

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

FOR A TRANSFER PROGRAM BETWEEN

Miami-Dade Community College

and

The University of Texas–Pan American

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This agreement establishes an Engineering Transfer Program in which an undergraduate student will attain an Associate in Arts (AA) degree in pre-engineering from Miami-Dade Community College (MDCC) and then transfer to an engineering program at the University of Texas–Pan American (hereinafter referred to as UTPA). After completing the academic requirements of the two participating institutions, the students will have earned an AA degree in pre-engineering from MDCC and a Bachelor's of Science degree in engineering from UTPA. Students participating in this program may seek a degree from any engineering degree-granting program at UTPA.

§ 1. Program of Study

§ 1.1 Participating students shall complete at MDCC

- an AA degree in pre-engineering
- all the specified courses in the Appendix.

§ 1.2 Participating students will be required to complete at UTPA a program of study, which equals approximately the number of hours required in the junior and senior years of the degree program being sought.

The total program shall satisfy all requirements for the degrees sought at MDCC and UTPA.

§2. Admission and Readmission

§2.1 MDCC is an open-admissions institution that assesses the holders of a high school diploma (or equivalent) wishing to enter this program and places them into courses on the basis of their academic background and/or demonstrated experience in specific courses. Applicants may be required to participate in the MDCC assessment program.

To be admitted to UTPA in this program a student must

complete the program of study in §1.1. Submit application materials for evaluation by the Office of Undergraduate Studies at UTPA and obtain a positive recommendation from the Director of the School of Design Technology at MDCC.

- attain a minimum overall Grade Point Average of 3.0 and a Grade Point Average of 3.0 in the math, science, and engineering courses specified in the Appendix.

§3. Program Management and Reporting

§3.1 So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, UTPA and MDCC agree to develop, maintain, and improve continuously a program management and reporting system.

Each institution will

- appoint a program coordinator to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the program.
- list the program in the appropriate publications and Web-sites of the institution.
- exchange regularly updated copies of their general catalogs and any other publications which may be helpful in advising students.
- provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relate to the preparation of participating students, and
- provide any other information that UTPA and MDCC believe helpful to monitor and assure the academic success of participating students.

MDCC will

- identify prospective interested student candidates as early as possible and provide a list of those students to UTPA at the beginning of each academic year.
- provide UTPA admission requirement information to all prospective MDCC-UTPA transfer students.

UTPA will

- provide reports to MDCC at the end of each term that includes the record of grades of MDCC transfer students that matriculate at UTPA and the list of transfer students who are graduating.
- provide the details of this agreement, through its Office of Undergraduate Studies to any high school applicant who applied to UTPA yet could not meet the admissions standards at the time of his/her application.
- provide MDCC with the names and addresses of all Florida high school applicants who applied to UTPA and were denied admission. The list must be provided in a timely manner that would enable MDCC to actively recruit these students for the immediate upcoming academic year.
- offer at least two full scholarships a year for students with high academic achievements who are transferring from MDCC to UTPA. The full scholarships will cover tuition, room, board, and

textbooks. Students who wish to be considered for this scholarship must apply for financial assistance.

§3.5 The program coordinators from each institution will assess the program annually in collaboration with participating faculty, advisors, and students so as to continuously improve the program. A report of the assessment and recommendations for improvement will be provided to the Dean of Engineering, the Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies at UTPA, and the Director of the School of Design Technology at MDCC.

§4. Termination/Modification

§4.1 This Articulation Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the parties hereto. It is understood and agreed, however, that this Articulation Agreement may be modified unilaterally by UTPA as may be necessary to bring it within the purview of and in accord with the directives of the Chancellor of the University of Texas System of the State of Texas, the Statutes of UTPA, or the policies of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

§4.2 This Articulation Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least one year in advance of such termination date. In the event that no students from MDCC are admitted to UTPA for five consecutive academic years, this Articulation Agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the fifth year. However, in either case, it is understood and agreed that any student participating in the MDCC engineering program specifically tracked for admission to UTPA or already admitted to UTPA due to this agreement will be allowed to complete the program notwithstanding the termination provisions above, so long as the student remains in good academic standing and is making measured progress towards completion of a degree program.

Signatures of Responsible Authorities At The Cooperating Institutions:

MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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for security

Eduardo J. Padron
College President

4/26/01
Date

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS- PAN AMERICAN

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Miguel A. Nevárez
President

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