

**Articulation and Transfer Agreement Between
Trinity Valley Community College
And
Texas A&M University-Commerce**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to maximize the resources available through Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) and Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) to create a seamless transfer process, support concurrent enrollment when appropriate, and assist students to complete their degree objectives.

General Areas of Agreement:

This agreement shall include the following:

- ▶ Transfer planning and course equivalency guides
- ▶ Shared databases and recruiting efforts
- ▶ Coordination of financial aid opportunities

This agreement recognizes the fact that transfer by 21st century Texas college students is not a one-time event, but is often a complex process involving co-enrollment, distance learning, and multiple course transfer and articulation of credits.

Terms and Conditions:

In order to establish and improve the transfer process for our mutual students, we agree to the following:

A&M-Commerce and TVCC jointly develop on-line transfer planning guides and course equivalency guides utilizing both A&M-Commerce and TVCC course numbers (the state's common course numbering system) for selected majors offered at A&M-Commerce. By creating these on-line guides, A&M-Commerce and TVCC assure students that courses listed in these guides are freely transferable between A&M-Commerce and TVCC.

TVCC students who follow the recommended program of study and who meet all other admission requirements shall be eligible for admission to A&M-Commerce. Transfer students must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to major degree sequence as a native A&M-Commerce student. A&M-Commerce encourages community college transfer students to complete the Core Curriculum and/or the appropriate Associate's Degree at TVCC.

Texas A&M University-Commerce recognizes TVCC's Core Curriculum as equivalent to the University's Core Curriculum and will not require any additional courses in the Core Curriculum for a student who is "Core Complete" at the time of transfer. Students who are twelve hours (or less) away from completing TVCC's Core Curriculum at the time of transfer will be allowed to take those courses (required by TVCC's Core Curriculum) at A&M-Commerce in order to satisfy both TVCC's and A&M-Commerce's Core Curriculum requirements. Students who do this will also be considered Core Complete by A&M-Commerce.

Representatives from A&M-Commerce and TVCC will meet or make contact twice each year to exchange course catalogs and update course equivalencies, transfer planning guides, and transfer admission information to be used the subsequent academic year.

A&M-Commerce and TVCC academic administrators will meet to discuss partnerships between individual academic departments and academic degree programs when necessary. When partnerships are formed, the A&M-Commerce and TVCC administrators will develop a separate articulation and transfer agreement form and organize an official signing through the Office of the Provost at A&M-Commerce and representatives from TVCC.

A&M-Commerce will work closely with the TVCC students to inform them of scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Both A&M-Commerce and TVCC will seek to publicize successful collaborations and partnerships and any results of the initiatives listed in this agreement.

In return, A&M-Commerce will provide to TVCC, in May each year, a data file of applicants who were not accepted to A&M-Commerce, to encourage enrollment at TVCC until such time as they can be accepted into A&M-Commerce.

TVCC will broadly publicize on campus visits of A&M-Commerce recruiters with at least two planned visits each semester and prominently display all A&M-Commerce posters and literature.

A&M-Commerce and TVCC will seek to provide joint higher education information seminars.

Both Financial Aid offices will seek to coordinate Financial Aid for concurrently/co-enrolled students.

If A&M-Commerce wants to hold a "College Night" event in Athens, Terrell, or Palestine, TVCC will provide, free of charge, an on-campus facility for the event. Publicity for the event must include language about transfer to A&M-Commerce.

Any press release related to any part of this agreement must be approved by both institutions.

Agreement Continuation and Dissolution:

This agreement will be reviewed every two years, or any time changes are to be made, by A&M-Commerce or TVCC. The A&M-Commerce President and the TVCC President, or their designees, must approve amendments to this agreement. This agreement is effective upon signing by the involved parties, and each is free to publicize this partnership in a manner consistent with the agreement. This articulation agreement shall remain effective until one, or both, institutions deem it necessary to terminate it in writing.

Dispute Resolution:

The dispute resolution process provided in chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to chapter 2260, shall be used by A&M-Commerce and TVCC to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by either party that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The parties shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the

representative undersigned party, who shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with the other respective party in an effort to resolve the claim.

Governing Law and Venue:

This agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas. Pursuant to Section 85.18, *Texas Education Code*, venue for any suit filed against A&M-Commerce shall be in the county in which the primary office of the chief executive officer of A&M-Commerce is located. At the time of this Agreement, such county is Hunt County, Texas.

Notice and Requests:

All notices, requests and other communication required shall be done in writing and delivered to:

Trinity Valley Community College

Dr. Glendon Forgey
100 Cardinal Drive
Athens, TX 75751

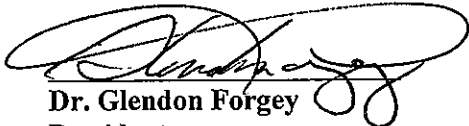
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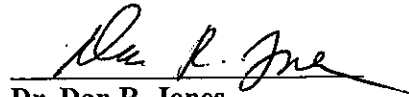
Dr. Dan R. Jones, President
2008 University Drive
Commerce, TX 75429

The parties hereto certify that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and that covenants contained herein are within their respective statutory authority to fulfill. The undersigned parties bind themselves to the faithful performance of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement on April 5, 2011.

SIGNATURES:


Dr. Glendon Forgey
President
Trinity Valley Community College


Dr. Dan R. Jones
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce