

Memorandum of Understanding Texas Tech/Midland 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 out in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's report *Closing the Gaps*, Texas Tech University (TTU), Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and Midland College (MC) have agreed to participate in the Pathway Partnership.

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

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

1. The Division of Enrollment Management at TTU and the Office of Student Services at Midland College will provide admissions counseling and enrollment information to Midland College students interested in transferring to Texas Tech. Midland College agrees to provide TTU with names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses (when available) of prospective transfer students enrolled at Midland College.
2. TTU will assure admission for students successfully completing the Texas Tech/Midland College Pathway Program.¹ As a Texas Tech/Midland College Pathway Program participant, students commit to completing their freshman and sophomore years at Midland College and their junior and senior years at TTU/TTUHSC.
3. TTU agrees to refer to Midland College those students from the Midland College service area who do not meet the TTU admission standards. These students will be encouraged to participate in the Pathway Program at Midland College prior to attending TTU.
4. Midland College reserves the right to drop any student from participation in the Pathway Program. Reasons that will result in a student being dropped include, but are not limited to the following: not meeting Midland College academic standards, disciplinary action, and not completing the minimum number of hours at Midland College.
5. The TTU Director of Financial Aid will work with the Midland College Director of Financial Aid to ensure that all paperwork and processing will be completed for a seamless transfer of financial aid eligibility.
6. TTU agrees to provide communication regarding TTU admissions policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to the person(s) Midland College designates as the Pathway Initiative representative(s). Additionally, Midland College agrees to provide transfer counselor contact information to TTU and to update this information as changes occur.
7. A representative from the Office of Admissions will have a presence on the Midland College campus in a manner agreed upon between the Office of Admissions and the

¹ Students must meet current admission requirements prescribed by TTU.

person(s) responsible for coordinating campus visits at Midland College. Midland College agrees to assist in the planning, facilitating and advertising of at least one student recruitment event on their campus each academic year for prospective transfer students (TTU will provide the information and TTU admissions counselors).

8. Each fall and spring semester, the Division of Enrollment Management will sponsor a visitation program for Midland College students interested in transferring to TTU. TTU and the Pathway Initiatives Coordinator agree to:
 1. Contact Midland College with information needed to advertise and inform potential transfer students of each event.
 Midland College agrees to:
 2. Coordinate visitation trips to TTU through the Midland College Student Activities Office and underwrite the cost of transportation to and from these events,
 3. Advertise, promote and facilitate such events.
9. To facilitate Midland 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 Midland College. Reporting of students will begin as soon as an addendum to this MOU is agreed upon and signed by the registrars of Midland College and TTU providing the individual student has provided consent at the time of application. Midland College reserves the right to require satisfactory completion of a minimum of 30 hours at Midland College to confer a retroactive associate's degree.
10. The Division of Enrollment Management will promote the seamless transfer of students to TTU by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for Midland College course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at your college. Midland College agrees to maintain and submit all official records when the student is ready to apply to TTU.
11. Midland College will promote communication about Pathway Initiatives with its faculty, staff and students.
12. TTU encourages the development of articulation agreements. All agreements should be on file in the TTU Office of the Provost. Midland College agrees to initiate articulation agreement discussions through the Office of the Associate Vice President of Instruction when deemed necessary.
13. The Office of the Provost at TTU will work with the Office of the Associate Vice President of Instruction and Information Technology at Midland College to identify distance education courses that would benefit students in the service area of Midland College. These offices will determine the logistics for TTU upper level courses that could be offered on the Midland College campus through distance learning technology.
14. The Division of Information Technology at TTU will develop a plan to extend Web services for Midland College students to facilitate the transfer to TTU.
15. Each fall, the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management will report the academic performance of Midland College students at TTU to the president of Midland College.
16. 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.

17. This agreement and partnership may be terminated by either party by written notice of termination.

TTUHSC and Midland College agree that the Pathway Initiatives shall include the following:

1. TTUHSC will provide admissions counseling and enrollment information to Midland College students interested in transferring to TTUHSC. Midland College agrees to provide TTUHSC with names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses (when available) of prospective transfer students enrolled at Midland College.
2. Midland College reserves the right to drop any student from participation in the Pathway Program. Reasons that will result in a student being dropped include, but are not limited to the following: not meeting Midland College academic standards, disciplinary action, and not completing the minimum number of hours at Midland College.
3. TTUHSC agrees to provide communication regarding TTUHSC admissions policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to the person(s) you designate as your Pathway Initiative representative(s). Additionally, Midland College agrees to provide transfer counselor contact information to TTUHSC and to update this information as changes occur.
4. TTUHSC will promote the seamless transfer of students to TTUHSC by ensuring that information on the transfer equivalency for Midland College course(s) is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at your college. Midland College agrees to maintain and submit all official records when the student is ready to apply to TTUHSC.
5. Midland College will promote communication about Pathway Initiatives with its faculty, staff and students.
6. In conjunction with the Division of Information Technology at TTU, TTUHSC will develop a plan to extend Web services for Midland College students to facilitate the transfer to TTUHSC.
7. This agreement and partnership shall begin upon execution of this agreement and continue indefinitely. As needed, representatives of the two institutions will review and, where appropriate, modify this agreement.
8. This agreement and partnership may be terminated by either party by written notice of termination.

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