

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

UTA is a fully accredited university and basic academic courses are generally transferable. However, because each university has its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student is strongly advised to check with the university which he or she plans to attend if other than UTA to determine the transferability of UTA courses.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/SERVICES:

- Are required to follow UTA policies, rules and regulations
- Are limited to two (2) UTA classes each fall, spring or summer semester while also enrolled in high school
- Are classified as undeclared majors at UTA but may change this classification following high school graduation at the time of application to UTA as a freshman;
- Will receive academic advising for course registration through the Dual Credit Academy housed in the University Advising Center
- Will be given access to the UTA library, and accorded appropriate library privileges
- Will be given the same academic support services, including academic advising and counseling, as those students on the UTA campus
- Accommodations due to presence of a disability, students are responsible for contacting the disability services office of UTA and/or GPISD as applicable. The parties will comply with all applicable accommodations provided on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Are no longer eligible to enroll in UTA coursework at dual credit tuition and fee rates once the student has graduated with a high school diploma

TUITION, FEES AND COSTS

Students will be required to submit an application fee unless they qualify for a fee waiver.

Students enrolled in UTA dual credit offerings will be charged at the dual credit tuition rate* and are responsible for regular university fees for parking, specific departmental fees, TSI testing fees (if applicable), application fees, other fees and the distance education course fee** (if applicable).

*Currently \$50.00 per credit hour. Subject to change.

**Currently 37.50 per course. Subject to change.

GPISD will incur all tuition and textbook costs throughout the duration of this MOU, unless an amendment to this MOU or a change in state regulation occurs. GPISD will incur the cost of TSI testing (if applicable).

TRANSPORTATION

GPISD shall transport GPEC students to and from all instructional sites. It is expressly agreed that all such transportation, as well as the acts and omissions of all transportation personnel are the sole and exclusive responsibility of GPISD.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

By choosing to participate in this program, UTA and GPISD will ensure that students and their parents agree to the following:

- Information may be shared freely between the two institutions. This includes transcripts, contact information, paperwork and discipline reports.
- Students must meet the discipline guidelines of GPISD when enrolled at GPEC. If the students are taking classes at UTA, they will be held to the discipline guidelines of UTA. This includes but is not limited to applicable "Acceptable Use Procedure" (AUP) protocols for online courses.
- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated, nor will excessive disruption of instruction. Students may be withdrawn from this program by GPISD or UTA.
- Because classes are taught at the college level, students may be exposed to content that is considered more mature in nature than what might be allowed in typical high school courses
- Students will be given ample opportunity for advising, however, UTA is not responsible for loss of transferability between majors or institutions. Also, UTA is not responsible for additional coursework, tuition and fees required due to students changing majors or ultimately attending other institutions of higher education.
- Applicable provisions outlined in existing dual credit MOUs with GPISD will still apply to students enrolled in the program.
- The Student has the right to end participation after consultation with the GPEC administrator and UTA Dual Credit Coordinator
- Per UTA dual credit rules, a student who receives an F in a UTA course while participating in the program is no longer allowed to participate

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

UTA will employ the instructor for all dual credit courses at UTA. The instructor must meet the credential requirements of UTA and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

All classes will be held on the UTA campus or taken by distance education. Classes are open to all UTA students.

GRADING CRITERIA/PROCEDURES

At the end of each semester, UTA will provide a grade roster with letter and numeric grades to the designated GPEC representative.

Students may request an official transcript from UTA for a fee. Same day transcripts receive additional charges.

The UTA courses offered for dual credit, regardless of format follow the same syllabus, courses outline, grading procedure and other academic policies as courses at UTA for regularly enrolled students. Letter grades are given in accordance with academic policies printed in the university catalog and placed on the university transcript.

GPEC will record the students' official grade on the report card and the final grade on the Academic Achievement Record. GPEC will determine the minimum grade necessary to earn high school credit.

Additionally, students must satisfy the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement for college readiness by achieving the minimum passing standards on the TSI Assessment Test or equivalent. Equivalent methods to satisfy the TSI requirement include:

- Achieving an SAT sections scores of at 480 on Evidence-Based Reading and 530 on Math; or
- An ACT composite score of at least 23 with scores of at least 19 in both Math and English; or
- STAAR math score of at least 4000 for the Final Level II score for Algebra II exempts from math requirement. STAAR English/language arts score of at least 4000 for the Final Level II score for English III exempts from the reading and writing requirements; or
- Equivalent coursework earned from another institution

Students who do not meet dual credit admission standards will be individually reviewed for admission to the program. Students must complete all dual credit admissions paperwork (see list below) for UTA and meet published payment deadlines.

DUAL CREDIT APPLICATION PROCESS

GPEC student applying for admission into the program must submit the following:

- Application for admission through ApplyTexas and an application fee or fee waiver;
- Official High School transcript indicating either current or upcoming semester senior level standing;
- Official SAT, ACT or other scores to demonstrate college readiness as described in the student eligibility section;
- Completed Dual Credit Program Agreement signed by the high school representative, the student and the students' parent of guardian

MENINGITIS GUIDELINES

Students in this dual credit program are required to submit documentation of immunization against bacterial meningitis. The law mandates that students be vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. Full requirements including how to submit documentation can be found at www.uta.edu/records/services/meningitis-requirement.php.

Students who fail to meet this requirement may be dropped from courses or prevented from subsequent enrollment.

COURSE PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolling in certain dual credit courses must meet UTA course prerequisites unless prior prerequisite waivers have been obtained. An official AP/IB/CLEP or college transcript will need to be provided to UTA for class registration consideration and advising.

APPLICATION UPDATE TO BECOME DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT

All students who complete the Freshman ApplyTexas application to become a degree seeking student will be evaluated for admission as a freshman with college coursework.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON FOR STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE NURSING ACADEMY AT
GRAND PRAIRIE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

In accordance with and under the authority of the Texas Administration Code Title 19, Part I, Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Rule 4.85 and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), high school students may enroll in college or university courses and receive simultaneous academic credit from both the college or university and the high school. In order to ensure the transferability of dual credit courses and to facilitate communications and understanding between Grand Prairie Independent School District (GPISD) and University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the following provisions are agreed upon by GPISD and UTA with regard to the Grand Prairie Early College High School (GPEC) Nursing Academy partnership.

This interlocal agreement is open to GPEC seniors who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and wish to continue their education towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The intent of the agreement is for GPEC students to take courses through UTA which will count toward a specified baccalaureate degree program as opposed to unarticulated general elective credits.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Receive a degree plan early from the UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovations (CONHI) outlining the courses to take at UTA to complete the baccalaureate program
- Receive admission into the UTA degree program of their choice after meeting the program's academic requirements as outlined in the UTA undergraduate catalog
- Receive credit towards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing while still enrolled at GPEC
- Receive an advanced and comprehensive education that prepares graduates for careers as health care leaders, innovators, and researchers
- Graduate from a two-year upper-division Nursing program within 15 months, provided all admission guidelines for the program are met

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify for the program, students must meet UTA dual credit admissions standards. GPEC seniors can participate in the UTA dual credit program by demonstrating college readiness through one of the following:

- A rank in the top 20% of the current class, or
- a PSAT score of at least 480 on Evidence-based reading and writing, and 530 on Math, or
- a PLAN composite score of at least 23, or
- a 3.5 unweighted grade point average (4.0 scale), or
- an SAT score of at least 1140 in combined Evidence-based Reading + Math, or
- an ACT composite score of at least 23

Students must also successfully complete all coursework presented by Exhibit A, GPISD Nursing Academy Guidelines. If a student does not complete all necessary coursework, they will not be eligible to enroll in the program even if they meet one of the requirements listed above.

Media and public relations regarding the program will be managed cooperatively according to GPISD and UTA protocols.

ELIGIBLE COURSES AND ADVISING

Students will be eligible to complete the courses listed below at UTA if all prerequisites are met:

- NURS 3309-Medical Terminology
- NURS 2300- Introduction to Professional and Clinical Concepts in Nursing
- NURS 3365- Pharmacology in Nursing Practice
- NURS 3366- Pathophysiologic Processes: Implications for Nursing

Administrators from GPISD and UTA will meet annually to assess the program and review the provisions of this MOU.

METHOD TO EQUATE CREDITS

As a method to equate high school course with college course credit, every 3.0 credit college course will equate to a 0.5 credit high school course. Any other courses that have more than 3.0 college credits will equate to 1.0 high school credit.

INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

The instruction of dual credit courses will be based on UTA's academic calendar. Inclement weather procedures will be established in consultation with the parties.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT INFORMATION

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), GPISD will be deemed a "school official: with "legitimate educational interest" (as such term and phrase is defined in the Texas Education Code and FERPA) regarding access to any educational records hereunder. Under these guidelines, it is understood and agreed that in order to perform all services as stipulated in this interlocal agreement, it will be necessary for GPISD to review and be provided access to the "educational records" of students hereunder. GPISD agrees to maintain the confidentiality of any and all educational records of students hereunder that are disclosed to or reviewed by AISD in accordance with federal and state laws, and UTA rules and regulations.

This interlocal agreement shall become effective on the date last signed below and shall remain in effect until terminated by one or more parties. The program will be reviewed again at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 academic year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, UTA and GPISD have executed and delivered this Interlocal Agreement effective as of the effective date.

The University of Texas at Arlington

By: Francesca B. [Signature]

Grand Prairie Independent School District

By: [Signature]

Dr. Pranesh B. Aswath

Provost and Vice President Ad Interim

Date: 6/26/2020

Tracy Ray

Interim Deputy Superintendent of Business

Date: 6-15-2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY

 6/28/20

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