

**Articulation Agreement
El Centro College and Austin College**

The following Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) between El Centro College Honors Program and Austin College provides a framework to develop programs designed to enhance the educational experience of students attending both schools including but not limited to:

- I. Transfer of credit from El Centro College to Austin College
- II. Reverse transfer of credit from Austin College to El Centro College

Transfer of credit from El Centro College to Austin College for the purpose of completion of a baccalaureate program of study is designed to maximize the amount of course work completed for the associate degree applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

Reverse transfer of credit from Austin College to El Centro College allows students to complete requirements for the associate degree in accordance with the Texas Education Code Section 2, Chapter 61, Subchapter S, Section 61.833. This program is specifically designed to allow students to receive the advantages pursuant to completion of the associate degree when they leave El Centro College and prior to completion of the baccalaureate degree.

El Centro College and Austin College agree to the following terms and conditions:

- El Centro College and Austin College will work to create extensive and specific articulation agreements in a range of majors. These agreements will be made available to students and advisors at both institutions.
- El Centro College and Austin College will exchange information within legal guidelines about specific students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship, financial aid, and the potential to satisfy degree requirements by transferring coursework between both institutions.
- Separate academic records for students will be maintained at each institution. Periodic exchange of information advantageous to students is anticipated.
- Austin College will provide El Centro College with information on transfer students to help El Centro College officials determine students who could benefit from reverse transfer of courses. El Centro College will provide Austin College with information about degrees awarded as a result of reverse transfer. Transfer Scholarships for El Centro College students:
 - All students will be eligible for merit based aid commensurate with their qualification. The following students are eligible for additional scholarships: PTK students would qualify for merit based aid and PTK scholarships, the combined amount of which may add up to 66% of tuition at Austin College.

El Centro College Honors Program students:

- Austin College and El Centro College are committed to developing integrated degree plans to facilitate the transition to Austin College after completing an associate degree at El Centro College. The Honors scholars will have complete Honors coursework and the Honors Capstone at El Centro College. Additionally, Austin College will encourage these students to participate in May - January terms, summer research at Austin College, and a mentoring/buddy system.

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be eligible to receive the El Centro College Transfer Honors Scholarship. Honors students at El Centro College, upon being offered transfer admission, will be guaranteed merit scholarships no less than 50% and up to 75% of tuition at Austin College.

Term:

- This Agreement will commence on Fall 2016 and remain in effect for one full academic year, including summer, and shall automatically renew for additional terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with this agreement.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice if the party to whom such notice is given has breached any provision of this Agreement, and such breach shall not have been cured within twenty (20) days following the receipt of such notice.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement after ninety (90) calendar days' written notice is given to the other Party.
- This Agreement will remain in effect until such time as mutual agreement is made to modify or terminate the Agreement.

Governance. This Agreement and the interpretation of its terms shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Jurisdiction for any legal proceedings incident to this Agreement shall lie in Sherman, Grayson County, Texas.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties and may be modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties at least thirty (30) days in advance of the modification. Any modification required to be provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent to the following, as applicable:

If to Austin College: Dr. Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the
Faculty
900 N Grand Ave, Sherman, TX 75090
Email: spineres@austincollege.edu
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If to El Centro College: Dr. Greg Morris
Vice President of Academic Affairs
801 Main Street Dallas, TX 75202
Email: cmorris@dcccd.edu
Phone: 214-860-2019

Authority. Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of any Party expressly warrants that he/she has authority to do so, and thereby bind Party on behalf of which/whom he/she signs, to the terms of this Agreement.

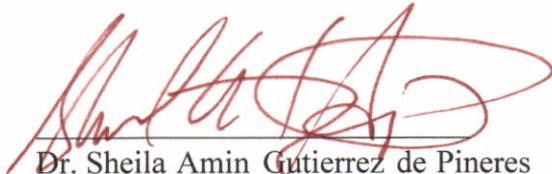
Signatures:

AUSTIN COLLEGE



Dr. Marjorie Hass
President

7/11/16
Date



Dr. Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Pineres
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of the Faculty

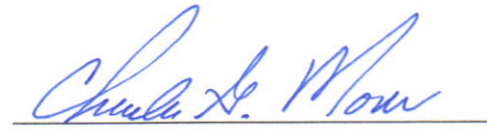
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Date

EL CENTRO COLLEGE



Dr. José Adames
President

6-15-16
Date



Dr. Greg Morris
Vice President, Academic Affairs

6/10/16
Date