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This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of February 29, 2012 (the "effective date"), between Arizona Western College and the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of the University of Arizona and the University of Arizona South, each sometimes individually referred to herein as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

Preface

Arizona Western College and the University of Arizona share a deep commitment to developing and promoting access and affordability for Arizona students. With a common interest in advancing student-focused, learning-centered higher education, a shared commitment to maximizing the use of learning resources, a mutual interest in encouraging and facilitating seamless transfer opportunities, and with support for the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved, Arizona Western College and the University of Arizona agree to establish an Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathway (AzTAP) as described herein.

This Agreement is intended to be an overarching, flexible and responsive mechanism for creating numerous Arizona Western College and University of Arizona AzTAPs and other collaborations. Individual program or degree AzTAPs will be attached hereto as addenda.

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Foundational to meeting the student-focused goals stated above is the development of a platform of seamless Arizona Western College and University of Arizona partnership degrees. The AzTAP is an articulated degree-to-degree transfer program that will provide a Pathway for each specific degree, as defined by each specific AzTAP, including whether the AzTAP is limited to enrollment at University of Arizona South, one of the University of Arizona or University of Arizona South learning centers and/or the University of Arizona campus.

The conditions stated below define the core components of the AzTAP assuring that graduates of Arizona Western College will be admitted to the University of Arizona/University of Arizona South with

the number and nature of Arizona Western College credit hours indicated in each specific baccalaureate degree program.

I. General Provisions

AzTAPs are based on the principles developed for AzTransfer, overseen by the Academic Program Articulation Steering Committee (APASC), and as refined by meetings of individual faculty at Arizona Western College and the University of Arizona either through Articulation Task Forces (ATFs) or independently with approval of each institution. These guidelines have been adopted by all the public and tribal post-secondary institutions in Arizona and ensure that students can transfer with the appropriate lower-division preparation from the community college to complete a baccalaureate degree at the University of Arizona or University of Arizona South. The Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) and designated transfer degrees are designed to comply with statewide guidelines and ensure university admission as defined by Arizona Board of Regents policy.

Specific AzTAPs will be reviewed in Spring of every other year by both institutions and reconfirmed or modified for the following two years, or will be modified as needed for significant changes. Specific agreements may be terminated with one year's notice at the request of either institution.

II. Student Requirements

To qualify for the AzTAP, an Arizona Western College student enrolled in the appropriate Associate of Arts, Business, Fine Arts, Science or Applied Science relevant to the particular AzTAP must:

1. Submit an Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathways (AzTAP) contract for a specific AzTAP as soon as possible but not later than the end of add/drop in the semester prior to transfer.
2. Submit an undergraduate application for admission to the University of Arizona during the application filing period for acceptance, at least one semester in advance of transfer, and otherwise qualify for admission.
3. Maintain a minimum cumulative University of Arizona recalculated GPA of 2.0 in all transferable courses or as specified in the Pathway programs described in Addenda to this Agreement.
4. Satisfactorily complete all Arizona Western College graduation requirements for the appropriate associate's degree prior to the date the student intends to transfer to the university.
5. Students who do not earn an associate's degree will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Students transferring credit back to Arizona Western College must meet the College's policy on credits completed in residence at Arizona Western College before an associate degree can be awarded.
6. Students who complete an application to the University of Arizona will be admitted if they meet the requirements in number two and three above and those described in the appropriate AzTAP.
7. At the time of transfer, a student will be a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident, or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa permitting study at the University of Arizona.

III. Role of the University

1. The University of Arizona will provide materials, catalogs and other information to Arizona Western College advisors, upon request, to help them assist students in meeting university academic program requirements.
2. The University of Arizona Outreach Coordinator at UA Yuma will recruit Arizona Western College students for transfer into University of Arizona programs by providing enrollment, financial aid and registration assistance, and will serve as the on-site liaison between Arizona Western College, Northern Arizona University-Yuma, and the University of Arizona. The UA will assist in teaching the STU 210 course to transfer students and will assist and support University of Arizona-Yuma degree programs, faculty and department heads in developing new and coordinating, sequencing, scheduling, delivering and proctoring existing courses.

IV. Role of Arizona Western College

1. Arizona Western College will provide university personnel with the opportunity to promote this Agreement by presenting materials to and speaking with Arizona Western College students.
2. Arizona Western College will also provide opportunities for university personnel to train Arizona Western College advising staff in important aspects of the transfer process to the University of Arizona.

V. Mutual Obligations

Both institutions agree that they will:

1. Provide direct links between their institutional websites noting the existence of specific AzTAPs.
2. Require that transfer literature is reviewed and updated on an annual basis as needed.
3. Work cooperatively to determine baccalaureate degree programs appropriate for the development of additional AzTAPs.
4. Work cooperatively to identify the courses and programs that will provide the best foundation for students interested in transferring to the University of Arizona. Each AzTAP, both existing and future, will be attached hereto as addenda, and will be approved by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution.
5. Designate an institutional representative for ongoing communications between the institutions specific to transfer agreements, an advising or admissions representative for ongoing communications regarding student needs, a marketing representative and a representative for data sharing. This team will meet as needed to further strengthen the relationship between Arizona Western College and the University of Arizona.
6. Comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking reasonable steps to require that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in this Agreement and to track student interest, persistence and success.

7. Form an oversight committee charged with evaluation and review of this Agreement. This committee will meet as needed.
8. Develop appropriate marketing and communication strategies for the AzTAP.
9. Mutually ensure that all articulated programs will be approved prior to marketing the programs.

VI. Arizona State Agency Provisions

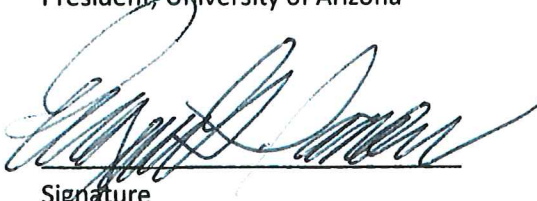
1. **Nondiscrimination.** The Parties agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.
2. **Conflict of Interest.** This Agreement is subject to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-511.
3. **State Obligation.** The Parties recognize that the availability of degree program(s) specific to an agreed-upon transfer agreement may be dependent upon the appropriation of funds by the State Legislature of Arizona. Should the Legislature fail to appropriate the necessary funds or if either Party's appropriation is reduced during the fiscal year, the Parties may cancel the transfer agreement on ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the transfer agreement.
4. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** No person or entity is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.
5. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is made under and shall be interpreted according to Arizona law.


Glenn Mayle, Ph.D.
President, Arizona Western College


Signature


Date

Eugene G. Sander, Ph.D.
President, University of Arizona


Signature


Date