

AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

EASTFIELD COLLEGE

And

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE

For

**THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK
AND THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)**

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into upon the date of signature by and between Texas A&M University-Commerce, an entity of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “A&M-Commerce” and Eastfield College, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as “EASTFIELD COLLEGE.”

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to enable EASTFIELD COLLEGE students who successfully complete the articulated courses as outlined in this Articulation Agreement (see Appendix A) to transfer to A&M-Commerce in a seamless transition without loss of semester credit hours towards the completion of the BSW degree.

2. Terms of Agreement:

A. Responsibilities of A&M-Commerce:

A&M-Commerce hereby agrees as follows:

- i. To admit and accept in full the coursework, as outlined in Appendix B, of those EASTFIELD COLLEGE students who are enrolled in the Associate of Science in Social Work degree and have been determined by A&M-Commerce to qualify for admission to A&M-Commerce and the Bachelor of Social Work program.
- ii. To develop and provide materials related to a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Social Work program, leading to a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree, in cooperation between EASTFIELD COLLEGE and A&M-Commerce.
- iii. Post on A&M-Commerce website the articulated EASTFIELD COLLEGE/A&M-Commerce community college 2-year planning guide.

- iv. To provide and teach A&M-Commerce courses articulated in this Articulation Agreement.
- v. To provide EASTFIELD COLLEGE advisors with information and support in helping them with their role of assisting EASTFIELD COLLEGE students with transfer and degree program advising.
- vi. To maintain on-going collaboration and monitoring of the program through the chair of the A&M-Commerce Department of Social Work.
- vii. To arrange and coordinate academic accommodations for qualified disabled students enrolled in A&M-Commerce courses through the A&M-Commerce Office of Disability Services.
- viii. To bill and collect from students participating in this program applicable A&M-Commerce tuition and fees as set by A&M-Commerce and approved by The A&M System Board of Regents.
- ix. To advise students that A&M-Commerce's academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees are subject to change; and that change information can be found on the A&M-Commerce website, bulletins, or other locations.
- x. A&M-Commerce will work with EASTFIELD COLLEGE in providing reverse transfer arrangements for any students transferring from EASTFIELD COLLEGE to A&M-Commerce prior to earning an associate degree.
- xi. Provide EASTFIELD COLLEGE students with scholarship and financial aid information through advising and advising materials.
- xii. A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee this program in perpetuity; therefore, it is important that the parties and students participating in this program understand that this agreement will not constitute a binding contract regarding the on-going or future offerings of the academic program outlined herein.
- xiii. A&M-Commerce is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any EASTFIELD COLLEGE student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

B. Responsibilities of EASTFIELD COLLEGE:

EASTFIELD COLLEGE hereby agrees as follows:

- i. To admit and enroll EASTFIELD COLLEGE students in lower division courses taught by EASTFIELD COLLEGE as part of this articulated degree program.

- ii. To provide EASTFIELD COLLEGE students with A&M-Commerce course listings for this program through bulletin and web postings, advising materials, and other appropriate media.
- iii. To assist in advising EASTFIELD COLLEGE/A&M-Commerce students in this program through one or more designated EASTFIELD COLLEGE academic advisor(s).
- iv. To communicate to EASTFIELD COLLEGE students completing the Associate of Science in Social Work and enrolling at A&M-Commerce of A&M-Commerce academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees and that these are subject to change, that A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee the program in perpetuity, and that future offerings cannot be guaranteed beyond the terms of this Articulation Agreement.
- v. To coordinate class schedules and school closings with A&M-Commerce. All schedules of classes and holidays will be those of A&M-Commerce.
- vi. EASTFIELD COLLEGE is an equal opportunity institution and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any A&M-Commerce student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

C. Responsibilities of Both Institutions:

A program review will occur annually to assess the current performance of the program and consider future modifications.

D. Course Delivery:

- i. Each institution agrees to offer courses as outlined in the Articulation Degree plan (see Appendix B). EASTFIELD COLLEGE will offer up to 76 hours of coursework and A&M-Commerce will offer the remaining 45 hours of coursework for a minimum of 121 semester hours. Because of possible changes in degree requirements imposed by the state and program modifications and changes that occasionally occur, EASTFIELD COLLEGE students transferring to A&M-Commerce must follow EASTFIELD COLLEGE, A&M-Commerce and Texas policies regarding degree program criteria.
- ii. Admission and enrollment in the A&M-Commerce social work classes will occur on a bi-annual basis, with new cohorts being admitted and enrolled in the fall semester of each even year (i.e., 2010, 2012, etc.).

3. Term of Articulation Agreement:

This Articulation Agreement shall operate on an ongoing basis. It may only be modified by a written agreement signed by legally authorized officials of both institutions. The Articulation Agreement will operate as a commitment for each cohort admitted to A&M-Commerce for this combined degree.

4. Termination:

Upon implementation, this Articulation Agreement will continue on an annual basis until one of the parties petition the other party to end this Articulation Agreement. This Articulation Agreement will be reviewed jointly on an annual basis and updated as necessary.

Such petition to end this agreement: 1) must be submitted one year in advance of the intent to terminate; 2) must be submitted in writing and signed by the college president making the petition; 3) must be delivered to the second party to the Articulation Agreement. Delivery of the intent to terminate will constitute formal notification and will serve as grounds for termination one year following the date of delivery.

5. Dispute Resolution:

The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by A&M-Commerce and EASTFIELD COLLEGE to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by either party that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The parties shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the representative undersigned party, who shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with the other respective party in an effort to resolve the claim.

The designated individual for examining any claim or counterclaim and conducting any negotiations related thereto as required under §2260.052 of H.B. 826 of the 76th Texas Legislature shall be:

Mr. Bert A. White, Director
Contract Administration
Texas A&M University-Commerce
P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011

6. Governing Law and Venue

This Articulation Agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas. Pursuant to Section 85.81, Texas Education Code, venue for any suit filed against A&M-Commerce shall be in the county in which

the primary office of the Chief Executive Officer of A&M-Commerce is located. At the time of this Agreement, such county is Hunt County, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals effective as of the date and year written below.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

By: *Dan R. Jones*
Dr. Dan Jones
President

 2 April 2013
Date

EASTFIELD COLLEGE

By: *Jean Conway*
Dr. Jean Conway
President

 4/8/13
Date

Appendix A

Courses to be offered for completion of the BSW Degree FY 13

Fall 2012	SWK 322	HBSE II
	SWK 328	Social Welfare Policy
	SWK 329	Micro Practice
	SWK 370	Technology and Writing in the Human Services
Spring 2013	SWK 325	Mezzo Practice
	SWK 331	Macro Practice
	SWK 348	Promoting Mental Health Across Populations
	SWK 350	Social Work Research
Summer 2013	SWK Elective	SW Elective (SWK 360, 361, 362, 497)
	SWK 422	Integration of Practice
	SWK 425	Field I

For completion of degree FY 13

Fall 2013	SWK 340	Global Perspectives
	SWK 424	Generalist Practice in the Field
	SWK 426	Field II (6 sh)

Appendix B
Degree Plan for BSW Degree to be Offered at Eastfield College

**Texas Common Course Number –
EASTFIELD COLLEGE Courses**

**Required Support Courses for the
Social Work Major Provided by
EASTFIELD COLLEGE**

**Social Work Courses offered
Through Texas A&M-Commerce
MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER
LISTED:**

Communications (9 hours)

ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric I
ENGL 1302 Composition and Rhetoric II
SPCH 1311 Fundamentals of Speech or
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking or
SPCH 1321 Business & Prof Speaking

Mathematics (3 hours)

1 course from the following:

MATH 1314 College Algebra (prerequisite for
Math 1350 & 1351)
Math 1324 Math for Business and Social
Sciences or Math 1342 Introd. Statistics

Natural Sciences (8 hours) *
(or Biol 1409 + another lab science)

BIOL 2401 Anatomy Physiology I
BIOL 2402 Anatomy Physiology II

Humanities (3 hours)

1 course chosen from the following:

ENGL 2327 American Literature
ENGL 2328 American Literature

ENGL 2332 or 2333, World Literature or
ENGL 2322 or 2323 British Literature
HIST 2321 World Civilizations
HIST 2322 World Civilizations

COMM 1307 Mass Communications

PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
Huma 1301 or 1302 Appreciation of the
Humanities

**Visual and Performing Arts (3 hours) 1
course chosen from the following:**

ARTS 1303 Art History I
ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
ARTS 1304 Art History II NonAdv Credit
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
MUSI 1310 American Music
MUSI 1308 Music Literature
DRAM 1310 Introduction to Theatre

Social Behavior Sciences (3 hours)

ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology*

**History and Political Science
(12 hours)**

HIST 1301 American History
HIST 1302 American History
GOVT 2305 American National Govt
GOVT 2306 State and Local Govt

Physical Health & Education (2 hours)

Two 1 hour PHED activity courses or PHED
1238 Concepts of Fitness and Wellness

TOTAL - 43 semester hrs

General Electives

TOTAL – 18 semester hrs (Approved Electives are listed on next page)

SOCI 1301 Intro Sociology
PSYC 2301 Intro Psychology

SOCW 1313 Intro to Social Work

SOCW 2307 HBSE I

SOCW 1321 and SOCW 2301 (being
combined)

Total 15 semester hrs

FALL SEMESTER

SWK 322 HBSE II
SWK 328 Social Welfare Policy
SWK 329 Micro Practice
SWK 370 Technology & Writing
In Human Services

SPRING SEMESTER

SWK 325 Mezzo Practice

SWK 331 Macro Practice

SWK 348 Mental Health Across
Pops.

SWK 350 Research Methods in
Social Work

APPLICATION FOR FIELD * Must
be approved for admission to Field

SUMMER I & II (10 WEEK

CLASSES)

SWK ELECTIVE – TBA

SWK 422 Integration of Practice
SWK 425 Field I (160 clock
hours)

FALL SEMESTER

SWK 424 Generalist Pract in the
Field

SWK 426^b Field II (300 clock
hours)

SWK 340 – Global Perspectives

Total 45 semester hrs

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Degree Plan for BSW Degree to be Offered at Eastfield College (EASTFIELD COLLEGE)

Students need at least 18 semester hours of electives to have at least 121 semester hours for the four-year degree. Approved or recommended electives towards joint Associate of Science in Social Work (EASTFIELD COLLEGE) and a Bachelor of Social Work (A&M-Commerce) include, but are not limited to:

SOCI 1306 Social Problems
PSYC 2315 Personal and Social Adjustment
SOCI 2326 Social Psychology

In addition, the following statements apply to the joint degree:

- Courses identified as “Core Curriculum” at EASTFIELD COLLEGE will substitute for courses in the A&M-Commerce core curriculum.
- A student who is “core complete” at EASTFIELD COLLEGE will be considered as “core complete” at A&M-Commerce.
- Students must meet the admissions requirements for the BSW program in order to be approved for this program and allowed to enrolled in upper division social work classes. This criterion, as listed in the Admissions Policies, include:
 - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
 - A minimum GPA of 2.5 in Pre-Major and Support Classes.
 - Must have “C” or better in the three Pre-Major social work classes, and in Psy 2301 and Soc 1301.
 - Must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours.
 - Must meet other admissions standards.