



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY



SOUTH TEXAS
COLLEGE



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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

**Memorandum of Understanding
Texas Tech/South Texas College Pathway Partnership**

In order to increase the number of Texas residents completing a bachelor's degree and to help the State of Texas reach the goals set put in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's report *Closing the Gaps*, Texas Tech University (TTU), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and South Texas College have agreed to participate in the Pathway Partnership.

As component of transfer initiatives at the TTU System, this Pathway Partnership provides a wide range of services and activities for South Texas College students designed to increase awareness about the educational opportunities available at TTU or TTUHSC; encourage currently enrolled transfer students at TTU and TTUHSC to complete their associate's degree; introduce students to the TTU and TTUHSC campuses; and ensure a smooth transfer process.

TTU and South Texas College agree that the Pathway Initiatives shall include the following:

1. The Division of Enrollment Management at TTU will provide admissions counseling and enrollment information to South Texas College students interested in transferring to Texas Tech. South Texas College agrees to provide TTU with names, mailing addresses and e-mail address (when available) of prospective transfer students enrolled at South Texas College.
2. TTU agrees to provide communication regarding TTU admission policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to the person(s) South Texas College designates as the Pathway Initiative representative(s). Additionally, South Texas College agrees to provide transfer counselor contact information to TTU and to update this information as changes occur.
3. A representative from the Office of Admissions will have a presence on the South Texas College campus in a manner agreed upon between the Office of Admissions and the person(s) responsible for coordinating campus visits at South Texas College. South Texas College agrees to assist in the planning, facilitating and advertising of at least one student (TTU will provide the information and TTU admissions counselor).
4. Each fall and spring semester, the Division of Enrollment Management will sponsor a visitation program for South Texas College students interested in transferring to TTU. TTU and Pathway Initiative Coordinator agree to:
 - a. Contact South Texas College with information needed to advertise and inform potential transfer students of each event.South Texas College agrees to:
 - b. Coordinate visitation trips to TTU and underwrite the cost and transportation to and from these events,
 - c. Advertise, promote and facilitate such events.
5. To facilitate South Texas College's ability to offer "retroactive associate's degrees," the Office of the Registrar at TTU will develop a plan whereby transcript information for students who transferred to TTU prior to earning an associate's degree may be reported back to South Texas College. Reporting of students will begin as soon as an addendum to this MOU is agreed upon and signed by the registrars of South Texas College and TTU providing the individual student has provided consent at the time of application.
6. The Division of Enrollment Management will promote the seamless transfer of students to TTU by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for South Texas College course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at your college.
7. South Texas College will promote communications about Pathway Initiatives with its faculty, staff and students.

8. TTU encourages the development of articulation agreements. All agreements should be on file in the TTU Office of the Provost. South Texas College agrees to initiate articulation agreement discussions when deemed necessary.
9. The Office of the Provost at TTU will work with the leadership of South Texas College to identify distance education courses that would benefit students in the service area of South Texas College.
10. Each fall, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management will report the academic performance of South Texas College students at TTU to president of South Texas College.
11. This agreement and partnership shall begin upon execution of this agreement and continue indefinitely. As needed, representatives of the institutions will review, and where appropriate, modify this agreement.
12. This agreement and partnership may be terminated by either party by written notice of termination.

TTUHUSC and South Texas College agree that the Pathway Initiatives shall include the following:

1. TTUHSC will provide admissions counseling and enrollment information to South Texas College students interested in transferring to TTUHSC. South Texas College agrees to provide TTUHSC with names, mailing addresses and e-mail address (when available) of prospective transfer students enrolled at South Texas College.
2. TTUHSC agrees to provide communication regarding TTUHSC admission policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to the person(s) you designate as the Pathway Initiative representative(s). Additionally, South Texas College agrees to provide transfer counselor contact information to TTUHSC and to update this information as changes occur.
3. TTUHSC will promote the seamless transfer of students to TTUHSC by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for South Texas College course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at your college.
4. South Texas College will promote communication about Pathway Initiatives with its faculty, staff and students.
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