



Texas Tech University And McLennan Community College Destination Raiderland: Highlander to Red Raider

Parties

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is between Texas Tech University ("TTU") and McLennan Community College (MCC) (together "institutions" or "parties") and outlines their commitment to the *Student Access & Success program ("Program")*. MCC is considered as a whole, and this Agreement extends to all campuses within the MCC system or district. TTU and MCC enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning.

Background

TTU and MCC worked in collaboration to create the Destination Raiderland: *Highlander to Red Raider* program to support the State of Texas and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Strategic Plan Initiative promoting access, affordability, quality, success, and cost efficiency in the Texas' institutions of higher education. The mission of the Program is to support a more globally competent workforce by increasing the number of individuals seeking to further their education. The goal of the Program is to increase access to higher education for participants through a unique program designed to promote continued academic success through collaborative support, while reducing the overall costs involved with higher education.

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement between TTU and MCC is to define a concurrent enrollment [alternative admissions pathway] program that guarantees admission to TTU upon successful completion of the Program requirements. The Program will be known as the *Highlander to Red Raider* Co-enrollment program (*Highlander to Red Raider Program*).

Parameters

The following parameters have been agreed upon to enable proper function of the Agreement:

1. MCC will provide their admitted students the opportunity to enter the Program upon the student's senior year in high school. MCC student will be identified in their senior year of high school by the designated MCC contact person through the *Highlander to Red Raider* application form. MCC will provide TTU information on students who wish to participate in the Program through agreed upon data sharing practices.
2. Students who participate in the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program will receive conditional admission to TTU for a future term in which they plan to enroll after completing their associates degree through MCC.
3. Students who participate in the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program will be provided an all-expense paid bus trip to TTU from MCC. Students will be provided a customized tour of the TTU Campus, meet with faculty and staff from their chosen academic field, and receive pre-transfer advising through Undergraduate Admissions. These bus trips will take place once per semester (fall and spring).
4. Upon successful completion of their associate degree at MCC, or upon time of transfer from MCC to TTU, (whichever is first), MCC students will receive guaranteed admission to TTU if they meet TTU's transfer admission requirements.



5. MCC and TTU will advise students using appropriate transfer equivalency guides utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify courses that should be taken at MCC and how they will transfer to TTU. TTU Academic Partnerships will provide MCC with advising guides to help facilitate a smooth transition from MCC to TTU.
6. *Highlander to Red Raider* students will have access to advisors at MCC as well as pre-transfer advising services at TTU.
7. Admission to specific degree programs is guaranteed when students meet the requirements for admission to the degree program (e.g., minimum GPA). Students who are removed from the Program because of academic or disciplinary reasons are no longer guaranteed admission to TTU. A student may be removed from the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program for criminal or legal actions that would pose a threat to other students, faculty or staff at either MCC or TTU.
 - a) Students removed from the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program for academic reasons may continue at MCC with the approval of MCC officials.
 - b) Students removed from the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program for disciplinary reasons may continue at MCC with the approval of MCC officials.
 - c) MCC and TTU officials will collaborate to determine the outcome of any student conduct or legal issue that would require removal of a student from the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program.
8. *Highlander to Red Raider* students are expected to be knowledgeable of both TTU and MCC student rules and policies and will agree to comply with said rules and policies.

Responsibilities

1. TTU's Responsibilities

- a) TTU will work with MCC to create a *Highlander to Red Raider* shortened application that includes the necessary data to create an application for the student at TTU.
- b) TTU will work with MCC to promote the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program by marketing the Program to prospective MCC and TTU students.
- c) TTU will work with the MCC designee to share data for students who indicate they want to be part of the Program.
- d) Upon receipt of the data from MCC, TTU will create a future application for the student and will provide conditional admission upon completion of their associates degree at MCC.
- e) TTU will provide *Highlander to Red Raider* students with pre-transfer advising services that will assist students in successful transfer to TTU.
- f) TTU will provide access to TTU admissions counselors, financial aid advisors, career center advisors and other departments that will assist the student in degree completion.
- g) TTU will provide guaranteed admission to students who complete the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program if the students meet TTU transfer admission requirements. Students will be moved from conditional admissions to fully admitted upon successful completion of their associate degree at



MCC, or upon time of transfer from MCC to TTU, (whichever is first).

TTU will provide MCC with reverse transfer information if the student transfers before completing their associate degree unless the student opts out of reverse transfer process. Students who participate in the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program will be provided an all- expense paid bus trip to TTU from MCC campus. Students will be provided a customized tour of the TTU campus, meet with faculty and staff from their chosen academic field, and receive pre-transfer advising through Undergraduate Admissions. These bus trips will take place once per semester (fall and spring).

2. MCC's Responsibilities

- a) MCC will work with TTU to create the *Highlander to Red Raider* shortened application that includes the necessary data to create an application for the student at TTU.
- b) MCC will work with TTU to promote the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program by marketing the Program to prospective and current MCC students.
- c) MCC will designate an individual to serve as the coordinator of the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program and collect all data needed to share with TTU.
- d) MCC will be responsible for providing TTU with potential students for the Program.
- e) MCC will provide advising services for the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program and work closely with pre-transfer advising in the office of Undergraduate Admissions at TTU. This will include advising for the Program and informing potential students of their various options within the Program.
- f) MCC will:
 - i. Create a website for the *Highlander to Red Raider* Program and Link to (1) TTU – Waco, and (2) Undergraduate Admissions on its relevant webpages. Links to advising tracks and guide will be added to the website as they are established.
 - ii. Encourage students to utilize the pre-transfer academic advising services and resources offered through Undergraduate Admissions at TTU each semester while attending MCC.
 - iii. Inform students who are nearing graduation of transfer opportunities and what needs to be accomplished to meet TTU transfer requirements for any of the TTU campus locations.
 - iv. Provide information, within legal guidelines, about prospective transfer students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship and other financial aid opportunities and the potential to satisfy Associate and Bachelor's degree requirements by transferring course work between institutions.

3. Mutual and Coordinated Responsibilities.

The institutions agree to:

- a) Point of Contact. To designate an individual or office who will be responsible for the maintenance of the Agreement to be a central point of contact.



- i. TTU designee: Clay Taylor, Ed.D., Assistant Vice Provost, MS 5095, Tech Plaza, Lubbock, TX 79409, 806-834-5492, clay.taylor@ttu.edu
MCC designee: Londa Carriveau, Director of Educational Partnerships, 1400 College Dr., Waco TX 76708, 254-299-8508, lcarriveau@mclennan.edu
- b) Communication and Marketing. To cooperate in communicating information about this Agreement.
 - i. Coordinate visitation trips to TTU and to MCC to assist, advertise, promote, and facilitate transfer events.
 - ii. Coordinate TTU's attendance at MCC's campus events (such as transfer fairs).
 - iii. Coordinate information to advertise and inform potential transfer students. Each institution will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student populations and will annually review marketing materials to ensure currency.
 - iv. Promote communication about Program initiatives with faculty, staff, and students. The institutions will provide transfer related information in a manner agreed upon between TTU and the representative(s) designated in Section 3(a).

General Terms

1. Admission. Conditional admission does not guarantee future admission to TTU. While it is preferred for students to complete their associates degree at MCC prior to transferring to TTU, students meeting the transferable hours and GPA requirements for admission at TTU are guaranteed admission. GPA is cumulative for all colleges and universities attended. Certain majors, colleges and departments may require a higher cumulative GPA and or portfolio/recital/audition-based admission. Visit www.admissions.ttu.edu for current requirements and deadlines.
2. Costs. This Agreement is not a commitment of funds and does not create any fiscal obligation on the part of either institution. Each institution will bear its own costs, risks, and liabilities arising out of its obligations and efforts under this Agreement during the period it is in effect. No institution shall have any right for reimbursement, payment, or compensation of any kind for work performed under this Agreement.
3. Term. This Agreement begins on the date of last signature and expires five years from that date.
4. Extension. The parties may extend this Agreement for up to five one-year terms, if they agree in writing prior to the expiration date or the expiration of the then current extended term.
5. Termination. Either institution may terminate this Agreement early upon 120 days prior written notice to the other institution.
6. Consequences of Termination. If the Agreement is terminated early, neither party has any obligation toward the other upon the effective date of termination, except that the institutions agree to permit any students already enrolled at TTU under the terms of this Agreement to graduate.
7. Use of Data. Throughout the term of this Agreement, and upon termination, each party shall be solely responsible for data in its possession, and neither party shall have the authority to access, use, or disclose transferred data for purposes other than those outlined in this Agreement. The parties agree to abide by



applicable laws with respect to access, use, disclosure, and/or disposal of data.

8. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Both parties acknowledge a legal obligation to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of its student records in accordance with applicable law and regulations, specifically FERPA. Both parties agree to comply with FERPA and safeguard student information.
9. Governing Law. This Agreement and all of the rights and obligations of the parties hereto will be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
10. No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity. The parties specifically agree that neither the execution of the Agreement by TTU nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of TTU relating to the Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of TTU's or the state's sovereign immunity to suit
11. No Assignment. Neither this Agreement, nor any rights or obligations are assignable or transferable unless the parties agree in writing.
12. Entire Contract; Modifications. The Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between MCC and TTU and will constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.
13. Amendments. No modification or amendment to this Agreement will become valid unless agreed to in writing and signed by both parties. All amendments must be signed by the same person who signed this original Agreement or their successor(s).
14. Notice. Formal notice under this Agreement must also be written and delivered to the person or department named below: (1) by hand delivery, (2) by United States mail, or (3) by email. Notice will be effective upon physical delivery of the notice by messenger service; or, four (4) business days after the date of mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested; or upon acknowledgement of notice by the email recipient, either by return receipt or reply email. If no email receipt or reply has been received by the sender within one business day from emailing the notice, the notice is deemed incomplete and sender must send notice by messenger or certified mail.

If to TTU:

Texas Tech University
eLearning & Academic Partnerships
Box 45210
Lubbock, TX 79409
elearning@ttu.edu

If to MCC:

McLennan Community College
Attn: Educational Partnerships
1400 College Dr.
Waco TX 76708
transfer@mclennan.edu

With a copy to:

Texas Tech University
Attn: Contract Management
Box 41094
Lubbock, TX 79401
contracting@ttu.edu



This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by both signatories.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized officers the last day and year written below.

Signatures:

TTU

MCC

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Lawrence Schovanec (May 12, 2023 22:26 CDT)

Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.
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Ronald Hendrick (May 11, 2023 16:09 CDT)

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