

## Student Access and Success Partnership

Between

Amarillo College

And

Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering  
Texas Tech University

- A. 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 out in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's report *Closing the Gaps*, the Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering at Texas Tech University and Amarillo College have agreed to participate in the Student Access and Success Partnership agreement.
- B. The purpose of this partnership is to provide opportunities for students to continue an engineering transfer curriculum from Amarillo College to the completion of a Bachelor's degree curriculum in Chemical, Civil, Construction, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, or Petroleum Engineering at Texas Tech University. Amarillo College and Texas Tech University will encourage students to complete an entire Engineering Transfer Curriculum at Amarillo College before transferring to Texas Tech University. Joint Amarillo College and Texas Tech engineering transfer and Bachelor's degree curricula are described in the attached addendum.
- C. Amarillo College students who transfer to Texas Tech University are eligible to receive degree credit for the courses listed in the attached addendum under the terms of this agreement. Although not covered by this agreement, transfer of additional coursework is possible. Texas Tech University will accept Amarillo College students' transferable core curriculum and other lower division Amarillo College courses within the Texas common course numbering system.
- D. Amarillo College students meeting the Texas Tech University *assured admission standards* for transfer students are guaranteed admission to the Whitacre College of Engineering. The assured admission requirements are:
  1. Complete 12 to 23 semester hours of transferable college work beyond high school graduation and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA;
  2. Complete 24 or more semester hours of transferable college work beyond high school graduation and have a 2.25 cumulative GPA;
  3. If transferring with fewer than 12 transferable completed hours, applicants must meet the same standards for assured admission as required of new freshmen entering from high school and have a minimum 2.0 transferable GPA in work completed.
- E. Amarillo College agrees to:
  1. Promote the seamless transfer of students to Texas Tech University by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for Amarillo College course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at Amarillo College.
  2. Within legal guidelines, provide information about prospective transfer students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship and other financial aid opportunities and the potential to satisfy Associate and Bachelor's degree requirements by transferring course work between both institutions.
  3. Provide a link to Texas Tech University on the Amarillo College website;

- F. Texas Tech University agrees to:
1. Promote the seamless transfer of students to Texas Tech University by ensuring that Amarillo College course equivalency evaluations are current and readily available to students and academic advisors at Amarillo College;
  2. Develop a process whereby transcript information from Texas Tech University will be reported back to Amarillo College to allow for the awarding of "Reverse Articulated" associate degree(s);
  3. Provide communication regarding admissions policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to Amarillo College;
  4. Provide a link to Amarillo College on the Whitacre College of Engineering website;
- G. This agreement:
1. Shall commence when it has been signed by the appropriate administrator of both institutions;
  2. Shall continue until such time as either or both institutions wish to terminate it. In the event this agreement is terminated, both institutions agree to make completion provisions for individual students participating in the program at the time of termination;
  3. As needed, representatives of the institutions will review and, where appropriate, modify this agreement.

Agreement completed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by

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Interim Dean, Whitacre College of Engineering  
Texas Tech University

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President, Amarillo College