



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
IRMA LERMA RANGEL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

and

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Overview

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, on behalf of the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy (“HSC-COP” herein), a member of The Texas A&M University System, and South Texas College (“STC” herein), both agencies of the State of Texas, are pleased to confirm and sustain a positive and mutually beneficial working relationship. The educational needs of the students in the common service region create the need to be responsive to our students and to expand our existing relationship.

This program is effective beginning **December 1, 2009**.

Section 1 – Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) summarizes agreements between the HSC-COP and STC to cooperatively promote successful educational experiences for students who attend STC and who may be accepted and attend the HSC-COP. The institutions are entering into this agreement to better serve students and to mutually benefit the institutions. The major purposes of this agreement are to:

- Establish and maintain academic program articulation.
- Promote the success of students who may apply for admission to the HSC-COP
- Facilitate access to professional education in the region by providing acceptable course credit equivalencies.

Section 2 – General Program Obligations

The following sections indicate the respective program obligations of the HSC-COP and STC.

Non-Academic Program Consortium Agreements:

The institutions will exchange student information within legal limitations (i.e., in accordance with FERPA) to facilitate this agreement.

Provisions for Agreement Implementation, Maintenance and Revision:

A person shall be designated at each campus to oversee implementation of this agreement and to review the agreement annually.

Reverse Transfer Program:

There is no reverse transfer HSC-COP credit agreement to complete STC course equivalencies or an associate degree.

Term, Renewal and Termination of Agreement:

The term of this Agreement is for five (5) years and may be renewed upon the same terms and conditions, so long as the initial term and any subsequent renewal period do not exceed five (5) years. This Agreement may be amended by mutual

written agreement upon service of written notice to the other party 90 days prior to the date of termination. In this event, the date of termination will be the day after the end of the semester during which the 90 day period expires.

Severability:

If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining portions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Force Majeure:

Neither party is required to perform any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement, if performance is prevented or delayed by a natural occurrence, a fire, an act of Providence, an act of terrorism, or other similar occurrence, the cause of which is not reasonably within the control of such party and which by due diligence it is unable to prevent or overcome.

Non-Waiver Provisions:

STC acknowledges that the HSC-COP is an agency of the State of Texas and nothing in this agreement will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by HSC-COP of its right to claim such exemptions, privileges, and immunities, as may be provided by law.

Notices:

Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, and shall be deemed to be delivered (whether actually received or not) when deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient at the address set out below. Notice may also be given by regular mail, personal delivery, courier delivery, facsimile transmission, email or other commercially reasonable means and will be effective when actually received. HSC-COP and STC can change their respective notice address by sending to the other party a notice of new address.

Notices should be addressed as follows:

HSC-COP

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Public Information Act:

It shall be the independent responsibility of HSC-COP and STC to comply with the provisions of Chapter 522, *Texas Government Code* (the “*Public Information Act*”), as those provisions apply to the parties’ respective information. STC is not authorized to receive public information requests or take any action under the *Public Information Act* on behalf of the HSC-COP. Likewise, HSC-COP is not authorized to receive public information requests or take any other action under the *Public Information Act* on behalf of STC.

Section 3 – Interview Offer Conditions and Course Listing Agreement

Attached is the list of STC pre-pharmacy courses agreed upon by both the HSC-COP and STC as equivalent courses needed for admission consideration to the HSC-COP professional program. It is understood that the following additional conditions apply:

1. Students who apply from STC with a Final Grade Point Average of 3.75, as calculated by the HSC-COP, and a valid Pharmacy College Admission Test score of 60 or above will be granted an interview for admission consideration;

2. Granting an interview of the acceptable of such STC course credit equivalencies does in no way constitute admission into HSC-COP;
3. Students who apply to the HSC-COP with credits or an associate's degree from STC must apply and meet the HSC-COP professional school admission requirements in order to attend;
4. Students who apply from STTC and who may be accepted into the HSC-COP must remain in good standing in order to continue in the professional program;
5. Students who apply from STC and who may be accepted into the HSC-COP must adhere to policies, rules, regulations, and deadlines of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the HSC-COP.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2016.

**The Texas A&M University System
Health Science Center on behalf of the
Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy**

South Texas College

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South Texas College
Proposed Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum

Associate of Science in Pre-Pharmacy

<u>Prerequisite Summer Session</u>	Cr. Hrs
COSC 1301 Microcomputer Applications	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3
Visual/Performing Arts Elective	<u>3</u>
Semester Total	9

FIRST YEAR

Fall

ENGL 1301 Composition	3
HIST 1301 United States History I	3
CHEM 1411 General Chemistry I	4
BIOL 1408 General Biology I	<u>4</u>
Semester Total	14

Spring

ENGL 1302 Composition II – Rhetoric	3
HIST 1302 United States History II	3
MATH 2413 Calculus I	4
CHEM 1412 General Chemistry II	4
BIOL 1409 General Biology II	<u>4</u>
Semester Total	18

SECOND YEAR

Fall

CHEM 2423 Organic Chemistry I	4
PHYS 2425 University Physics I	4
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking ^	3
GOVT 2301 American Government I	<u>3</u>
Semester Total	14

Spring

CHEM 2425 Organic Chemistry II	4
BIOL 2421 Microbiology	4
GOVT 2302 American Government II	3
Humanities Elective*	<u>3</u>
Semester Total	14

Total Credit Hours 69

^ Must be traditional class format.

* ENGL 2321, ENGL 2326 or ENGL 2331 must be taken to fulfill this requirement

Requirements for Associate Degree Completed

Additional Non-Curriculum Courses to Satisfy Pharmacy School Prerequisites

Recommended by the end of Fall Semester Second Year

MATH 1442 Statistics 4

BIOL 2416 Genetics 4

Recommended by end of Summer Semester Second Year (Depending upon pharmacy school acceptance)

Visual/Performing Arts Elective 3

or ECON 2301 Principles of Economics I – Macro

Total Non-Curriculum Credit Hours 11