

PRE-ADMISSION AGREEMENT

Austin College and Grayson County College

Austin College and Grayson County College have entered into a special Pre-Admission Agreement designed for GCC students who show evidence of high academic ability and seek a challenging and engaging undergraduate experience.

The Pre-Admission Program will enable the colleges to identify and work with highly motivated students from their initial enrollment at GCC until their successful transfer to AC. This joint advising program will guide students in appropriate course selection and through the transfer admission, financial aid, and scholarship processes. Such a program will help reduce the time to earn a degree and better prepare students for a successful Austin College experience.

The Application and the Selection Process for the Pre-Admission Program

1. **THE APPLICATION:** Students may declare their intent to transfer to Austin by submitting an Austin College Application for Admission at any point after enrollment at any Grayson County College campus following high school graduation. Completion of the application for admission includes an essay of 250 words or more on a topic of the applicant's choice. Students may apply to begin studies at Austin College for any fall or spring term within two years from the date of application.
2. **ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS:** Applicants must submit official academic transcripts from GCC and each postsecondary institution attended, as well as their final high school transcript or G.E.D. Applicants with less than 30 hours of academic credit (eight Austin College course credit units) must submit official SAT or ACT score reports. AP and/or IB official score reports should be provided if applicable.
3. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from advisers or instructors at Grayson County College.
4. **INTERVIEW:** An interview with the Executive Director of Transfer Student Admission is required of applicants to the Pre-Admission Program.
5. **REVIEW, SELECTION, AND NOTIFICATION:** After the above steps are completed, applications will be sent to the Austin College Faculty Admission Committee for admission decisions. The Executive Director of Transfer Student Admission will notify applicants and appropriate GCC officials of admission decisions.
6. **MATRICULATION DEPOSIT AFTER ACCEPTANCE:**
Prior to actual enrollment at Austin College, a Pre-Admission Student must sign a Matriculation Agreement and Commitment to Academic Integrity form and submit it along with a \$350 matriculation deposit (For explanation of deposit, see the College Costs section in the Austin College Bulletin). The Matriculation Agreement and deposit are not required until January 15 prior to a spring term entry or June 1 prior to a fall term entry. The Commitment to Academic Integrity describes the general educational approach and concepts of Austin College and asks for a commitment by the student to adhere to the College Principles basic to the operation of the college community.

7. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:** Full-time students admitted as transfer matriculants must live in on-campus housing designated by Austin College for a minimum of four (4) fourteen (14) week semesters including January Term, or the equivalent of two academic years. Exemptions to the college residency requirement may be granted for those full-time students who are either married, or have legal custody of a child that lives with him/her, or are 24 years or older at the time of admission. Such exemptions will be considered upon receipt of related documentation and the completion of the Austin College Intent to Live Off-Campus form.
8. **TRANSFER CREDIT:** A minimum of 17 Austin College course credit units (including 8 of the last 11 course credit units) must be earned in residence at Austin College to complete a degree. A maximum of 68 credit hours may be transferred from accredited two-year or four-year institutions. Credits presented from other institutions consistent with the academic objective of Austin College in which the student earns a grade of C or higher will be converted to course credit units at the rate of four semester hours equaling one Austin College course credit.
9. **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR ACHIEVEMENT—ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, CLEP TESTS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT:** See Austin College Bulletin.

Advising for Students in the Pre-Admission Program

1. **FACULTY ACADEMIC ADVISER:** Students participating in the Pre-Admission Program will be assigned an academic adviser from the Austin College faculty in his or her academic area of interest. Students will meet with their adviser at least once during each semester to review their course selections and articulate an overall degree plan. Students and advisers will have an opportunity to discuss choices of majors and minors as well as other academic goals.
2. **CAREER SERVICES:** Students may schedule one appointment per semester with the Austin College Office of Career Services to discuss requisite career/life planning skills and the preparation necessary to achieve their educational goals.
3. **ADMISSION, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID:** The Executive Director of Transfer Student Admission will provide students expanded opportunities to learn more about Austin College through special mailings, scheduled Grayson County College visits, and hosted on-campus events for GCC students interested in transferring to AC. Austin College will make available detailed information about opportunities for financial aid and scholarships. The Executive Director at Austin College will work with students in the Pre-Admission Program to complete the formal admission, financial aid, and scholarship application processes.

Access to Programs and Facilities at Austin College for Pre-Admission Students

1. **AUSTIN COLLEGE EMAIL ACCOUNT:** Students will be assigned an Austin College email account.
2. **AUSTIN COLLEGE WEB HOPPER ACCOUNT:** Students will receive an Austin College Web Hopper account, which will provide access to their online degree audit.

3. AUSTIN COLLEGE I.D.: Students will receive a special Austin College I.D. identifying them as Pre-Admission students.
4. AUSTIN COLLEGE PARKING PASS: Students will receive an Austin College parking pass, allowing them to park on campus in designated areas.
5. AUSTIN COLLEGE LIBRARY: Students will have access to the facilities of the Abell Library at Austin College.
6. AUSTIN COLLEGE EVENTS: Students will have access to lectures, art exhibits, musical performances, theatre performances, and sporting events at the same cost as regular full-time Austin College students.

Student Requirements to Continue in the Pre-Admission Program

1. FACULTY ADVISER MEETINGS: The student must meet with his or her Austin College Faculty Adviser each semester.
2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETINGS: The student must meet with the Austin College Executive Director of Transfer Admission at least one time each semester.
3. GRADE POINT AVERAGE: Students must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average at GCC if they have less than 30 semester hours. Students with more than 30 semester hours must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
4. GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING: Students must be in good academic standing and in compliance with the policies and practices outlined for all full-time enrolled students.

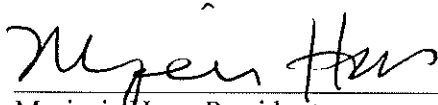
Withdrawal from the Pre-Admission Program

Students must provide written notification to The Executive Director of Transfer Student Admission at Austin College of his or her withdrawal from the Pre-Admission program.

This agreement shall become effective February 15, 2011 and shall remain in effect for five (5) years, until February 15, 2016. Termination may be effected earlier by either Austin College or Grayson County College by giving written notice to the other institution one (1) year prior to the effective date of termination of this Agreement.

SIGNED BY:

AUSTIN COLLEGE


Marjorie Hass, President

GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE


Alan Scheibmeir, President