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## **Contingency Agreement Between South Texas College and Rio Grande Valley College**


**South Texas College**, classified as a Level II member institution able to grant baccalaureate degrees by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and **Rio Grande Valley College**, accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) have concluded a **Contingency Agreement**. This agreement ensures the quality and integrity of both programs and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their program of study at South Texas College.

This Agreement ("Agreement") will enable Physical Therapist Assistant Program students enrolled at **Rio Grande Valley College (RGV College)** to complete their course of academic studies in the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant degree program at South Texas College in the event that RGV College fails to meet initial CAPTE Accreditation. Specifically, **South Texas College and RGV College agree to the following:**

- The obligations pursuant to this Agreement for this contingency pathway shall terminate when all **RGV College** students accepted by **South Texas College** pursuant to this Agreement have graduated from **South Texas College**, have failed to be continuously enrolled in **South Texas College**, or four years from the date of this agreement, whichever comes first.
- **South Texas College** will offer only those courses of study for which it is already approved.
- **South Texas College** will accept all earned credit (inclusive of those credits earned at **RGV College** and those credits awarded by **South Texas College** based on **South Texas College's** completed evaluation of applicable credit).
- Students enrolling under this agreement will be required to meet **South Texas College's** program length requirement
- **South Texas College** will permanently house the records of **RGV College** students who officially enroll at **South Texas College** pursuant to this Agreement. The records will arrive within 10 days of each student finalizing with the **South Texas College** Business Office.
- **South Texas College** will accept only students who are in good academic standing and eligible to return to **RGV College** as of the program closure date.
- **South Texas College** will develop a Prior Learning Assessment policy which will allow **RGV College** students to receive credit at **South Texas College** for courses taken towards the Associate of Applied Science degree at **RGV College**.

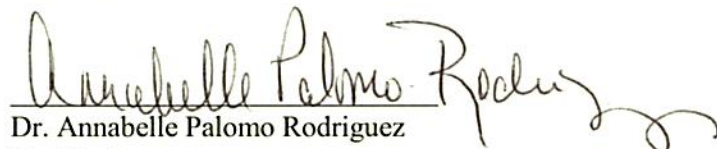
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on June 6, 2022.

**South Texas College**

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## Articulation Agreement – Internal Routing Slip

<b>Agreement Name</b>	Memorandum of Understanding Between Rio Grande Valley College & South Texas College		
<b>Description</b>	Facilitates transfer of General Education courses from South Texas College to Rio Grande Valley College for students in Physical Therapy Assistant ("PTA") program.		
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## **Memorandum of Understanding Between Rio Grande Valley College and South Texas College**

Rio Grande Valley College (“RGV College”) and South Texas College (“STC”) hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to facilitate students’ transfer of “General Education” courses from South Texas College to Rio Grande Valley College for students in the Physical Therapy Assistant (“PTA”) Program.

### **PURPOSE**

This MOU provides a structure through which transfer articulation of General Education courses can be supported. South Texas College and Rio Grande Valley College agree to a “General Education Transfer Course Agreement” that would allow students to capitalize on the college coursework completed from a transferring institution. By working with such agreement, the General Education courses that a student takes at South Texas College can be matched with courses required for an Associate Degree program offered at Rio Grande Valley College.

### **TRANSFER ELEMENTS**

#### **General Education Core Courses Transfer**

This MOU establishes the principle that all articulated general education courses at South Texas College transfer to Rio Grande Valley College. RGV College graduates will not need to repeat completed equivalent lower-division general education requirements at South Texas College. All credits from courses that are completed at South Texas College with a grade of C- or higher are accepted and applied toward a designated/appropriate college degree. Credits from courses completed with a grade lower than a C- will not transfer.

The courses that RGV College students will be taking at STC are the following:

ENGL 1301	Composition I	
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	or PSYC 2301 General Psychology
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	or SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication

#### **Treatment of College Coursework as Admission Criteria**

Students who transfer to Rio Grande Valley College will have their General Education courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take any additional courses necessary to satisfy the general education requirements for a degree program they are seeking. However, if these students have taken equivalent general education courses with a grade of C- or higher at South Texas College, these individual courses will be accepted toward satisfying General Education requirements at Rio Grande Valley College.

#### **Evaluation Process**

There will be an annual evaluation process of the partnership supported by this MOU. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process or the benefit of students.



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### **Period of Agreement for MOU**

This MOU shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by either party. Termination shall occur upon written notice by either party to the other submitted six (6) months prior to the termination date. Students transfer credits for General Education core courses prior to the termination date will be allowed to continue in the program and completion of courses that may be in progress. Both institutions agree to meet and discuss a partnership in the evaluation process that supports this MOU. Information obtained from the evaluation process will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of all students.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE**

South Texas College will provide an opportunity for their faculty to review the RGV College "General Education Transfer Agreement" video and signing an attestation form indicating they have seen the video and agree with expectations indicated.

South Texas College will provide Rio Grande Valley College with course schedules for General Education courses. Course information includes course syllabi, course descriptions, course evaluations, course schedules and periods available for registration for Fall, Summer 1, Summer 2 and Spring.

South Texas College will provide access to the professional faculty assessments and instructor assessment completed by students upon request. Evaluation of assessments are a requirement by accrediting bodies indicating the institution accepting transfer credits is evaluating academic standards for student success.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF RGV COLLEGE**

RGV College will provide a video introducing South Texas College faculty and staff providing course work expectations for students. The video will include an overview of the vision, mission and goals of Rio Grande Valley College and the importance of the partnership with STC and students' success in completion and end of course grades for general education classes to be considered transfer credits. The video will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

### **JOINT OBLIGATIONS**

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 institution whose name or likeness may be under consideration



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