



Texas Tech University And South Plains College

Destination Raiderland: Texan to Red Raider

Parties

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is between Texas Tech University (“TTU”) and South Plains College (“SPC”) (individually an “Institution” or together “Institutions”) and outlines their commitment to student access and success. SPC is considered as a whole and this Agreement extends to all campuses within the SPC system or district. TTU and SPC enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning.

Background

TTU and SPC worked in collaboration to create the *Destination Raiderland: Texan 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 SPC is to define a concurrent enrollment [alternative admissions pathway] program that guarantees admission to TTU upon successful completion of the program requirements. In addition, the program will allow the students to use applicable TTU course credits toward the completion of an Associate’s degree at SPC. The program will be known as the Texan to Red Raider Co-enrollment program (*Texan to Red Raider program*).

Parameters

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

1. TTU will provide denied students information about the various pathways to transfer to TTU, including specific information about the *Texan to Red Raider program*.

2. Successful completion of the *Texan to Red Raider program* guarantees admission to TTU. 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) Students removed from the *Texan to Red Raider program* for academic reasons may continue at SPC with the approval of SPC officials.

b) Students removed from the *Texan to Red Raider program* for disciplinary reasons may continue at SPC with the approval of SPC officials.

3. Students who successfully complete with a minimum of 51 hours in the Program and have an overall GPA (all courses taken at SPC and TTU) that meets the requirement for admission to their chosen major and college at TTU will be accepted into the degree program.

Courses taken at TTU are subject to the following:

a) Raider Ready is not part of the 12-15 allowable hours at TTU; it is in addition allowable hours.

b) At least 12 hours must be 3 or 4-credit courses that satisfy requirements for transfer into a TTU degree program. Courses taken at TTU should align with the student's desired major at TTU and should follow Guided Pathway plans as provided by SPC advising. It is preferred that students be core complete before the full transfer to TTU.

4. *Texan to Red Raider* students must meet the following enrollment guidelines:

a) Students must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester, taking 3-5 credit hours at TTU, with the remainder at SPC.

b) Students in this Program may enroll in a maximum of 5 credit hours at TTU or SPC in the summer without prior approval. Enrollment beyond 5 credit hours requires approval from their *Texan to Red Raider program* advisor.

c) A student in the Program who has not been removed from the Program and who remains enrolled in at least 1 credit hour at either Institution during a long semester may continue in the Program in the following semester in keeping with other terms of this Agreement. The student will only be able to enroll in 1 credit hour once.

5. *Texan to Red Raider* students are expected to be knowledgeable of both TTU and SPC student rules and policies and will agree to comply with said rules and policies.

6. Students must be Texas Success Initiative ("TSI") compliant for enrollment in TTU courses.

Responsibilities

1) TTU's responsibilities

a) Enrollment into the Program. TTU Undergraduate Admissions will provide its denied student population with information about the 3 alternative admission pathways:

- i) Gateway Program
 - ii) Tech Transfer Acceleration Program
 - iii) *Texan to Red Raider* Co-enrollment program
- b) TTU Courses. Students in the *Texan to Red Raider program* must take the Raider Ready course and also a select number of courses at TTU. TTU curricular responsibilities include:
- i) Provide instructors/curriculum for the Raider Ready course to be taught at either the Levelland, Lubbock, or Reese SPC campuses to students enrolled in the *Texan to Red Raider program*.
 - ii) Concurrent Enrollment Option: Allow students to enroll in 12-15 hours at TTU and 39-42 hours with SPC simultaneously.
- c) TTU Staff/Faculty Required.
TTU will provide the following staff:
- i) One staff Person as the contact person for the Program at TTU.
 - ii) Faculty and/or staff to teach Raider Ready or any dually enrolled courses at TTU.
 - iii) Provide access to TTU academic advisors, financial aid specialists, and career center advisors for *Texan to Red Raider* students.
- d) Participant Privileges. Through paying the respective optional fees associated with the following TTU activities, *Texan to Red Raider* students are provided access to the following TTU privileges:
- i) TTU athletic events and
 - ii) Student Recreation Center.

2) SPC's responsibilities

- a) Enrollment. Each semester, TTU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions will provide SPC a list of students who they have determined will be a good match for the *Texan to Red Raider program*.
- i) SPC will be responsible for the admission process for potential students. This will include advising for the Program and informing potential students of their various options within the Program.
- b) TTU Courses at SPC. SPC will work with the designated person/office at TTU to schedule Raider Ready courses to be taught at the Lubbock, Levelland, or Reese campuses.
- c) Marketing. SPC will:
- i) Create a website for the *Texan to Red Raider program* and Link to (1) TTU, Academic Partnerships, and (2) Undergraduate Admissions on its relevant webpages.
 - ii) Encourage students to utilize the pre-transfer academic advising services and resources offered through Undergraduate Admissions at TTU each semester while attending SPC.

- iii) Inform students who are nearing graduation of transfer opportunities and what needs to be accomplished to meet TTU transfer requirements.
- 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., Director of Academic Partnerships, MS 5095, Tech Plaza, Lubbock, TX 79409, 806-834-5492, clay.taylor@ttu.edu
 - ii) SPC designee: Ryan C. Gibbs Ed.D., Vice President, Academic Affairs, 1401 S. College Ave. Levelland, TX 79336, 806-716-2207, rgibbs@southplainscollege.edu
- b) Communication and marketing. To cooperate in communicating information about this Agreement.
 - i) Coordinate visitation trips to TTU and assist, advertise, promote, and facilitate transfer events.
 - ii) Coordinate TTU's attendance at SPC'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) 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.
- 2) Term. This Agreement begins on the date of last signature and expires five years from that date.

- 3) Extension. The Institutions may extend this Agreement for up to five one-year terms, if they agree in writing 60 days prior to the expiration date or the expiration of the then current extended term.
- 4) Termination. Either Institution may terminate this Agreement early upon one hundred and twenty (120) days prior written notice to the other Institution.
- 5) Consequences of Termination. If the Agreement is terminated early, neither Institution 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.
- 6) Use of Data. Throughout the term of this Agreement, and upon termination, each Institution shall be solely responsible for data in its possession, and neither Institution shall have the authority to access, use, or disclose transferred data for purposes other than those outlined in this Agreement. The Institutions agree to abide by applicable laws with respect to access, use, disclosure, and/or disposal of data.
- 7) Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). Both Institutions acknowledge a legal obligation to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of its student records in accordance with applicable law and regulations, specifically FERPA. Both Institution agree to comply with FERPA and safeguard student information.
- 8) Governing Law. This Agreement and all of the rights and obligations of the Institutions hereto will be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.
- 9) No wavier of sovereign immunity. The Institutions 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
- 10) No assignment. Neither this Agreement, nor any rights or obligations are assignable or transferable unless the Institutions agree in writing.
- 11) Entire Contract; Modifications. The Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between SPC and TTU and will constitute the entire agreement between the Institutions with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 12) Amendments. No modification or amendment to this Agreement will become valid unless agreed to in writing and signed by both Institutions. All amendments must be signed by the same person who signed this original Agreement or their successor(s).
- 13) 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:

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This Agreement shall take effect upon execution by both signatories.

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

Signatures:

Texas Tech University

South Plains College

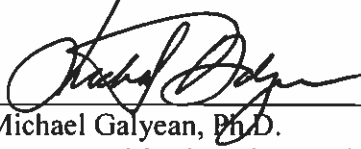
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