Student Access and Success Partnership Program Articulation Agreement

Between

Texas Tech University | Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering

And

South Plains College

In order to increase the number of Texas residents completing a bachelor’s degree and to help the State of Texas reach the goals set out in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s report Closing the Gaps, the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech University and South Plains College have agreed to participate in the Student Access and Success Partnership agreement.

The purpose of this partnership is to provide opportunities for students to continue an engineering transfer curriculum from South Plains College to the completion of a Bachelor’s degree curriculum in Chemical, Civil, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Construction, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, or Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University. South Plains College and Texas Tech University will encourage students to complete an entire Engineering Transfer Curriculum at South Plains College before transferring to Texas Tech University.

South Plains College students who transfer to Texas Tech University are eligible to receive degree credit for the courses listed in the attached addendum under the terms of this agreement. Although not covered by this agreement, transfer of additional coursework is possible. Texas Tech University will accept South Plains College students’ transferable core curriculum and other lower division South Plains College courses within the Texas common course numbering system.

Admission Requirements

SPC students meeting the following Whitacre College of Engineering assured admission standards for transfer students are guaranteed admission to the Whitacre College of Engineering:

1. Complete 24 or more semester hours of transferable college work beyond high school graduation and
2. 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Transfer students meeting the assured admission criteria for the Whitacre College will enter into the college’s “foundational” curriculum in their respective engineering major department (i.e. civil, chemical, etc.). Students will be required to complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours with a GPA of 2.5* or higher (mechanical engineering requires 2.75 GPA; petroleum engineering requires 3.20 GPA) of coursework applicable to progression in their respective engineering major to be fully admitted into their chosen departmental program.

SPC students not meeting the Whitacre College of Engineering assured admission standards, but who are admitted to Texas Tech may be admitted to the pre-engineering program and take
courses as advised by the pre-engineering program in the University Advising Center at Texas Tech. Students will need to earn:
1. 12 or more semester credit hours and
2. 3.00 GPA
at Texas Tech to be admitted to the Whitacre College of Engineering Foundational curriculum for the engineering major they intend to pursue.

**Texas Tech University agrees to:**
1. Promote the seamless transfer of students to Texas Tech University by ensuring that South Plains College course equivalency evaluations are current and readily available to students and academic advisors at South Plains College;
2. Provide pre-transfer academic advising per semester through the Office of Community College & Transfer Relations academic advisors while students are attending SPC.
3. Develop a process whereby transcript information from Texas Tech University will be reported back to South Plains College to allow for the awarding of a Retroactive Associate Degree;
4. Provide communication regarding admissions policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to SPC;
5. Provide a link to SPC on the Community College & Transfer Relations website;
6. Provide a link to SPC on the Whitacre College of Engineering website;
7. Texas Tech University (TTU) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). As part of this agreement between SPC and TTU and in order for TTU to remain compliant with SACSCOC Comprehensive Standards, SPC will ensure that all courses related to this agreement are taught by qualified faculty holding appropriate and acceptable degrees and/or credentials as outlined by SACSCOC Comprehensive Standards 3.4.11, 3.5.4 and 3.7.1.

**South Plains College agrees to:**
1. Promote the seamless transfer of students to Texas Tech University by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for SPC course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at SPC.
2. Encourage students to utilize the academic advising services and resources offered through the Office of Community College & Transfer Relations at TTU.
3. Within legal guidelines, provide information 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 both institutions.
4. Provide a link to the TTU, CCTR, and Whitacre College of Engineering websites on the SPC website;
5. Ensure that all courses related to this agreement are taught by qualified faculty holding appropriate and acceptable degrees and/or credentials as outlined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Comprehensive Standards 3.4.11, 3.5.4 and 3.7.1.
This agreement:
1. Shall commence when it has been signed by the appropriate administrator of both institutions;
2. Shall continue until such time as either or both institutions wish to terminate the agreement by sending written notification. In the event this agreement is terminated, both institutions agree to make completion provisions for individual students participating in the program at the time of termination;
3. Shall be reviewed annually by representatives of both institutions and where appropriate, modified.

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