

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY
AND
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

This AGREEMENT, effective the 12th of December, 2016, is between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (“UTRGV”), a component institution of The University of Texas System, and South Texas College (“STC”), a College having its principal office in McAllen, Texas.

WHEREAS, UTRGV and STC desire to implement an Articulation to provide students enrolled at STC with an opportunity to smoothly transition to and further their educational opportunity at UTRGV.

WHEREAS, successful completion of an academic associate degree at STC is an indicator to UTRGV that the student has completed the appropriate courses, received the necessary instructions and preparation, and that similar knowledge, skills, and student learning outcomes can be expected, enabling the student’s progression to the upper division course sequence or requirement at UTRGV,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 Term

This agreement shall be effective for two years from the date of its executive or upon revisions mandated by state requirements. The agreement may be renewed upon the mutual written approval of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and South Texas College.

2.0 Courses of Study

UTRGV’s Department of Social Work will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate of Arts in Social Work (AA - SOCW) from STC and is admitted to UTRGV.

- The total number of transfer hours will be capped at 60 (sixty) semester hours. The maximum number of lower division sociology courses will be capped at 18 semester hours.
- All STC courses transferred to UTRGV shall be part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- For the STC Associate of Arts in Social Work, students will be required to take the following six courses (18 hours), all part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* and *Texas Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These STC courses will transfer to the UTRGV Bachelor of Social Work degree as follows:

STC

SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work

SOCW 2362 Social Welfare as a Social Institution

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

SOCI 1306 Social Problems

UTRGV

SOCW 2361 Introduction to the Social
Work Profession

SOCW 2362 The Social Welfare Institution

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

SOCI 1323 Social problems (free elective)

- For the STC Associate of Arts in Social Work, students are required to take the following course (3 hours) as their Social and Behavioral Sciences elective of the Core Curriculum. This course is part of the *Lower Division Academic*

Course Guide Manual and Texas Academic Course Guide Manual issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This STC courses will transfer to the UTRGV Bachelor of Social Work as below:

STC
SOCI 2301 Marriage and the Family

UTRGV
lower division free elective

- 2.1 In accordance with Sec 61.822 of the Texas Education Code, a student who successfully completes courses in the STC core curriculum will receive academic credit at UTRGV for each of the core courses transferred. If the entire STC core curriculum is completed, the STC core curriculum will substitute for the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(c) of the Texas Education Code. If the STC core curriculum is not completed, a student will receive credit for those core courses taken but may be required to take additional courses to satisfy the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(d) of the Texas Education Code.
- 2.2 Transfer students must apply for admission and meet requirements to UTRGV and the Bachelor of Social Work. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts in Social Work at STC prior to completion of their first semester of study at UTRGV. STC and UTRGV faculty will work with students to help promote the completion of the Associates degree in a timely fashion.
- 2.3 This Articulation Agreement will be published and provided as a transfer guide during academic advisement at both institutions.

3.0 Designated Liaison

Each institution designates the following officials to serve as its liaison to coordinate and facilitate activities under this Articulation Agreement and to address any concerns or disputes that may arise relating to the terms and conditions of this Articulation Agreement.

South Texas College:
James Blair
Department Chair
Department of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:
Dr. Sudershan Pasupuleti
Department Chair
Department of Social Work

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on December 12, 2016.

APPROVED:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

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