Dual Admission Agreement and Transfer Articulation

Between

Texas A&M University-Commerce and Collin County Community College District

Collin County Community College District (hereafter referred to as "CCCCD") and Texas A&M University-Commerce have enjoyed an excellent working relationship for many years. Students prepared in the freshman and sophomore level of studies at CCCCD have transferred and performed well at Texas A&M University-Commerce. CCCCD and Texas A&M University-Commerce by agreeing to the following provisions reaffirm their continued collaboration and commitment to facilitate the ease of transfer for students moving the from CCCCD associate degrees into baccalaureate programs at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Terms and conditions:

1. CCCCD students following the recommended program of study, common core and transfer curriculum, or who have earned the Associate of Arts/Sciences Degree and who meet all other admissions requirements (see Section 2 item b) shall receive admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce. Transferring students must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as a native Texas A&M University-Commerce student.

   Students transferring prior to completion of the core curriculum shall be awarded transfer credit in each core component area completed. Students transferring prior to the completion of the associate degree will be eligible for the award of an associate degree upon reverse transfer from Texas A&M University-Commerce of courses required for the completion of the associate degree as determined by CCCCD and if other associate degree requirements are met.

   CCCCD students may apply for dual admission status by contacting the Transfer Admissions Office at Texas A&M University-Commerce at the beginning of their first or second year of enrollment at CCCCD. Students must submit the Texas Common Application or institution application within 12 months of anticipated enrollment at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

2. A student transferring to Texas A&M University-Commerce under this agreement will have acceptance of CCCCD academic credit hours, with the following conditions:
   a) Transfer students will receive academic credit for transferable college level courses only, completed with a grade of "D" or better. However, courses completed with a grade of "D" will not be applied to the major. Remedial and developmental courses will not be accepted in transfer.
   b) The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all hours attempted and 21 earned hours for transfer admission to Texas A&M University-Commerce. Other offices/departments may have additional requirements for admission to specific programs.

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c) Texas A&M University-Commerce will accept between 60-66 semester credit hours from CCCCD in transfer or toward a degree program depending upon the specific program requirements.

3. In addition, to receive a baccalaureate degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce, the student must complete at least 36 semester hours at the advanced level, 24 of which must be completed in residence at Texas A&M University-Commerce. A minimum of 60 semester hours from Texas A&M University-Commerce or another senior institution are required for bachelor degree completion. At least 25% of credit semester hours must be earned through instruction at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

4. Dually admitted CCCCD students may, at their request have specific, individualized degree audits produced and updated each semester prior to enrollment with Texas A&M University-Commerce. CCCCD students will be assigned a Transfer Admissions Office contact to facilitate campus visits and appointments with academic departments. Upon transfer, students will be responsible for filing an official degree plan with the academic department of their major.

5. Texas A&M University-Commerce will provide transfer scholarship opportunities for students completing a minimum of 45 transferable hours at CCCCD and meeting Texas A&M University-Commerce transfer grade point average criteria for designated scholarships. Phi Theta Kappa scholarships will be available to transfer students who are members of the CCCCD honor society chapter and meet grade point average and hours requirements for the scholarship. Information about student eligibility for the Transfer Academic and Phi Theta Kappa scholarships will be accessible on the Texas A&M University-Commerce web site.

6. Texas A&M University-Commerce has developed and will continue to provide transfer degree guides utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbers to identify the courses to be completed at CCCCD. Core curriculum and major courses at Texas A&M University-Commerce will also be identified on the transfer guides, using the university course numbers. Transfer course equivalencies will be made available on-line and in printed versions. Students may access the degree and course equivalencies guides on the Texas A&M University-Commerce web site under Transfer Admissions for Future Students. The degree guides and transfer course equivalencies assure students that courses listed in these guides are freely transferable between CCCCD and Texas A&M University-Commerce.

7. Representatives from CCCCD and Texas A&M University-Commerce will meet or make contact each year to exchange course catalogs and update course equivalencies, transfer guides and transfer admission information to be used the subsequent academic year.

8. Faculty and/or administrators representing Texas A&M University-Commerce and CCCCD will meet annually to assess the dual admission program and develop additional options to this agreement.
9. The institutions will collaborate to initiate and update departmental/division articulation agreements between Texas A&M University-Commerce and CCCCD. These agreements will be made available to CCCCD student through both institutions websites, as well as a printed version provided by Texas A&M University-Commerce for distribution to CCCCD students.

10. Texas A&M University-Commerce will provide CCCCD with an annual data report that includes the number and academic performance of former CCCCD students enrolled at Texas A&M University-Commerce as permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

11. Dually admitted students who have a Texshare card will have access to Texas A&M University-Commerce Library.

12. Dually admitted students may have access to the Texas A&M University-Commerce Recreation Center at the minimum daily fee and may purchase student tickets to Theatre Productions and student guest tickets to athletic events.

**Agreement continuation and dissolution:**

The Collin County Community College District President and the Texas A&M University-Commerce President, or their designees must approve amendments to this agreement. This agreement is effective upon signing by the authorized representatives of each institution, and each is free to publicize this partnership in a manner consistent with the agreement. This articulation agreement shall remain effective until one, or both, institutions deem it necessary to terminate it. The terms and conditions of this agreement do not preclude or over-ride existing articulation agreements for specific degree programs between Texas A&M University-Commerce and CCCCD.

The authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement in duplicate originals. An original, signed copy of this agreement will be maintained by each of the signatories.

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