



Memorandum of Understanding Between Coastal Bend College and The University of Texas Permian Basin August 06, 2021

Coastal Bend College (CBC) and The University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB) are two public institutions with distinct missions, yet shared responsibilities to Texas for student success. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement facilitating student success through seamless transfer; it creates a framework so that students and their advisor's know-how courses will transfer between the two higher education institutions. CBC and UTPB agree to the following transfer guidelines.

Texas Core Completion

In accordance with the rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), students who have successfully completed the approved 42 semester credit hour Texas Core Curriculum at CBC will have satisfied the Texas Core Curriculum at UTPB. A student will receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and will not be required to take additional courses at UTPB to meet the Texas Core Curriculum requirements.

A student who transfers from CBC to UTPB without completing the CBC Core Curriculum shall receive credit from UTPB for each of the CBC courses that the student has successfully completed in the CBC Core Curriculum.

Degree programs at UTPB may require certain core courses that are also part of their degree requirements. Unless otherwise noted in an articulation agreement, students will need to complete these courses.

Transfer Admissions

Students who have successfully completed 24 semester credit hours and have a 2.0 grade-point average or above, or who have earned an academic associate degree (AA, AS, AAT), will be automatically accepted to UTPB upon completion of the Apply Texas application and receipt of their official CBC transcript(s) by UTPB. Students, however, are strongly encouraged to complete their associate degree at CBC. Students transferring to UTPB from CBC must also consider and fulfil the required grade-point average necessary to be accepted into a UTPB program of study.

Texas Academic Course Guide

UTPB will accept all CBC credits for courses in the THECB's Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) for the equivalent courses at UTPB. All CBC courses in the ACGM will

be accepted by UTPB. When UTPB does not have an equivalent course, the applicability of a particular CBC course to a particular UTPB degree will be determined by UTPB based on course content and the role of the course within the degree. For a UTPB degree program, only those courses listed in a corresponding Field of Study, as approved by the THECB, will be accepted as upper level courses.

Catalog Date Determining Graduation Requirement

A student who has been continuously enrolled at CBC, and has been following the lower-division curriculum in the current catalog at that time for UTPB, will have the option to continue following that same catalog upon transfer to UTPB. The student will not be required to move to the catalog associated with the transfer date, but will have that option if it reduces graduation time.

Continued Work on Articulation

As UTPB curricula are developed, UTPB will work to clearly articulate the course and learning outcomes as expected of students during the first two years. When a curriculum includes courses not in the ACGM, UTPB will work with CBC on program-specific articulations for seamless transfer. All program-specific articulations will be designed to facilitate student transfer, in accordance with the THECB rules and guidelines, and following a 2+2 undergraduate program(s) approach as appropriate. UTPB will also develop pathways for CBC students following a 4+1 graduate program(s) approach as appropriate.

Reverse Transfer

The Registrar's staff at UTPB and CBC will work together to facilitate the transfer of credits earned at UTPB to CBC for students who transfer from CBC to UTPB before completing the associate degree requirements. This process will occur between CBC and UTPB on a regular basis for students who meet the criteria and provide authorization (consent) for reverse transfer via the Entering Freshman or Transfer Apply Texas application and will require no other student action to trigger the transfer of credits. Credits will be reviewed at CBC on a regular basis so that associate degrees that have been completed via transfer can be awarded to students.

Questions Arising from this MOU

Any questions on how this MOU is interpreted or implemented should be addressed by the CBC Provost and UTPB Provost, or their designees. The two institutions agree to work cooperatively to address such issues.

This MOU is effective as of the last date it is signed by the presidents of the institutions and remains effective for a period of 3 academic years, unless one institution's president provides written notice to the other requesting to terminate the MOU before the effective end date.

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