



Memorandum of Understanding

Alamo Colleges District and Western Governors University



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DISTRICT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between The Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)- Northeast Lakeview College (NLC), Northwest Vista College (NVC), Palo Alto College (PAC), St. Philip's College (SPC), and San Antonio College (SAC), and Western Governors University (WGU) accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

Purpose

- This MOU formally recognizes that both institutions are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities to students transferring between our two institutions. This partnership is committed to providing seamless transfer to advance individuals in their personal educational goals and advance the educational mission of Alamo Colleges District.
- Both institutions enter into this MOU in recognition of their mutual commitment to furthering the quality, affordability, and accessibility of higher education.
- Under the terms and conditions of this MOU, participating graduates will maximize as much of their community college coursework and credits as outlined by a transfer plan.
- Through ongoing communication between their faculty and staff, Alamo Colleges District and WGU will work together to address transfer obstacles that may present themselves throughout the partnership.
- The MOU provides a structure through which transfer articulation is supported for all degree programs that are an equal or natural transfer between institutions. These articulations will include students from all colleges of the Alamo Colleges District.

Transfer Elements

Treatment of Alamo Colleges District associate degree transfer

This MOU establishes the principles that all articulated associate degrees at Alamo Colleges District transfer to WGU. All transferrable courses that are completed at Alamo Colleges District with a letter of "C" or higher are accepted and applied toward the appropriate college degree (with the exception of licensure programs or state requirements where a grade of "B" or better may be required). Credits from transferrable courses completed with a letter grade of "D" or lower will not transfer.

Articulated associate degrees will be identified, maintained and available through the WGU landing page.

Alamo Colleges District graduates must comply with all WGU application processes.

While WGU expects that Alamo Colleges District graduates and staff will be prepared for WGU's rigorous programs, all applicable admission requirements must be met, and WGU will retain sole discretion in admission decisions.

Transfer Plans

In collaboration with the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District, WGU will provide appropriate transfer plans to identify all freshman and sophomore level courses required for specific baccalaureate degrees. This will ensure maximum transferability of courses with the intent that courses taken at the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District will count and apply toward degree requirements. The Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District and WGU will work closely on the courses that will apply toward degree requirements.

Treatment of Alamo Colleges District coursework without an earned associate degree

Students who transfer to WGU with less than an associate degree or non-articulated degree will have their courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take any additional courses necessary to satisfy WGU degree requirements. Where applicable, WGU will encourage students to complete an Associate degree at one of the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District before transfer.

Obligations of WGU

WGU will accept a maximum of the total credits earned on a student's Associates Degree that does not exceed 75% of the total Baccalaureate required competency units (excluding licensure programs and transfer rule limitations).

- Articulation tables are provided for all programs that are a natural transfer to WGU and are to be used by counselors and faculty to share with students and staff interested in enrolling at WGU.
- WGU will provide webinar training to Alamo Colleges District faculty and staff to ensure understanding of the partnership and articulation pathways.
- Graduates and staff of Alamo Colleges District will be eligible to apply for scholarships offered through the WGU Community College Partnership Scholarship. Scholarships are valued at up to \$2,000.00. Recipients will receive a \$500.00 tuition credit each term, renewable for up to four (4) terms based on satisfactory academic performance.
- WGU will provide print materials to disburse to interested students.
- WGU will provide a custom landing page to link your students and staff to the WGU website.

Obligations of Alamo Colleges District (ACD)

- ACD will highlight the partnership and education benefits of WGU through standard internal communication channels with faculty and staff.
- ACD will establish a web link from its internal web page to the WGU partner landing page
- ACD will include information about WGU's programs and services in communications sent to pending graduates and prospective transfer students.
- ACD will provide WGU with timely curriculum updates of all articulated associates degrees.

Joint Obligations

- ACD and WGU agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will assist in the maintenance and improvement of the transfer arrangements identified in this MOU.
- WGU and ACD agree to maintain regular communication to ensure program and transfer challenges are addressed.
- In the case of reverse articulation transfer requests initiated by students, both institutions will exchange admission, grades, and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.
- All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this MOU are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual based on race, religion, creed, color, gender, age, disability, veteran status, national origin, or other protected status.
- Except as permitted by this MOU, neither institution shall use the name or marks of the other institution in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release, or other publicity without the prior written consent of the other.
- WGU will collaborate with ACD in the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation pathways.
- Transfer articulation pathways developed by the articulating institution are not valid without a signed MOU.

Limited Trademark License

The undersigned copyright owner parties hereby enter into this Limited Trademark Cross-License ("License") to one another under the following terms and conditions.


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2. **Consideration.** This Cross-License is made in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the mutual benefit of the authorized use herein licensed, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

3. **Grant of Cross-License.** The undersigned Parties hereby grant to one another a non-exclusive, fully paid, revocable license to use its Marks for the limited purpose publicizing the existence of the Agreement for so long as the Agreement remains in effect.
4. **No Additional Rights.** The Parties acknowledge that each Party shall have no further interest or rights in the intellectual property of the other Party other than the limited, revocable rights herein granted.
5. **Choice of Law, Jurisdiction & Venue.** This Agreement is made and is to be performed in Bexar County, Texas, and will be interpreted and governed by the Constitution and the internal laws of the State of Texas. Non-exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this agreement shall be in the state and federal courts of competent jurisdiction of Bexar County, Texas.

Term of MOU


This MOU shall be effective upon the date of the last signature and serves as the basis of the partnership between the institutions. This MOU will commence with the start of the fall semester 2019 for a period of five years and will terminate on December 31, 2024. The MOU may be modified by mutual written consent or terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other institution. In the unlikely event the partnership is terminated, WGU agrees that ACD graduates and staff then receiving any educational benefit described in this MOU will receive the full value of that benefit towards their studies as long as they remain in continuous good academic standing at WGU.

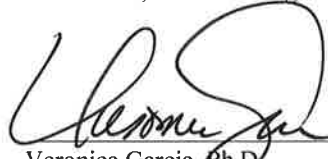
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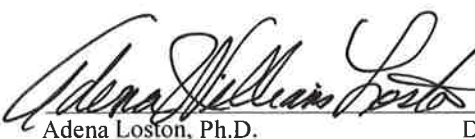


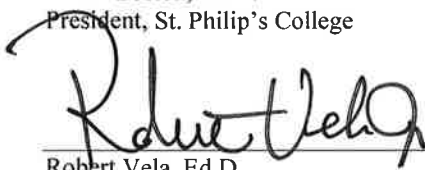

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