD agree to mutually develop mechanisms to exchange data that will allow for the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The institutions will exchange admissions, academic performance and retention data in mutually prescribed formats, after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.
 - UNT and DCCCD will designate a contact person to facilitate data exchange.
 - UNT will provide data elements as mutually negotiated by the designated contact persons. Data elements may be modified by mutual consent, as evidenced by written acknowledgement of both parties.
 - DCCCD will provide data elements including the names and contact information of students to UNT each fall of DCCCD graduates and current students with at least 30 SCH (Semester Credit Hour) and with "Transfer" intentions disclosed to enable the sharing of transfer information. Information will be shared in accordance with applicable law. Amendments to specific data elements may be determined by mutual consent of the persons designated to facilitate data exchange, as evidenced by written acknowledgement of such changes.

Joint Obligations:

1. UNT and DCCCD will work to identify ways to strengthen pathways for transfer and degree attainment for students.
2. Official list of programs for all Associate Degrees for which articulation agreements have been approved by both DCCCD and UNT will be made available at both institutions. DCCCD and UNT will assume joint responsibility for this provision, exchanging information upon request.
3. No transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are valid without an Agreement signed by DCCCD. DCCCD will assume responsibility for oversight of this provision.

Evaluation:

The continuous partnership between UNT and DCCCD will be determined by an evaluation process to be established jointly by UNT and DCCCD and incorporated by reference into each transfer agreement.

Agreement Continuation and Dissolution:

This agreement shall be reviewed on a bi-annual, every other year, basis or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements. DCCCD Presidents and the President of UNT, or their designees must approve amendments to this agreement. Any other modifications to this agreement may be made following written notice from DCCCD Presidents and the President of UNT, or their designees. Once this agreement is signed by the appropriate officials at DCCCD and UNT, each is free to publicize this arrangement in a manner consistent with the agreement. This articulation agreement shall remain in effect until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate it.

By signing, each party recognizes the commitment to exchange only the most current, accurate information and data. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice of said party's intention to the Presidents of DCCCD or designee and President of UNT, or designee.

This agreement shall become effective 07/22/16 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Termination can be processed when either UNT or DCCCD give written notice to the other institution 180 days prior to the requested termination date.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on this the 22 day of 07, 16.

Dr. Neal Smatresk, President
University of North Texas

6/6/16

Date

Joe D. May, Chancellor
Dallas County Community College District

6/27/16

Date

Dr. Thom D. Chesney
President, Brookhaven College

22 July 2016

Date

Dr. Jennifer Wimbish
President, Cedar Valley College

7/22/16

Date

Dr. Jean Conway
President, Eastfield College

7/22/16

Date

Dr. Jose Adames
President, El Centro College

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Dr. Robert Garza
President, Mountain View College

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Dr. Christa Slejko
President, North Lake College

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Dr. Kathryn K. Eggleston
President, Richland College

7/22/16

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