

**EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE and TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY**

An Articulation and Instructional Services Agreement

**A Dual Enrollment Dental Hygiene Education Program**

May 15, 2017

**Articulation and Instructional Services Agreement between  
El Paso Community College and Texas Woman's University in regard to the  
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene  
(BSDH)**

This Articulation and Instructional Services Agreement describes various aspects of a dual program to be implemented by the contracting participants: Texas Woman's University College Health Sciences and El Paso Community College.

**1. Purpose of Agreement**

Texas Woman's University College of Health Sciences, herein referred to as "TWU" Denton, Texas, and El Paso Community, herein after referred to as "EPCC", El Paso, Texas, share a common interest in expanding the availability of quality higher education to all students of dental hygiene. Both entities agree to cooperate in furthering this objective to the mutual benefit of their students.

TWU offers a baccalaureate program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene; and El Paso Community College provides a two-year instructional program leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. El Paso Community College serves a specific region of the state where the need is high for access to oral healthcare and for well-educated dental hygiene professionals. A dual academic arrangement would promote student retention and timely graduation in a cost and time effective manner as emphasized by the State of Texas.

This Articulation and Instructional Services Agreement provides guidelines and outlines areas of responsibility that allows students to enroll in pursuit of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Dental Hygiene at El Paso Community College as they simultaneously pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) from Texas Woman's University (TWU).

**2. Terms**

The parties to this agreement, TWU and El Paso Community College, agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein:

**A. General**

1. TWU and EPCC will each designate an individual who will be responsible for the maintenance of this articulation and instructional agreement and sharing of information on the BSDH and AAS degrees, new courses added to the degree program, transcript evaluation, and other projects needed.
2. The names of the designated persons are contained in Appendix 1. Any change to Appendix 1 shall not require renegotiating this agreement, and any such change made by one institution shall be communicated in writing to the other.

3. To be eligible for the program, students must meet dental hygiene admission requirements set out by both institutions.

**B. COMMUNITY College agrees to:**

1. Promote the dual dental hygiene programs in appropriate publications such as but not limited to the EPCC Catalog and the EPCC Dental Hygiene web page.
2. Designate an individual within the EPCC Dental Hygiene Program to serve as a liaison for students interested in pursuing the Bachelor of Science with a major in Dental Hygiene from the University.

**C. Texas Woman's University agrees to:**

1. Establish a mechanism for concurrent admission of dental hygiene students from EPCC into TWU and the TWU Dental Hygiene Program. The TWU Dental Hygiene Program agrees to accept students admitted to the EPCC Dental Hygiene Program who, prior to entry into the TWU Dental Hygiene Program, will have completed the EPCC core and required non-dental hygiene prerequisite courses, including the required statistics course.
2. Promote the dual dental hygiene program in appropriate publications, such as but not limited to the TWU Undergraduate Catalog and the TWU Dental Hygiene web page.

**D. Both Institutions agree to:**

1. Maintain independent accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Commission on Dental Accreditation.
2. Inaugurate a proscribed curriculum and sequence of courses as agreed by collaboration of the respective dental hygiene programs.
3. Strive to provide students with "seamless" access and to assist them in completing and transferring appropriate program/course credit from both institutions.
4. Identify an operations contact person to assist in addressing student/advising questions, and help resolve project logistical issues that may develop.
5. Confer at least on an annual basis to evaluate the success of this agreement; consider curriculum updates and any other requests for changes or proposed amendments as may be deemed necessary.
6. Share data or other pertinent information regarding students as necessary to help ensure student success.
7. Share aggregate information on student performance as may be necessary to

evaluate the success and quality of the services under this agreement.

8. Ensure that performance standards and grade expectations for student promotion are met at both institutions.
9. Require that students be in good standing, including meeting academic and ethical standards at both institutions in order to remain in the program.
10. Handle due process and appeals according to the policies at the respective institution where required.

### **3. Terms of Agreement and Termination**

1. This agreement shall be in effect for the period of August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2020 and may be extended and amended at any time in writing upon signature of authorized representatives of both institutions.
2. Amendments to programs, courses, and prerequisites will automatically revise that portion of the agreement with written notification and agreement by both parties.
3. This Agreement is subject to termination by either party upon one year written notice of a material breach to the breaching party. Alternatively, this Agreement can be terminated at any time without cause by mutual consent of the parties or be either institution upon one year written notice to the other party.
4. Those students participating in the agreement at the time of termination will have their course work honored for a period of three (3) years.

*Signatures on following page*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned contracting parties do hereby certify that the services specified above are necessary and essential for the activities that are properly within the statutory functions and programs of both COMMUNITY College and Texas Woman's University.

This agreement is in effect with these signatures.

**COMMUNITY College**

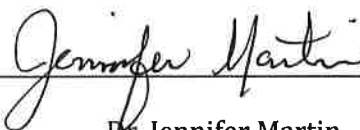
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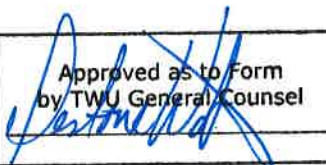
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BY: 

Dr. Jennifer Martin  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic  
Affairs

BY: 

Dr. Josh Adams  
Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate  
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Approved as to Form  
by TWU General Counsel  


## Appendix 1

### Individuals Designated to Maintain This Agreement

1. EPCC designates the following individual as the person responsible for maintaining this agreement.

Dr. Paula Mitchell

Dean, Health Career and Technical Education, Math & Science

Campus Dean, Rio Grande Campus

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2. TWU designates the following individual as the person responsible for maintaining this agreement.

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**El Paso Community College and Texas Woman's University**  
**Program-to-Program Articulation Guide**  
**2016-2017**  
**Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene**

This curriculum is designed for students currently in the Dental Hygiene Program at El Paso Community College in pursuit of an Associate of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene who wish to simultaneously pursue a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from Texas Woman's University. These courses have been designed to blend with and enhance the AAS-DH curriculum and allow decreased time necessary to the BSDH degree. **Additional Requirements** include completion of the Texas core and completion of TWU graduation requirements.

**SUGGESTED PRE-ENTRY CURRICULUM**

**First Year at AAS**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
TX CORE Life and Physical Science (30)**	3	TX CORE Life and Physical Science (30)**	3
TX CORE English I (10)	3	TX CORE English II (10)	3
TX CORE American History I (60)	3	TX CORE American History II (60)	3
TX CORE Social and Behavioral Sciences (80)***	3	TX CORE Creative Arts (50)	3
Additional hours: see DH AAS Advisor**	3	Additional hours: see DH AAS Advisor**	3

**Second Year at AAS**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
TX CORE Math *Statistics [TWU MATH 1703] (20)	3	TX CORE Institutionally Designed Option (90)	3
TX CORE U.S. Government (70)	3	TX CORE Language, Philosophy, and Culture (40)	3
TX CORE Institutionally Designed Option (90)***	3	TX CORE Texas Government (70)	3
Additional hours: see DH AAS Advisor**	3	*General Nutrition (TWU NFS 2323)	3
Additional hours: see DH AAS Advisor**	3	Additional hours: see DH AAS Advisor**	2

\*Required for program.

Courses required in AAS DH typically include: \*\*Microbiology, \*\*Anatomy and Physiology, & \*\*Chemistry (labs may be required for these sciences per institution),

\*\*\*Sociology, \*\*\*Psychology, and Speech, even if TX Core Complete: see DH AAS advisor for appropriate selections. Student should transfer up to 60 hours of prerequisite/core.

**REQUIRED ENTRY-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

Summer	Hours
AAS may/may not have required DH courses, see AAS curriculum/may need to complete hours from above	TBD

**Third Year (TWU + AAS DH Courses)**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
<b>DH 3302 Process of Care I</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>DH 3502 Process of Care II</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>DH 3311 Professionalism and Ethics</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>DH 3522 Oral Medicine I</b>	<b>2</b>
DHYG 1103 Preventive Dentistry	1	<b>DH 3543 Periodontal Disease I</b>	<b>3</b>
DHYG 1201 Orofacial Anat, Hist, & Embryology	2	<b>DH 3521 Cariology</b>	<b>1</b>
DHYG 1219 Dental Materials	2	DHYG 1235 Pharmacology for the Dental Hyg	2
DHYG 1304 Dental Radiology	3	DHYG 1261 CDH\Hygienist I	2
DHYG 1431 Preclinical Dental Hygiene	4	DHYG 2201 Dental Hygiene Care I	2

**Summer (TWU + AAS DH Courses)**

	Hours
<b>DH 4713 Applied Dental Hygiene Research</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DH 4723 General and Oral Pathology</b>	<b>3</b>
DHYG 2161 CDH\Hygienist II (1 hour upper div cred)	1

**Fourth Year (TWU + AAS DH courses)**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
<b>DH 4302 Process of Care III</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>DH 4501 Process of Care IV</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>DH 4322 Oral Medicine II</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>DH 4513 Alternative Dental Hygiene Practice</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DH 4342 Periodontal Disease II</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>DH 4533 Oral Health Worldview</b>	<b>3</b>
DHYG 2262 CDH\Hygienist III (2 hours upper div cred)	2	DHYG 2363 CDH\Hygienist IV (3 hours upper div cred)	3
DHYG 1215 Community Dentistry	2	DHYG 2102 Applied Community Dentistry	1
DHYG 2231 Dental Hygiene Care II	2	DHYG 2253 Dental Hygiene Practice	2

Total Hours in degree: 120 minimum of which 30 have to be obtained at Texas Woman's University and 36 have to be in the upper division credit courses. DHYG course will be given block credit of 31 hours; DHYG 2161, DHYG 2262 and DHYG 2363 will be given 6 hours of upper division credit.