

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CENTRAL TEXAS
AND
BLINN COLLEGE**

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered by and between TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CENTRAL TEXAS, an entity of the State of Texas, and BLINN COLLEGE, an entity of the State of Texas.

I. Purpose of Agreement

Texas A&M University – Central Texas, herein after referred to as "A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS," Killeen, Texas, and Blinn College, herein after referred to as "BLINN," Brenham, Texas, share a common interest in increasing access affordable and quality higher education opportunities for all Texans. Both entities agree to cooperate in furthering this objective to the mutual benefit of their students.

This articulation agreement provides guidelines and outlines areas of responsibility ensuring that students at BLINN can transfer completed courses to A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS with minimal loss or no loss of credit or recognition of approved courses applied toward the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences – Business Management (BAAS) degree. This agreement further provides guidelines and outlines areas of responsibility related to reverse articulation. Either institution may propose additional cooperative activities that shall become part of the general agreement upon being signed by both parties.

II. Terms

The parties to this agreement, A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and BLINN, agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein:

A. General

1. A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and BLINN will each designate an individual who will be responsible for the maintenance of this articulation agreement and sharing of information on the BAAS and associate degrees, new courses added to the degree programs, transcript evaluation, and other projects as needed.
2. The names of the designated persons are contained in Appendix 1. Any change to Appendix 1 shall not require renegotiating this agreement, and any such change made by one institution shall be communicated in writing to the other.
3. To be eligible for the program, students must meet all A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS admission requirements, be officially enrolled at A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS, and have an official transcript showing credit earned on file with the A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS' Undergraduate Admissions Office.
4. This Agreement is non-exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

B. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CENTRAL TEXAS agrees to:

1. Admit and enroll BLINN students in the Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration and Management (AAS) degree program that are determined by A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS to be qualified for admission to A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and the BAAS degree.

2. Assist BLINN transfer students in the transition from BLINN into the A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS BAAS program. This may involve informing students of and assisting them in the application for scholarships and in course registration.
3. Maintain ongoing collaboration and monitoring of the program through the designated person(s) contained in Appendix 1:
4. Continue to accommodate BLINN students into the BAAS degree so long as this Agreement is in effect. Since A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS cannot guarantee the BAAS program in perpetuity, this agreement does not constitute a binding contract regarding ongoing or future offerings of the academic program outlined herein.
5. A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any BLINN student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking student to any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, citizenship, veteran status, or any other protected class status as defined by law or institutional policy.

C. BLINN COLLEGE agrees to:

1. Provide, upon request by A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS, syllabi for any courses covered by this articulation agreement.
2. Communicate to students enrolling in the AAS program about A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees that will apply and may be subject to change, and to inform students that A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS future offerings cannot be guaranteed.
3. Maintain ongoing collaboration and monitoring of the program through the designated person(s) contained in Appendix 1.
4. BLINN is an equal opportunity entity, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own students to any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, citizenship, veteran status, or any other protected class status as defined by law or institutional policy.

D. Both Institutions agree to:

1. Be responsible for its employees' actions or inactions, and liability arising there from. The institutions will maintain their own insurance including workers' compensation, general liability, or such other coverage necessary for their own institutional liability. Neither institution waives any immunity it may be afforded under law as a governmental entity in the State of Texas.
2. Conduct an annual program review.
3. Notify appropriate officials at the relevant institution of any complaints of sexual harassment or discrimination alleged to be committed by students or employees of the other institution.
4. Apply the policies and procedures of each institution to students enrolled with each institution. Disciplinary complaints falling under the jurisdiction of an institution shall be referred to the appropriate officials.
5. Initiate a biennial review of this agreement to evaluate any changes in competencies, content, or standards.
6. Strictly adhere to all statutes, court decisions and the opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of public information under the *Texas Public Information Act*, Chapter 552, *Texas Government Code*.
7. Maintain accreditation by the applicable accrediting authority. Both parties agree to notify the other if such accreditation ceases to exist.

8. Comply with all laws regarding the confidentiality of the student's education records, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), and to comply with all applicable laws in safeguarding any non-public, sensitive, and/or confidential information of Institution's faculty and students which is in either Party's possession or control in the same manner and to the same extent that it protects its own employees' confidential or non-public sensitive information.

E. Transfer of Credit

1. This articulation agreement provides a mechanism to enable students who have completed courses prescribed by this agreement to transfer those courses from BLINN to A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and, thereby, satisfy up to 57 semester credit hours toward the BAAS degree.
2. Appendix 2 contains programs and courses covered by this articulation agreement. Any change to Appendix 2 may be made by mutual written agreement signed by both parties.
3. This articulation agreement provides a mechanism to enable A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS students who have earned enough credits to satisfy the associate degree requirements to have those credits transferred back to BLINN. This reverse transfer process expands the A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and BLINN partnership in that it will help increase student transfer rates to the university and raise associate degree completion rates for the college.

A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and BLINN agree to exchange information, within legal guidelines, about individual students with the goal of making students aware of the potential to satisfy associate degree requirements by transferring course work between both institutions.

A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS agrees to identify students who transfer from BLINN with at least 30 hours and who have indicated on the ApplyTexas Application that they would automatically allow for their transcript to be sent to BLINN once it has been determined that the student has completed 72 semester credit hours, and again upon graduation from A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS if they have not received an Associate degree. Once a student has achieved at least 90 semester credit hours, A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS shall follow the credit transfer for associate degree procedure in Tex. Educ. Code § 61.833 and any applicable rules.

A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS agrees to provide a contact person who is knowledgeable about Reverse Transfer and who can work with BLINN to facilitate this process.

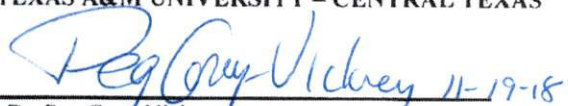
Annually, BLINN agrees to provide a list of students who are awarded an Associate degree to A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS.

F. Terms of Agreement and Termination

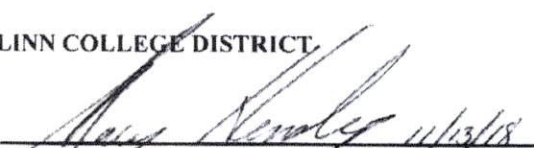
1. This agreement shall be filed with the appropriate office with A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS and BLINN.
2. All required notices, demands, requests, and other communications shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered or mailed to the administrators of the respective institutions.
3. This agreement may be amended at any time in writing upon signature of authorized representatives of both institutions.
4. This Agreement is subject to termination by either party upon sixty days written notice of a material breach to the breaching party. Alternatively, this Agreement can be terminated at any time without cause by mutual consent of the parties or by either institution with notice by May 1 that the program will not be offered for the next academic year.
5. The laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A.) shall govern the interpretation and application of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties hereto have set their hands by and through their duly authorized officers.
This Agreement is effective the ____ day of _____, 2018.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CENTRAL TEXAS


Dr. Peg Gray-Vickrey
Provost & Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs

BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT


Mary Hensley, Ed. D.
Chancellor of the Blinn College District

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APPENDIX 1

Individuals Designated to Maintain This Agreement

1. BLINN designates the following individual as the person responsible for maintaining this agreement. This designee shall contact the A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS designee no later than May 15 each year during the period for which this articulation agreement is in force for the purpose of carrying out the terms listed in other parts of this agreement.

Max Hibbs
Blinn College
Academic Dean
Division of Mathematics, Business, Engineering and Technology
2423 Blinn Blvd. Bryan, TX 77802
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2. A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS designates the following individual as the person responsible for maintaining this agreement. This designee shall be in contact with the BLINN designee no later than May 15 each year for the purpose of carrying out the terms listed in other parts of this agreement.

Clifton Jones
Executive Director, Enrollment Management
Texas A&M University – Central Texas
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APPENDIX 2

Degree and Certificate Programs

The following BLINN degree and certificate programs are covered by this agreement:

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration and Management (Effective 9/1/2015)

Transfer of Courses

Core Courses

Core coursework will be transferred from BLINN and applied toward A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS's core requirements in accordance with the relevant rules set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In cases where there is not an equivalent course at A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS, the course will be transferred as a general transfer course and applied to the relevant core requirement.

Workforce Education Courses (WECM)

Workforce education courses (WECM) will be transferred according to this agreement and applied to the area of occupational specialization. This does not include continuing education courses. In most cases, students will receive up to 30 hours credit for WECM coursework.

Recommended Coursework for AAS Business Administration & Management to BAAS Business Management

The Bachelor of Arts and Applied Science in Business Management (BAAS) requires specific courses for degree completion. Students completing the following courses as part of their BLINN coursework for the AAS Business Administration and Management will be eligible to apply 57 semester credit hours towards their BAAS at A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS:

Blinn College – AAS Business Administration & Management Requirement	Recommended Course(s)	A&M-Central Texas BAAS Business Management Requirement Met
3 SCH - ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	3 SCH - ENGL 010 – Communications
3-4 SCH - MATH X3XX or X4XX	MATH 1314 or 1324 preferred; may also take MATH 1316, 1325, 1332, 1333, 1342, 1414, 2412, 2413	3-SCH -- 020 - Mathematics Selection
3 SCH - Any Humanities or Fine Arts Course Listed	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; PHIL 1301, 2306; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2361, 2362, 2366; MUSI 1301, 1306, 1308, 1310	3 SCH - 040 – Language, Philosophy, and Culture Selection, or 050 – Creative Arts Selection (depends on course selected)
3 SCH - GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2305	GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2305	3 SCH - GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2305 (depends on course selected)
3 SCH - Any Business, Accounting, Economics, or Real Estate Elective (XXXX X3XX)	ECON 2301	3 SCH – ECON 2301 080 – Social and Behavioral Sciences
3 SCH - Any Business, Accounting, Economics, or Real Estate Elective (XXXX X3XX)	ECON 2302	3 SCH – ECON 2302 090 – Component Option
3 SCH - SPCH X3XX	SPCH 1321 preferred, may also take SPCH 1311, 1315	3 SCH – SPCH 1321, 1311, or 1315 090 – Component Option
3 SCH – Any Business, Accounting, Economic, or Real Estate Elective (XXXX X3XX)	ACCT 2301	3 SCH ACCT 2301
3 SCH – Any Business, Accounting, Economic, or Real Estate Elective (XXXX X3XX)	ACCT 2302	3 SCH – ACCT 2302

3 SCH - ACNT 1303	ACNT 1303	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM)
3 SCH - ACNT 1313	ACNT 1313	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM)
3 SCH - BMGT 2305	BMGT 2305	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM)
3 SCH - BUSG 2309	BUSG 2309	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM)
3 SCH - BMGT 2388	BMGT 2388	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM)
3 SCH - BUSI 1301	BUSI 1301	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (Academic)
3 SCH - BUSI 1307	BUSI 1307	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (Academic)
3-4 SCH - BCIS X3XX or BCIS 1420 or COSC X4XX	BCIS 1305 preferred; may also take BCIS X3XX	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (Academic)
3 SCH - Any Business, Accounting, Economics, or Real Estate Elective	ACCT, ACNT, BMGT, BUSA, BUSG, BUSI, ECON, HRPO, IBUS, IMED, MRKG, HAMG, or RELE	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM or Academic)
3 SCH - Any Business, Accounting, Economics, or Real Estate Elective	ACCT, ACNT, BMGT, BUSA, BUSG, BUSI, ECON, HRPO, IBUS, IMED, MRKG, HAMG, or RELE	3 SCH - Occupational Specialization (WECM or Academic)

Please note a student may also transfer BUSI 2301 as a substitution for BUSI 3332, but an additional advanced elective will be required to fulfill degree requirements.

Additional lower-division courses required for the BAAS and may be completed at BLINN include:

- ENGL 1302 - Composition II - 3 credit hours
- 030 Life and Physical Science Core - 6 credit hours
- 040 Language, Philosophy, & Culture core selection or 050 Creative Arts core selection - 3 credit hours
 - Selection should be in core component area not fulfilled by selection in above course listing.
- HIST 1301 - United States History I
- HIST 1302 - United States History II
- GOVT 2305 or 2306 - Federal or Texas Government - 3 credit hours
 - Selection should be the other course not completed in government requirement in above course listing.

The additional lower-division courses listed may be taken through concurrent enrollment or prior to enrollment with A&M-CENTRAL TEXAS.

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