Memorandum of Agreement
for the
Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM Program

The following agreement between Texas A&M University (TAMU) and Blinn College defines a co-enrollment program for the students selected by TAMU and provides a guarantee of admission to TAMU for the students successfully completing the program requirements. In addition, the program will allow the students to use appropriate TAMU course credits toward the completion of an Associate Degree at Blinn College. The program is known as “Texas A&M-Blinn Transfer Enrollment to A&M” (TEAM).

Texas A&M University and Blinn College agree to the following terms and conditions.

1. Only students selected by TAMU, from among those who apply to TAMU, will be invited to participate in the TEAM program.

2. Successful completion of the TEAM program by a student guarantees a change of curriculum to a degree-granting major at TAMU but does NOT guarantee that student a change of curriculum to a particular college or major.

3. Students admitted into the TEAM program must identify an intended degree program at TAMU prior to registration for their first academic term in TEAM.

4. The grade point average (GPA) for each TEAM student will be calculated separately at each institution using the methodology and course work of the respective institution. Successful completion of the program requires that participants have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, which must include at least 45 credit hours of transferable Blinn College course work applicable to the student’s intended degree program at TAMU and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on at least 15 TAMU credit hours subject to the following:
   a. At least 12 of the 15 credits taken at TAMU must consist of 3 or 4 credit hour courses that satisfy TAMU core curriculum or degree requirements in the student’s intended academic major.
   b. A student participating in TEAM must complete the minimum credit hour and GPA requirements at each institution within a consecutive two-year period. The period begins with the Fall semester of the year of admission to the program and ends at the completion of the first summer session of the second academic year of enrollment in the program.

5. After completion of two or more semesters in the TEAM program, a student may apply to a degree-granting major via the TAMU Change of Curriculum process if the student has: maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA at both institutions, achieved the minimum TAMU GPA required by the major, and completed all other entry requirements for the major.
6. Any college level credits accepted by TAMU that were earned by a student prior to beginning the TEAM program shall apply toward the Blinn College 45 credit hour requirement.
   a. These include credits resulting from transfer, dual/concurrent enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), SAT II Subject Tests, or other recognized means by which credit is awarded by examination.
   b. The use and application of these credits will be determined by the student’s eventual degree program.
   c. After a student begins the TEAM program only credits earned from Blinn College will count toward the Blinn College 45 credit hour requirement.

7. A student in the TEAM program shall be permitted to transfer course credits from TAMU to Blinn College in accordance with the policies of Blinn College. The use and application of these credits at Blinn College shall be determined by the student’s Associate Degree program.

8. A financial aid consortium agreement between TAMU and Blinn College will be made in a document separate from this Memorandum of Agreement.

9. At TAMU a student in the TEAM program will be designated as a “TEAM” major. At Blinn College a student in the TEAM program will initially be designated as a “General Liberal Arts” major (which can be changed by the student) and identified by a “TEAM” attribute and cohort.

10. At TAMU, a TEAM student will receive academic advising from the Transition Academic Programs (TAP) advising office. A TEAM student may also consult academic advisors in the Blinn College advising office.

11. A student in the TEAM program will be required to participate in, and pay any fees associated with, orientation programs at TAMU and Blinn College before beginning the program.

12. Blinn College will be responsible for assuring a TEAM student’s compliance with Texas Success Initiative (TSIA) requirements and will provide remediation for any TEAM student needing such additional course work. Courses required for remediation shall not be counted toward the minimum requirements of the TEAM program at either institution.

13. A TEAM student must meet the following enrollment requirements.
   a. Each TEAM student must enroll in a minimum of 12 total credit hours each Fall and Spring semester with 3-6 credit hours at TAMU and the remainder at Blinn College. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Director of the TEAM program.
   b. The 3-6 TAMU credit hours must include at least one 3 or 4 credit hour course that satisfies a degree requirement in the student’s intended academic major. (This course may fill a general elective requirement if any are allowed in the curriculum of the student’s intended academic major.)
c. The maximum credit hour enrollment for Summer I and II sessions is 7 at Blinn College and 7 at TAMU. The maximum credit hour enrollment for 10-week summer sessions is 10 at Blinn College and 14 at TAMU. The maximum combined enrollment limit for TEAM students in summer school is 14 credit hours.

14. A TEAM student will enroll for courses at both institutions in accordance with published registration periods for all students.

15. A TEAM student will pay applicable fees and tuition to each institution and must meet the respective payment deadlines for all applicable fees and tuition payable to each institution.

16. A TEAM student’s academic and disciplinary records will be maintained and kept current at both institutions with appropriate periodic exchange of information between the two institutions. To facilitate the transfer of student records and the appropriate application of course work toward the fulfillment of degree requirements, a TEAM student will be asked to sign a document that will permit the release of academic records and allow the bilateral sharing of those records between the two institutions.

17. A TEAM student is expected to be knowledgeable about the TAMU Student Rules and the Blinn College Student Rules and shall agree to comply with said rules.

18. A student who does not remain on track to complete TEAM academic requirements may be removed from the TEAM program. A student who violates TAMU student rules is subject to sanctions outlined in the applicable rule(s) up to and including dismissal from TEAM or suspension from TAMU.
   a. A student removed from the TEAM Program for either academic or disciplinary reasons will no longer be eligible to continue enrollment at TAMU, however, the student may continue at Blinn College with the approval of Blinn officials and pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to the then current readmission criteria.
   b. A student not allowed to continue at Blinn College will also not be allowed to continue at TAMU.
   c. A TEAM student appealing academic or disciplinary decisions will be directed to the institution under whose jurisdiction the matter falls and will follow established procedures at that institution.

19. If a student voluntarily drops out of the TEAM program, the student may pursue future readmission to TAMU subject to the then current readmission criteria.

20. To the extent possible, all student services, student activities, student organizations, etc., will be available to a TEAM student at the respective institution. Upon withdrawal from TAMU, a student immediately forfeits access to services provided by TAMU.

21. At the request of either institution, representatives of TAMU and Blinn College may conduct a review or evaluation of the TEAM program to assess its success, make
recommendations for future enhancements, and/or determine the target number of participants for the following year.

22. Termination and renewal of this memorandum of agreement:
   a. This agreement shall commence on 1 February 2017 and expire on 31 July 2019.
   b. Prior to its expiration as in 22.a, this agreement may be renewed, for a period not to exceed five years, upon the mutual written consent of both institutions.
   c. Prior to its expiration as in 22.a, this agreement may be terminated by either institution providing written notice of its intent to terminate to the other institution.
   d. The notice of termination in 22.c must be provided no later than one year prior to the desired date of termination.
   e. In the event this agreement is neither terminated nor renewed by the expiration date, the TEAM program will continue with the practices in effect for the following academic year.
   f. In the event this agreement is terminated, for a student admitted to the program prior to the termination, both institutions agree to abide by the TEAM program practices in effect when the student was admitted and, furthermore, agree that the student will be allowed to complete the program.

23. Amendments may be made to this agreement by the mutual written consent of both institutions.

Agreed to by:

Michael K. Young, President
Texas A&M University

Date 10-9-17

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Date September 20, 2017