

# GENERAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS  
&

Separately SACSCOC Accredited Colleges  
(Brookhaven College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, Cedar Valley College, North Lake College and Richland College)  
of the  
Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Articulation Agreement is to create clearly marked transition pathways by clarifying and streamlining the transfer processes. Therefore, the students are able to transfer to the University of North Texas at Dallas carrying with them the credits which they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The participating institutions understand and agree that transfer articulation under this general agreement is with Dallas County Community College District hereafter referred to as "DCCCD", inclusive of the following colleges: *Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, El Centro College, Mountain View College, North Lake College, Richland College* and the University of North Texas at Dallas hereafter referred to as "UNT Dallas" and hereby enter into the following agreement governing the matriculation of students from the separately accredited colleges of DCCCD to UNT Dallas.

## TERMS and CONDITIONS

In order to facilitate the process of student transfer, UNT Dallas and DCCCD have agreed to the following:

### General Admission:

1. DCCCD students who follow the recommended program of study - the common core and transfer curriculum - and who meet all other admissions requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees shall be eligible for admission to the UNT Dallas. Transfer students must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as a native UNT Dallas student. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students at that institution.
2. Transfer students from the colleges of DCCCD are to adhere to UNT Dallas admission requirements based on the catalog year in effect at the time the student first enters one of DCCCD's colleges, provided that the student maintains continuous enrollment.

### **Guaranteed Admission:**

1. DCCCD students with 45 or more hours and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale entering under the terms of this agreement are guaranteed admission to UNT Dallas. DCCCD students with 30-44 transferable credits and a 2.25 GPA are eligible for automatic admission. DCCCD students with 0-29 transferable credits, a 2.25 GPA, and meet the first time in college requirements for admissions are eligible for automatic admission.
2. While admission to UNT Dallas does not guarantee admission to all degree granting programs, majors, minors, or fields of concentration, incoming transfer students shall be able to compete for admission to specific programs on the same basis as students native to the UNT Dallas.

### **Acceptance of Transferable Credits and Core Curriculum:**

1. DCCCD shall endeavor, through articulated transfer pathways (A.A./A.S.) or program-to-program (A.A.S.) agreements entered into in accordance with this General Articulation, to partner with UNT Dallas that shall accept at least sixty (60) transferable college level credits.
2. Transfer students will receive academic credit for transferable college level courses only completed with a grade of "C" or better, unless stated otherwise in UNT Dallas catalog.
3. Remedial/developmental or technical/vocational courses will not be included for transfer in this General Articulation Agreement from individually accredited colleges unless specified by individual colleges in a separate Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement.
4. UNT Dallas will accept transferable college level courses from the DCCCD without regard to institutional modality including, but not limited to, online courses and programs, Dual Enrollment credits, and Early College High School classes.
5. UNT Dallas and the DCCCD will work cooperatively to create a mutually acceptable articulation appeal process for reviewing credits not accepted in transfer admission at UNT Dallas.
6. Completion of the DCCCD Core Curriculum, a forty-two (42) semester credit hour general program of study, will transfer as a block and will satisfy lower-division general education requirements at UNT Dallas; unless a specific core curriculum is established in a transfer pathway agreement, as mandated by Texas Statutes for all public higher education institutions.
7. DCCCD students transferring with an A.A. or A.S. degree shall not be required to take additional general education/core courses at UNT Dallas; unless a specific core curriculum is established in a transfer pathway agreement.

**Acceptance of DCCCD Associate Degrees:**

1. This agreement establishes the principle that the following Associates Degrees: Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) will transfer to UNT Dallas as a block. A transfer associate degree is treated as a whole: the components are not examined separately to determine transferability.
2. While a transfer associate degree will transfer as a block, it is for the purpose of guaranteed admission. The needed courses and course alignment in order to achieve the acceptance AND application of an associate degree in its entirety to a specific discipline at UNT Dallas will be specified in detail in a Transfer Pathway Agreement (A.A./A.S./A.A.T.) or Program-to-Program Agreement (A.A.S.) between one DCCCD college and a college/school/center at UNT Dallas.

**Pre-Admission:**

1. A DCCCD student is eligible to apply for the benefit of Pre-Admission status at UNT Dallas upon the student's first enrollment at one DCCCD college, or at any time thereafter.
2. Pre-admission students who have a UNT Dallas I.D. card will have access to UNT Dallas Libraries. Pre-admission students will have the right to purchase tickets and attend student events on UNT Dallas campus.
3. UNT Dallas on-site admissions events will be held at DCCCD at least once a year.

**Honors Program:**

DCCCD and UNT Dallas will develop a smooth transition for qualified students wishing to enter UNT Dallas Honors Program. Acceptance to UNT Dallas Honors Program requires a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on all college work. UNT Dallas Honors Program will work with DCCCD to determine an appropriate number of semester hours, up to 12 hours, of honors credit with a grade of B or better earned at DCCCD that will count toward the 24 hours required for Honors Program recognition upon graduation from UNT Dallas.

**Transfer Information:**

1. The Office of Transfer and Articulation Services at the DCCCD District Office and UNT Dallas will work together to provide appropriate transfer information (specific transfer pathways will be developed by faculty from DCCCD and faculty from UNT Dallas). These Course Equivalency Guides will utilize the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify the courses to be completed at DCCCD that will apply toward pre-requisites or requirements for a major at UNT Dallas. (Transfer Guides & Course Equivalency Guides

provide information of general transferable courses but do not guarantee the definite applicability of those courses into specific degree plans.)

2. By creating these Transfer Guides and Course Equivalency Guides, UNT Dallas and DCCCD assure students that courses listed in these guides are freely transferable between both institutions. (The applicability of courses into specific degree plans are guaranteed exclusively by articulated pathway agreements.)
3. UNT Dallas will create a webpage at UNT Dallas website with detailed information regarding any type of transfer agreements and transfer process for DCCCD students.
  - Overview of general pre-transfer and admissions process.
  - Overview of post-transfer services and supports.
  - Financial resources for transfer students
  - Encouragement to students to complete the associate degree before transferring for admissions, financial aids, and academic advantages.
  - Indication to the existence of specific agreement(s) and an official list of all articulated transfer pathways approved by DCCCD and UNT Dallas.

### **Scholarships:**

UNT Dallas will provide additional opportunities for DCCCD students to learn about UNT Dallas scholarships. UNT Dallas will host events for DCCCD Rising Star Scholars, Phi Theta Kappa Scholars students and others interested in learning about how one can afford to complete a bachelor's degree.

### **Reverse Transfer:**

The Registrar at UNT Dallas will collaborate with the District Office of Academic and Student Records at DCCCD district office to share information, as permitted by law, about students enrolled at UNT Dallas who could have sufficient hours to receive an associate's degree from DCCCD. The Registrar at UNT Dallas will:

- process the reverse transfer transcripts in Spring and Fall semesters after grades have been posted,
- ensure the student's last four digits of social security number and date of birth are indicated on the transcripts, and
- send all reverse transfer transcripts to the following address:

DCCCD District Office of Academic and Student Records  
Attention: Veronica Montero  
1601 South Lamar Street  
Dallas, Texas 75215-1816

### **Communication and Data Exchange:**

1. The Office of Transfer and Articulation Services at the DCCCD District Office serves as the liaison office to establish routine communication mechanisms with UNT Dallas for addressing issues or problems associated with student transfer.
2. UNT Dallas will provide notification to the seven colleges of the DCCCD, at or before execution of the Transfer Agreement, of selection criteria for limited access programs.
3. UNT Dallas and the DCCCD agree to exchange annual data reports and documents in a mutually agreeable fashion that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The institutions will exchange admissions, academic performance and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws. (See Attachment One for Data information)
4. DCCCD will provide names and contact information of students to UNT Dallas each fall of DCCCD graduates and current students with at least 30 SCH (Semester Credit Hour) and with "Transfer" intentions disclosed to enable the sharing of transfer information. Information will be shared in accordance with applicable law.

**Joint Obligations:**

1. UNT Dallas and DCCCD will work to identify ways to strengthen pathways for transfer and degree attainment for students.
2. Official list of programs for all Associate Degrees for which articulation agreements have been approved by both DCCCD and UNT Dallas will be made available at both institutions.
3. No transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are valid without an Agreement signed by DCCCD.

**Evaluation:**

The continuous partnership between UNT Dallas and DCCCD will be determined by an evaluation process to be established by the DCCCD and incorporated by reference into each transfer agreement. (See Attachment Two)

A bi-annual, every other year, evaluation process will be administered by the District Office of Transfer and Articulation Services. An advisory group, consisting of faculty, administrators and college representatives, will evaluate the performance of partner institutions.

**Agreement Continuation and Dissolution:**

This agreement shall be reviewed on a bi-annual, every other year, basis or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements. DCCCD Presidents and the President of UNT Dallas, or their designees must approve amendments to this agreement. Any other modifications to this agreement may be made following written notice from DCCCD Presidents and the President of UNT Dallas, or their designees. Once this agreement is signed by the appropriate officials at DCCCD and UNT Dallas, each is free to publicize this arrangement in a manner consistent with the agreement. This articulation agreement shall remain in effect until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate it.

By signing, each party recognizes the commitment to exchange only the most current, accurate information and data. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice of said party's intention to the Presidents of DCCCD or designee and President of UNT Dallas, or designee.

This agreement shall become effective 1/11/2016 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Termination can be processed when either UNT Dallas or DCCCD give written notice to the other institution 180 days prior to the requested termination date.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on this the 11 day of Jan, 2016

*Bob Mong*

Mr. Bob Mong, President, University of North Texas at Dallas

12.17.15

Date

*Joe D. May*

Joe D. May, Chancellor  
Dallas County Community College District

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Date

*Thom D. Chesney*

Dr. Thom D. Chesney  
President, Brookhaven College

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Date

*Jennifer Wimbish*

Dr. Jennifer Wimbish  
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President, El Centro College

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