

**SAN JACINTO COLLEGE SOUTH**

and

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY****MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING***For**A Recruitment, Retention and Partnership Program***INTRODUCTION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that San Jacinto College South (SCJS), a part of San Jacinto College District and Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), an agency of the State of Texas and member of the Texas A&M University, are active educational partners committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between the respective institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer, embracing the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat courses whose competencies have been met.

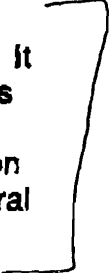
San Jacinto College South and Prairie View A&M University enter into this MOU in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher education. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, national origin, or other non-merit factors.

**PHILOSOPHICAL FRAMEWORK**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a collaborative initiative between the partnering institutions to advance Texas and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's commitment to close the gap in **participation, success, excellence and research**. While the partners differ in diversity and demographic profile, there is a confluence of institutional missions that makes this agreement promising. San Jacinto College South is committed to attracting more African-American, Hispanic, and other under-represented populations. It is committed to raising two-year college students' expectations of not only completing the bachelor degree, but of pursuing graduate degrees so that they might enter high demand professions. Prairie View A&M University is committed to attracting to its programs more Hispanic, White (non-Hispanic) and others under-represented in its student population and to closing the gap in the percent of Texans who hold at least a bachelors degree.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding facilitates recruitment, transfer, retention, and graduation at San Jacinto College South and Prairie View A&M University. It encompasses a comprehensive structure through which articulation on all levels is supported. The agreement creates a dual admissions program, articulated degree plans, innovative team teaching opportunities, unique distance education delivery methods, expanded professional development opportunities, and cultural exchange among students, faculty and staff.



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### TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

The completed SJCS General Education Core Curriculum, a 43-semester credit hour general education program of study, will transfer with a grade of "C" or better in all courses and satisfy the PVAMU 42-semester credit hour General Education Core Curriculum requirements. The maximum of 66-semester credit hours can be accepted toward degree completion for most programs. However, some joint degree programs will permit the transfer of more than 66-semester credit hours. Prairie View A&M University will provide "on-track" academic advisement and "on-site" admissions for students of this MOU. PVAMU will provide each AA, AS, AAS transfer student with a degree plan that identifies lower division general education competencies that will meet the Baccalaureate Degree requirements. The State of Texas requires all students entering any public institution for the first time to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test prior to enrolling in any college level courses. All TASP sections must be successfully completed prior to upper-level course enrollment.

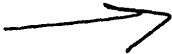
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### EVALUATION

There will be an on-going evaluation process of the effectiveness of the MOU. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to enhance the transfer process.

### LONGEVITY OF THE AGREEMENT

This MOU shall be in effect for two years beginning on September 1, 2002 and ending August 31, 2004. This agreement may be renewed by mutual consent of the parties. Either educational partner may discontinue this agreement by submitting written notification to the other partner one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students transferring between these institutions.



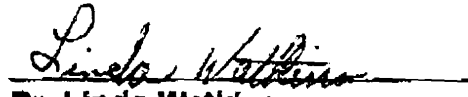
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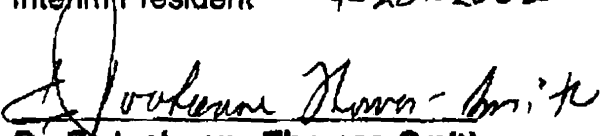
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