

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
AND AUSTIN COLLEGE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, a public institution of higher education in the State of Texas, on behalf of its School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, School of Health Professionals, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (“TTUHSC”), and Austin College, a private liberal arts college located in Sherman, Texas (“AC”). Both TTUHSC and AC are also referred to herein as “Party” or, collectively, “Parties”.

WHEREAS, TTUHSC is an institution of higher learning dedicated to a variety of educational activities, including the operation of a medical school, school of pharmacy, school of nursing, school of health professions, and graduate school of biomedical sciences;

WHEREAS, AUSTIN COLLEGE is an institution of higher learning dedicated to a variety of undergraduate educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to promote cooperation and enhance the relationship between AC and TTUHSC, specifically to provide a pathway for AC students who meet the stated criteria to apply and interview for certain bachelors, masters or doctoral degree-granting programs in the TTUHSC School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, School of Health Professionals, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (“Early Admission Decision Initiative”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein, TTUHSC and AC agree as follows:

1. This Agreement establishes an affiliation between TTUHSC and AC with the goal of providing educational pathways to encourage students to seek education beyond the baccalaureate degree. This agreement strongly supports graduate initiatives of the State of Texas by embracing the following principles:
 - a) Students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.
 - b) Increased graduate-level student enrollment
 - c) Community-oriented academic engagement
 - d) Expanded educational opportunities for students.
2. Based on the principle of mutual benefit and reciprocity, both institutions agree to pursue an articulation whereby TTUHSC will consider for admission qualified AC students into selected degree programs on a space available basis. AC and TTUHSC agree to cooperate in providing a pathway for students graduating with baccalaureate degree from AC who meet the stated criteria to apply for and interview for admission into a bachelors, masters or doctoral degree-granting program at TTUHSC.

3. This Agreement provides a wide range of services and activities for AC students designed to:
 - a) Increase awareness about the educational and student support opportunities available at TTUHSC.
 - b) Encourage baccalaureate degree earners to continue their education by pursuing a second bachelor's degree or a graduate level degree.
 - c) Provide pre-TTUHSC academic advising to assist prospective students in course selection designed to meet graduate level degree pre-requisites.
 - d) Provide a more seamless admission experience to TTUHSC.

Details of any specific activities will be developed mutually; the Memorandum of Understanding may have addenda attached to it with regard to such activities. To the extent of conflict between any of the addenda and this Memorandum of Understanding, this Memorandum of Understanding will control.

4. TTUHSC agrees to:
 - a) Identify the following office as the primary office and/or designee(s) responsible for oversight of this Agreement:
 - For the School of Medicine: Felix Morales, Assistant Dean or designee
 - For the School of Pharmacy: Summer Balcer, Assistant Dean or designee
 - For the School of Nursing: Michael Evans, Dean or designee
 - For the School of Health Professionals: Lindsay Johnson, Dean or designee
 - For the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences: Wendy Pruitt, Assistant Dean or designee
 - b) Provide advising, admissions counseling and enrollment information to AC students interested in attending TTUHSC.
 - c) Provide communication regarding TTUHSC admissions policy and procedure updates, campus recruitment events, and scholarship opportunities to AC.
 - d) Schedule various TTUHSC representatives to be on the AC campus, to provide TTUHSC program related information.
 - e) Facilitate a TTUHSC campus visitation program for interested AC students
 - f) Contact AC with information needed to advertise and inform potential graduate students of each event.
 - g) Promote the admission of qualified AC students to TTUHSC by monitoring that TTUHSC program admission and pre-requisite coursework information is current and readily available to both students and academic advisors at AC.

TTUHSC may withdraw provisional acceptance or refuse admission for reasons other than not meeting the admission criteria, including but not limited to: academic or professional misconduct and violation of local, state, or federal law.

All agreements with AC students should be on file in the respective school's office of admissions.

5. AC agrees to:
- a) Provide AC students with accredited courses needed for admission into the TTUSHC programs identified herein.
 - b) Identify the primary office and/or designee(s) responsible for oversight of this Agreement for Austin College as Health Sciences Advising Office, (<http://www.austincollege.edu/academics/pre-professional-programs/pre-health/>), Dr. Kelly Reed, Director.
 - c) Annually provide to TTUHSC admissions recruiters a list of names and contact information, as allowed by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, for students who seek or intend to enroll at TTUHSC , including:
 - i. AC currently enrolled students;
 - ii. Have completed 90 or more semester credit hours with an overall GPA of 3.00 or better, and
 - iii. Seek or intend to enroll in a TTUHSC bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree program identified in this Agreement.
 - d) Provide Health Sciences Advising Office contact information to TTUHSC and update this information as changes occur.
 - e) Coordinate the planning, facilitation and advertising of at least one (1) student recruitment event on their campus each semester for prospective students (TTUHSC will provide the TTUHSC information and TTUHSC admissions recruiter/counselors).
 - f) Facilitate, advertise, and promote visitation trips to TTUHSC.
 - g) Promote communication about partnership initiatives with faculty, staff and students.
 - h) Initiate articulation and/or academic agreement discussions.
 - i) Inform all students participating in the Early Admission Decision Initiative that they are not guaranteed admission to TTUHSC until all TTUSHC requirements are met.
6. The current requirements for application, interview, early admission, and enrollment for the various TTUHSC programs are attached hereto as:

School of Health Professionals

Attachment A – Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

- Second Degree in Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

Attachment B – Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

- Master of Science in Speech-language Pathology (SLP)
- Doctor of Audiology (AuD)

Attachment C - Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Master of Athletic Training (MAT)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Attachment D – Department of Clinical Counseling and Mental Health Counseling

- Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MSRC)
 - Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSMH)
 - Master of Science in Addiction Counseling (MSAC)
- Attachment E – *Department of Laboratory Sciences and Primary Care*
- Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science
 - Certification in Clinical Laboratory Science
 - Master of Science in Molecular Pathology (MP)
 - Master of Physician Assistant Studies (PA)
- Attachment F – *Department of Healthcare Management and Administration*
- Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (MSHA)

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Attachment G

- Master of Public Health Program

School of Nursing

Attachment H

School of Pharmacy

Attachment I

School of Medicine

Attachment J

TTUHSC will provide AC with any updates to these requirements as they become available. Admissions criteria, academic and other educational requirements for the respective degrees will be subject to the applicable institutional and school catalogs and/or degree requirements at the time of the student's admission to TTUHSC for any applicable degree program. [Selection of a candidate by TTUHSC for an interview is not a guarantee that the candidate will be granted admission to any TTUHSC program.] Candidates must meet the stated admissions criteria by the applicable TTUHSC program and be selected for admission in accordance with the applicable program's admission process. Candidates who do not meet the stated criteria for an interview may still apply; however, granting an interview will be at the sole discretion of TTUHSC.

7. Participation in the Early Admission Decision Initiative will be open to all students at AC who meet the published criteria. To participate in this initiative, AC students must be within one (1) year of graduation with their undergraduate degree, unless otherwise permitted by the applicable TTUHSC program in the attachments hereto. Candidates who do not meet the stated criteria for an interview may still apply; however, granting an interview will be at the sole discretion of TTUHSC.
8. The Parties will form an Advisory Board, consisting of representatives from both Parties. The Advisory Board will meet annually at a mutually agreeable location and review the progress of the collaboration and make any recommendations.

9. **Amendment:** This Agreement may only be amended on the written agreement of the Parties. This Agreement shall be revised annually by representatives of both Parties and, where appropriate, may be modified upon the written agreement of the Parties.
10. **Term and Effective Date:** This Agreement shall commence on July 26, 2017 and shall continue in effect to July 25, 2021 ("Term"). Both Parties shall discuss and decide on the continuation or revision of this Agreement six (6) months prior to its expiration. Either Party may terminate this agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party. Either Party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that the other Party is in violation of federal or state law or regulation or an accreditation agency having jurisdiction suspends or terminates accreditation for the other Party. A decision to terminate the Agreement or a program developed as a result of this Agreement will not adversely affect the status of any AC student currently participating in the program.
11. **Notices:** Any and all notices or other communications required or permitted by this Agreement or by law to be served on or given to either Party to this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed served when personally delivered to the Party to whom these are directed, or in lieu of personal service, when deposited in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to TTUHSC: Rial Rolfe, Ph.D., M.B.A.
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
3601 4th Street, Mail Stop: 6298
Lubbock, Texas 79430
rial.rolfe@ttuhsc.edu

If to AC: Sheila Amin Gutiérrez de Piñeres, PhD
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty
900 N. Grand Ave, Mailbox 6D
Sherman, Texas 75090-4400
spineres@austincollege.edu

12. **Independent Contractor:** The Parties hereby acknowledge that they are independent contractors, and neither Party nor any of its agents, representatives, students or employees or participants shall be considered agents, representatives, or employees of the other Party. In no event shall this agreement be construed as establishing a partnership or joint venture or similar relationship between the parties hereto. Each party shall be liable for its own debts, obligations, acts and omissions, including the payment of all required withholding, social security and other taxes or benefits. No participant shall look to the other Party for any salaries, insurance or other benefits or financial aid.
13. **Non-Discrimination.** There shall be no discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, veteran status, disability or other legally protected classification in either the selection of students, or as to any aspect of the clinical training; provided, however, that with respect to disability, the disability must not be such as would, even with

reasonable accommodation, in and of itself preclude the student's effective participation in the program.

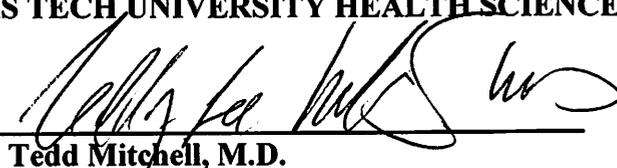
14. **FERPA:** The Parties shall comply fully with the privacy regulations outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and implementing regulations, to the extent applicable. The Parties shall not disclose or use any student information, except as necessary to carry out the Party's obligations under this Agreement and as permitted by law.
15. **No Third Party Beneficiary:** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other third person. It is the express intention of the Parties that any such person or entity, other than the Parties hereto, receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only.
16. **Applicable Law:** The validity, interpretation, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue will be in accordance with the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and any amendments thereto.
17. **Counterparts:** This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together shall constitute only one agreement.
18. **Assignment:** Neither Party shall assign or transfer, in whole or in part, this agreement or any rights, duties or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party, and any assignments or transfer by a Party without such consent shall be null and void.
19. **Use of Name:** Except as otherwise identified in this Agreement, neither Party shall use the name or indicia of the other Party, nor of any of a Party's employees, in any manner of publicity, advertising, or news releases without prior written approval of the other Party.
20. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party is required to perform any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement, if performance is prevented or delayed by a natural occurrence, a fire, an act of God, an act of terrorism, or other similar occurrence, the cause of which is not reasonably within the control of such Party and which by due diligence it is unable to prevent or overcome.
21. **Headings:** The headings preceding the text of the paragraphs and provisions of this Agreement are inserted solely for convenience and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement nor affect the meaning of said text.
22. **Severability:** In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction for any reason holds any section of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, all remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.
23. **Non-exclusive:** This Agreement is not intended to be exclusive of any other arrangements between a Party or Parties to this Agreement and any third party or parties. Each Party hereto shall retain, without limitation, the right to enter into like or similar arrangements

with other parties hereto and/or and any third party or parties.

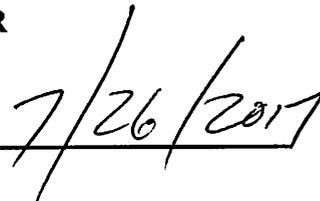
This Agreement is hereby executed by the parties as reflected by the signatures of their duly authorized representatives, as affixed below.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

By: _____

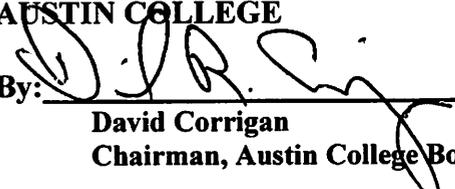

Tedd Mitchell, M.D.
President

Date: _____

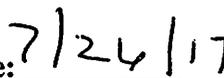

7/26/2017

AUSTIN COLLEGE

By: _____


David Corrigan
Chairman, Austin College Board of Trustees

Date: _____


7/24/17

ATTACHMENT A

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

**Post-Baccalaureate Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Speech,
Language, and Hearing Sciences
Program**

The following sets forth requirements for participating in the post-baccalaureate second degree Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into B.S. SLHS Program (the "Program") within the TTUHSC Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. An applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to one these programs, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the AC definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. have completed or have a plan in place to complete the Texas Common Core curriculum requirements
 - b. have completed or have a plan in place to complete the following four prerequisite courses*:
 1. Physics OR Chemistry
 2. Biology of Animals OR Human Anatomy and Physiology
 3. Behavioral/Social Science course
 4. Statistics course

*Note: These courses may be completed as part of OR in addition to the Texas Common Core curriculum requirements.
 - c. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.60 or higher at Austin College.
2. Be on track to complete a bachelor's degree (any major) at Austin College by August prior to the fall semester in which the student would like to begin the Program.

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria above and apply will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the relevant program.

The Admissions Committees for these programs will apply the same prerequisite and leveling requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to the program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisites (listed above) as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
2. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have a cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.60 or higher.
3. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the Post-Baccalaureate Second Degree Program in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

Enrollment

If extended a provisional admission offer, enrollment to the Program will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements above.

ATTACHMENT B

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

**Master of Science in Speech-language Pathology (SLP) and
Doctor of Audiology (AuD)
Programs**

The following sets forth requirements for participating in the Master of Science in Speech-language Pathology (SLP) and Doctor of Audiology (AuD) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into SLP and AuD programs within the TTUHSC Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. An applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to one of these programs, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.70 or higher;
 - b. Possess a GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite and/or leveling courses for the relevant SHP program; and
 - c. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria below and apply will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the relevant program.

The Admissions Committees for the SLP and AuD programs will apply the same prerequisite and leveling requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the SLP and AuD programs. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite and/or leveling course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment in Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
3. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher; and
 - b. An Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite and/or leveling course work for the relevant program.
4. In the case of applicants who are granted provisional early admission to the SLP or AuD program, GRE scores at or above 50th percentile ranking in Verbal and Quantitative sections and a score of at least 4.0 in the Analytic Writing section must be obtained no later than the end of the Fall semester of their senior year.
5. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements below.

ATTACHMENT C

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES

Master of Athletic Training Master of Occupational Therapy Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs

The following sets forth requirements for participating in Master of Athletic Training (MAT), Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into Master of Athletic Training (MAT), Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) or Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) programs within the TTUHSC Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. An *Early Admissions Decision* applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to one of these programs, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.70 or higher for PT and OT, and 3.0 or higher for MAT;
 - b. Possess a GPA of 3.70 or higher for PT and OT, and 3.0 or higher for MAT in prerequisite courses for the selected SHP program; and
 - c. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.
2. Completion of clinical observation hours for the selected program; 50 hours for MAT program (meets total requirement), 40 hours for MOT program (meets total requirement) and 50 hours for DPT program (meets half of requirement).

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria below will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the selected program.

The Admissions Committees for these programs will apply the same prerequisite and leveling requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
3. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher for PT and OT, and 3.0 or higher for MAT; and
 - b. An Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher for PT and OT, and 3.0 or higher for MAT, in prerequisite course work for the relevant program.
4. In the case of applicants who are granted provisional early admission to the DPT program, GRE scores at or above 50th percentile ranking in Verbal and Quantitative sections, and a score of at least 3.5 in the Analytic Writing section must be obtained no later than the end of the fall semester of their senior year.
5. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements above.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the MAT, MOT and DPT programs. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

ATTACHMENT D

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH

**Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MSRC),
Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSMH) or
Master of Science in Addiction Counseling (MSAC)
Programs**

The following sets forth requirements for participating in *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC) for: Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MSRC), Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSMH) or Master of Science in Addiction Counseling (MSAC) programs. This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into one of these programs within the Department of Clinical Counseling and Mental Health. An *Early Admissions Decision* applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to one of these programs, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.70 or higher; and
 - b. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the MSRC, MSMH, and MSAC programs. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria below will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the selected program.

The Admissions Committees for these programs will apply the same prerequisite and leveling requirements, clinical observation hours, standards and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
3. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have a cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 2.70 or higher.
4. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements below.

ATTACHMENT E

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY SCIENCES AND PRIMARY CARE

Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science Certification in Clinical Laboratory Science Master of Science in Molecular Pathology Master of Physician Assistant Studies Programs

The following sets forth requirements for participating in the *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC) for: Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science, Certification in Clinical Laboratory Science, Master of Science in Molecular Pathology, (MP), or Master of Physician Assistant Studies (PA). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into the above within the TTUHSC SHP Department of Laboratory Sciences and Primary Care. An applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science Certification in Clinical Laboratory Science

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to the Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science program, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Have completed 50% or more of the required prerequisite courses (for the selected SHP program) and possess a 3.50 GPA or higher in prerequisite courses.
 - b. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.50 or higher; and
 - c. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

To be eligible to apply for early admission to the Certification in Clinical Laboratory program, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:

- a. Have completed 50% or more of the required prerequisite courses (for the selected SHP program) and possess a 3.50 GPA or higher in prerequisite courses.
- b. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.50 or higher; and
- c. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the CLS Admissions Committee of the selected program. The Admissions Committees for these programs will apply the same prerequisite requirements, clinical observation hours, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree as well be 100% Texas Common Core complete (with the exception of Laboratory Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science).
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward prerequisites and/or a baccalaureate degree.
3. For Second Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science and Certification in Clinical Laboratory Science programs, at the end of the Fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.50 or higher; and
 - b. An Austin College GPA of 3.50 or higher in prerequisite courses for the relevant program.
4. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements below.

Master of Science in Molecular Pathology

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to the Master of Science in Molecular Pathology program, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.20 or higher;
 - b. Possess a GPA of 3.20 or higher in prerequisite courses for the selected SHP program;
 - c. Have completed 75% or more of the required prerequisite courses; and
 - d. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the MP Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee for this program will apply the same prerequisite requirements, clinical observation hours, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who pass the interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward prerequisites and or a baccalaureate degree. Before enrollment in the program, applicant must have a baccalaureate degree.
3. At the end of the Fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.20 or higher; and
 - b. An Austin College GPA of 3.20 or higher in prerequisite course work for the relevant program.
4. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements below.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, the Austin College student must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.70 or higher;
 - b. Possess a GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite courses for the selected SHP program;
 - c. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College;
 - d. Have completed the following prerequisites; and
 - Genetics (3 hrs)
 - Microbiology (4 hrs)
 - Organic or Biochemistry (4 hrs)
 - Psychology (3 hrs)
 - e. Have completed their GRE.

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the PA Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee for this program will apply the same prerequisite requirements, clinical observation hours, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree with the
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward prerequisites and or a baccalaureate degree. Before enrollment in the program, applicant must have a baccalaureate degree.
3. At the end of the Fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. a cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher; and
 - b. an Austin College GPA of 3.70 or higher in prerequisite course work for the relevant program.

4. CASPA application must be completed during matriculation cycle for applicant who has been granted early admission.
5. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SHP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SHP program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements below.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the Second Degree and Certificate programs in Clinical Laboratory Science, MP and PA programs. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

ATTACHMENT F

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (MSHA) Program

The following sets forth the requirements to participate in the Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (MSHA) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Health Professions (SHP), and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into the MSHA program within the Department of Healthcare Management and Leadership. An applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the governed by the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to one of the MSHA program, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - a. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.20 or higher; and
 - b. Complete at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College.

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria above and apply will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the relevant program. The Admissions Committee for this program will apply the same prerequisite requirements, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements available at the TTUHSC website and the SHP catalog.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to that program with the following stipulations:

1. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite and/or leveling course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate

- degree.
2. The applicant must maintain their enrollment in Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
 3. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.20 or higher
 4. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements above.

ATTACHMENT G

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Master of Public Health Program

The following sets forth the requirements to participate in the Master of Public Health (MPH) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into the GSBS MPH program (the "Program") at the TTUHSC. An applicant may only apply to one TTUHSC program. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the governed by the corresponding Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission to the MPH program, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. All students have completed 90 or more semester credit hours.
2. Earn at least a 3.25 Austin College institutional GPA.
3. Complete all Austin College core course requirements before the start of the senior year
4. All students shall be working towards completing the Austin College coursework prescribed for the appropriate baccalaureate degree. This coursework shall include the minimal course prerequisites (college algebra or higher level math and English) for admission to the TTUHSC MPH Program.

Applications must be submitted through ww.bioraider.com and include:

1. Two (2) letters of recommendation;
2. An essay/statement of purpose;
3. Official transcripts from all institutions attended;
4. Oath of Residency;
5. Additional required documents for international applicants.

Application fee will be waived for early admission.

Interview

Applicants who meet the criteria below will receive an invitation for interview. All eligible Early Admissions applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the MPH Program. The Admissions Committee for this program will

apply the same prerequisite requirements, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements available at the TTUHSC website and the GSBS catalog.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to the Program with the following conditions:

1. At the end of the fall of their senior year, the applicant must have a cumulative undergraduate AC GPA of 3.25 or higher.
2. All students must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at Austin College while making progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
3. Must earn at least a combined score of 300 on the GRE, with a 4 or higher on the writing section. (MCAT, PCAT, and DAT scores are accepted)
4. Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all applicable TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College with a degree in any field and in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements above.

ATTACHMENT H

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF NURSING

Accelerated Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Veteran to BSN (VBSN) Track Programs

The following sets forth requirements for participating in the *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Nursing (SON) and Austin College (AC) for: Accelerated Second Degree Accelerated BSN and Veteran to BSN (VBSN) Track.

Accelerated BSN – Second Degree

To be eligible to apply for consideration of admission into the Accelerated BSN/Second Degree program, the Austin College student must meet the requirements listed below. The Accelerated BSN/Second Degree program is offered in:

Abilene
Amarillo
Austin
Dallas
Lubbock
Odessa
San Antonio

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants who meet the below listed requirements will be interviewed by members of the Accelerated Admission Committee. The Admission Committee for these tracks will apply the same prerequisite requirements, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including applicants from Austin College.

Provisional Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee post interview will be offered provisional admission to the accelerated program. This provisional admission is predicated upon available space at all teaching sites for the program, as well as the applicant meeting all pre-matriculation requirements as stipulated in the provisional admission offer.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SON program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or

college will nullify their admission offer to the designated SON program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College in good standing.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION CRITERIA

- A Bachelor's degree in Science or Arts from an accredited college or university. (BA or BS)
- Prior to admission offer, applicants must have either completed all 55 semester credit hours (SCH) of lower-division general education courses as outlined in the School of Nursing (SON) Catalog and posted on the SON Second Degree BSN website or have completed at least 40 of non-nursing prerequisites with proof of enrollment for the remaining prerequisites. Prior to admission offer, applicants must have completed at least three of the five required science classes, which include Pathophysiology, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, and Chemistry. All prerequisites must be completed prior to the first day of class
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Science GPA of 3.00 in courses including Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, and Pathophysiology. Completion of 3 of the 5 lab Sciences is required by application close date
- All general education requirements (core curriculum) and pre-requisites must be documented on official transcript prior to the first day of class
- TEAS V or most current version (Test of Essential Academic Skills) requirements:
 - Proficient level or higher required in all the following areas: Reading, Math, Science, English and Language Usage;
 - Preference will be given to applicants whose TEAS scores are at the exemplary level;
 - Scores for the TEAS exam older than one year prior to application submissions deadline will not be accepted; and
 - Students applying can take the TEAS no more than two (2) times per application cycle. If two sets of scores are submitted the scores will be averaged. Effective for students applying for admission Spring 2018, students applying can take the TEAS no more than two (2) times per year (both attempts must occur within the one year period prior to application submission deadline).

NON-ACADEMIC ADMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

- Rationale for interest in nursing as a professional career choice
- Work history and experience
- Permanent resident of TTUHSC service area county
- First generation college student
- One page resume
- Prior enrollment at Texas Tech University
- Diversity of experience, including proficiency in other languages, knowledge of other cultures, and/or study abroad
- Military service and/or training
- Performance in a face-to-face interview with second degree faculty. For those who are invited for an interview, an essay will be required. Professional attire is required for interview

EFFECTIVE SPRING 2018 ADMISSION: Students applying for admission in Spring 2018 can take the

TEAS no more than two (2) times per year (both attempts must occur within the one year period prior to application submission deadline)

- Completion of a medical terminology course (can be for credit or certificate of completion)
- Completion of certified nursing assistant training. Preference for those certified at time of admission consideration
- BLS certification prior to first day of class

Accelerated BSN Prerequisites

All Texas Core Curriculum requirements (CC) as established by Texas legislation must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in the Second Degree BSN program, and prior to course attendance at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campus. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center does not offer general education courses. General education requirements completed at a private or out-of-state institution may not be equivalents of the required Texas Core Curriculum, and may not excuse a student from not completing the core curriculum.

Texas Core Curriculum Requirements

Course	Credits
Communication (010)	6 Credit Hours
Mathematics (020)	3 Credit Hours
Life and Physical Sciences (030)	6 Credit Hours
Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)	3 Credit Hours
Creative Arts (050)	3 Credit Hours
American History (060)	6 Credit Hours
Government/Political Science (070)	6 Credit Hours
Social and Behavioral Science (080)	3 Credit Hours
Component Area Option (090)	6 Credit Hours
Total Core Curriculum Requirements	42 Credit Hours

In addition to being Texas Core Complete, please find below the necessary pre-requisites for admission into the Second Degree BSN Program. Some of these pre-requisites may count toward being Texas Core Complete.

Course	Description	Credits
ZOOL 3303	Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 2420 or 2421*	Microbiology with lab	4
BIOL 2401*	Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab	4
BIOL 2402*	Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab	4
CHEM 1305 & 1105 or 1406 or 1411*	Chemistry w/ lab	4
PSY 2301*	General Psychology	3
PSY 2314*	Life Span Human Development	3
MATH 1342, 1442, 2342, or 2442*+	Statistics	3

Course	Description	Credits
BIOL 1322*	Food and Nutrition	3
HIST 1301*	History of the US to 1877	3
HIST 1302*	History of the US since 1877	3
POLS 1301 or 2305*	American Govt Organization	3
POLS 2302 or 2306*	American Public Policy	3
ENGL 1301*	English I	3
ENGL 1302*	English II	3
Creative Arts	Texas core approved course	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture	Texas core approved course	3
Total		55

* Course numbers listed are based on the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS). Check with your academic institution to verify the course number that corresponds with the TCCNS number

Accelerated BSN – Veteran to BSN

To be eligible to apply for consideration of admission into the Accelerated BSN/Veteran to BSN Degree program, the Austin College student must meet the requirements listed below. The Accelerated BSN/Second Degree program is offered in:

Abilene
Amarillo
Austin
Dallas
Lubbock
Odessa
San Antonio

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants who meet the below listed requirements will be interviewed by members of the Accelerated Admission Committee. The Admission Committee for these tracks will apply the same prerequisite requirements, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including applicants from Austin College.

Provisional Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee post interview will be offered provisional admission to the accelerated program. This provisional admission is predicated upon available space at all teaching sites for the program, as well as the applicant meeting all pre-matriculation requirements as stipulated in the provisional admission offer.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional admission offer must commit to

enroll in the designated TTUHSC SON program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their admission offer to the designated SON program.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Successful completion of 59 credit hours (SCH) of lower-division general education courses as outlined in the TTUHSC School of Nursing Catalog and posted on the TTUHSC SON VBSN website, which include 3 SCH of pathophysiology and 4 SCH of electives. Must be completed prior to the first day of class.
- Minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.5; preference for overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Preference for science GPA of 3.0 or higher in core courses including Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, and Pathophysiology. Completion of 3 of the 5 lab sciences is required by application close date.
- Submission of TEAS V (or most current version of the Test of Essential Academic Skills) scores no later than the application close date; TEAS V requirements are outlined below:
 - Proficient level or higher required in all the following areas: Reading, Math, Science, English and Language Usage;
 - Preference will be given to applicants whose TEAS scores are at the exemplary level;
 - Scores for the TEAS exam older than one year prior to application submissions deadline will not be accepted; and
 - Students applying can take the TEAS no more than two (2) times per application cycle. If two sets of scores are submitted the scores will be averaged. Effective for students applying for admission Spring 2018, students applying can take the TEAS no more than two (2) times per year (both attempts must occur within the one year period prior to application submission deadline).

EFFECTIVE SPRING 2018 ADMISSION: Students applying for admission in Spring 2018 can take the TEAS no more than two (2) times per year (both attempts must occur within the one year period prior to application submission deadline)

- Submission of current BLS Certification prior to first day of class.
- Based upon fulfillment of all VBSN application eligibility requirements as outlined in the School of Nursing Catalog and posted on the VBSN website, a determination will be made on an offer of an interview.

NON-ACADEMIC ADMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

- Health Care Specialist Rating (i.e. medic, corpsman, vocational/practical nurse) while in the service (if accepted into the VBSN track, a DD214 showing proof of a medical rating must be submitted).
- Documentation of recent health care experience (within the past three years), either in the military or as a civilian.
- One Page Resume
- Documentation of US citizenship or Green Card holder.
- Status as Texas resident or documented willingness to relocate.
- Active reservists must provide signed letter from reserve commanding officer indicating allowance to participate in program with completion of two-week annual training prior to and after VBSN track.

- A face-to-face interview. For those invited for an interview, a written essay will be required.
Professional attire is also required for the interview.

Accelerated – VBSN Prerequisites

All Texas Core Curriculum requirements (CC) as established by Texas legislation must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in the Accelerated VBSN track, and prior to course attendance at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campus. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center does not offer general education courses. General education requirements completed at a private or out-of-state institution may not be equivalents of the required Texas Core Curriculum, and may not excuse a student from not completing the core curriculum.

Texas Core Curriculum Requirements

Course	Credits
Communication (010)	6 Credit Hours
Mathematics (020)	3 Credit Hours
Life and Physical Sciences (030)	6 Credit Hours
Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)	3 Credit Hours
Creative Arts (050)	3 Credit Hours
American History (060)	6 Credit Hours
Government/Political Science (070)	6 Credit Hours
Social and Behavioral Science (080)	3 Credit Hours
Component Area Option (090)	6 Credit Hours
Total Core Curriculum Requirements	42 Credit Hours

In addition to being Texas Core Complete, please find below the necessary pre-requisites for admission into the Second Degree BSN Program. Some of these pre-requisites may count toward being Texas Core Complete.

Course	Description	Credits
ZOOL 3303	Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 2420 or 2421*	Microbiology with lab	4
BIOL 2401*	Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab	4
BIOL 2402*	Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab	4
CHEM 1305 & 1105 or 1406 or 1411*	Chemistry w/ lab	4
PSY 2301*	General Psychology	3
PSY 2314*	Life Span Human Development	3
MATH 1342, 1442, 2342, or 2442*+	Statistics	3
BIOL 1322*	Food and Nutrition	3
HIST 1301*	History of the US to 1877	3
HIST 1302*	History of the US since 1877	3
POLS 1301 or 2305*	American Govt Organization	3
POLS 2302 or 2306*	American Public Policy	3
ENGL 1301*	English I	3
ENGL 1302*	English II	3
Creative Arts	Must be a Texas core approved course	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture	Must be a Texas core approved course	3

Course	Description	Credits
ELECTIVE (Component Area Option)	Must be a Texas core approved course	4
Total		59

* Course numbers listed are based on the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS). Check with your academic institution to verify the course number that corresponds with the TCCNS number.

ATTACHMENT I

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The following sets forth the requirements to participate in the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) *Early Admission Decision* initiative between Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), School of Pharmacy, and Austin College (AC). This initiative allows qualified AC students (applicants) to apply for and be considered for early admission into the Pharm D program (the "program") at TTUHSC. Additional terms and conditions are stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between TTUHSC and AC.

Application

To be eligible to apply for early admission, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

2. At the end of the applicant's sophomore year (defined as having attained the Austin College definition of rank of junior, i.e., at least 60 credit hours), the applicant must:
 - d. Possess a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.50 or higher;
 - e. Possess a GPA of 3.50 or higher in the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy defined prerequisite courses for the Pharm D program;
 - f. Have completed at least 30 credit hours as a student at Austin College; and
 - g. Have Texas resident status or a waiver of entry to TTUHSC School of Pharmacy from the Assistant Dean of Student Services of the School of Pharmacy.
3. Applicants meeting the above requirements will not be required to take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT), unless applying for the Pharm D/MBA program,

Interview

All eligible *Early Admissions Decision* applicants will be interviewed by members of the Admissions Committee of the selected program.

Provisional Early Admission

Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee upon interview will be offered provisional early admission to the Pharm D program with the following stipulations:

- a. The applicant must complete all of the program's required prerequisite course work as a component of their Austin College baccalaureate degree.
 - b. Advanced Placement (AP) credit taken prior to enrollment at AC will be accepted.
 - c. Dual credit taken prior to enrollment at AC will be accepted for general education classes.
1. The applicant must maintain their enrollment at Austin College, with the applicant making satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate degree.
 2. The applicants must apply through PharmCAS and Merlin supplemental applications when they have completed the Early Admission requirements.
 3. At the end of the fall semester of the senior year, the applicant must have:
 - a. A cumulative undergraduate Austin College GPA of 3.50 or higher; and
 - b. An Austin College GPA of 3.50 or higher in prerequisite course work for the Pharm D program.

Enrollment

If extended an admission offer, enrollment will be confirmed upon graduation from Austin College with Bachelor's degree, in good standing and fulfillment of the admission requirements above.

The Admissions Committees for SOP program will apply the same prerequisite requirements, standards, and procedures to all applicants, including *Early Admission Decision* applicants.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the designated TTUHSC SOP program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the designated TTUHSC SOP program.

Early Admission Decision applicants are encouraged to review application requirements for the SOP program. This information is available at the TTUHSC website and the SOP catalog.

ATTACHMENT J

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

See below for previously executed agreement and amendments.

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**AGREEMENT REGARDING EARLY ACCEPTANCE TO
MEDICAL SCHOOL**

This agreement made by and between Austin College, hereinafter called "Austin College and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Lubbock, Texas, hereinafter called the "Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center", witnessed:

ARTICLE I

**EARLY DECISION ACCEPTANCE TO MEDICAL SCHOOL
ACCEPTANCE AFTER ONE YEAR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY**

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
For prospective enrollees at
Austin College**

For students who are considering enrolling in medical school after their undergraduate education, a new and attractive possibility is available. This program is eligible for residents of the State of Texas only. It is a joint effort between Austin College and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine for qualified, highly motivated students to obtain an early acceptance to medical school.

This program is designed for outstanding high school graduates who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in medicine. It has the possibility of enabling a student to be interviewed during his/her sophomore year of undergraduate education and to receive notification of admission by the end of that academic year. It would also include the option to waive the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Students who are interested in pursuing early selection and waiver of the MCAT must meet the following criteria:

1. At least a 1300 composite score on the SAT or at least a 29 ACT composite equivalent upon completion of high school.
2. Must have completed, by the end of the first semester of the sophomore year, at least 20 of the 41 hours in the sciences required for admission to the School of Medicine. (The 40 required hours = 16 hours of chemistry (with labs), 14 hours of biology (with at least 2 labs), 8 hours of physics (with labs), 3 hours of Calculus or math-based statistics. All required science courses must be graded; CLEP credit or AP credit without a grade is not accepted.
3. Must have a science grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 and an overall GPA of 3.7 by the time of consideration at the end of the first semester of the sophomore year. These must be maintained throughout the remainder of the undergraduate program, to be calculated at the end of each academic year. Should a student fail to meet this requirement his/her application for early admission would come under review to determine continuation in the program.
4. All required science courses must be completed at a grade of B or higher, including those taken after notice of acceptance. Courses used to fulfill prerequisites for medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences School of Medicine must be graded; they cannot be taken pass/fail.
5. Student must be enrolled on a full-time basis (minimum of twelve semester hours) for each fall and spring semester (prior to and after acceptance) of their undergraduate academic career.

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6. When the above criteria are met, two interviews will be offered by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Admissions Committee at the School of Medicine.
7. Interviews will focus on ability to balance academic with extracurricular/work activities, evidence of caring behaviors, awareness of the health care system and its current changes, and interpersonal skills.
8. If judged acceptable by the Admissions Committee, candidates will be notified by the end of that academic year of acceptance to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine for entry in the fall following graduation from Austin College.
9. If granted acceptance, the MCAT requirement will be waived. (If for some reason a student elects to take the MCAT, s/he must score at or above the mean of the current first year medical class to maintain early acceptance status).
10. If a student accepts early selection s/he is committed to matriculation at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, and may not apply to other medical schools without prior notification and withdrawal from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. If a student does withdraw, s/he may apply to other medical schools without fear of discrimination.

Included in the objectives of this joint Austin College – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine program are: to attract academically talented high school students to the Austin College and later to the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine; to provide an exciting incentive to gifted students interested in medicine; to encourage students to broaden their educational experience before they enroll in their professional studies. To this end, the waiver of the MCAT should allow more time to include coursework in the humanities, in mathematics, in business, in languages, or in other areas, which make for well-rounded professionals.

It must be noted that early notification of admission is limited to those students who have met the above criteria; it should also be noted that this program is available to a student with any major, so long as the basic requirements for entry to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine are met and the student is judged acceptable by the School of Medicine Admissions Committee. For undergraduate students participating in this program, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine will attempt to provide opportunities for summer involvement (research, internships, etc.) for interested students at the Health Sciences Center.

ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUSTIN COLLEGE

Students interested in pursuing this program should declare their intent to the McGaw Chair of Health Sciences at Austin College.

At the end of each academic year (each May), McGaw Chair of Health Sciences at Austin College will send a list of these students to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Office of Admissions. Students included in this list will be obtained from those students who declare their intent to participate.

Also, at the end of each academic year (each May), the McGaw Chair of Health Sciences at Austin College will send grade reports of all students who are on the list. Grade reports will be sent only on those students who are included on the above mentioned list and have signed the declaration of intent to have their records released.

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The eligible students will obtain, complete and submit an application to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Office of Admissions according to the regular application process as outlined in the information brochure provided in the application packet.

ARTICLE III PUBLICITY

Austin College will distribute information regarding the Early Decision Admission Program to all Austin College advisors and specifically premed advisors.

Austin College will publicize this program in freshmen orientation sessions and other meetings as appropriate.

Prior to distributing any of the above mentioned information, such information will first be submitted to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine Office of Admissions for review. Once material is approved for distribution, this material will be distributed without requiring further approval.

ARTICLE IV TERM AND TERMINATION

The term of this contract is from January 16, 2003 to January 15, 2006. Either party may terminate this contract at any time with or without cause by giving the other party four months written notice of termination. Prior to January 2006, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and Austin College will meet to reevaluate and discuss continuation of the program. If the parties decide to continue upon expiration of the original term of this agreement, this agreement shall continue in full force and effect on a year-to-year basis unless thirty (30) days written notice of termination is given by either party to the contract.

If the contract is terminated after a student has declared intent to participate in program, but prior to application to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, the School of Medicine will have the option to consider the student for possible early decision. At that time, however, it will be the student's responsibility to keep Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine apprised of academic progress on a semester by semester basis.

If the contract is terminated after the student has been accepted to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine but prior to matriculation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine will honor the acceptance.

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**ARTICLE V
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS STATUS**

Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create a partnership or a relationship between the contracting parties. The sole interest and responsibility of the parties is to ensure that the services covered by this agreement shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, and satisfactory manner.

**ARTICLE VI
SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, the invalidity of that section shall not affect the validity of any other section of this agreement provided that any invalid provisions are not material to the overall purpose and operation of this agreement. The remaining provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

**ARTICLE VII
CONTRACT CLAIMS RESOLUTION**

The dispute resolution process provided for in chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code shall be used by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Austin College to attempt to resolve all disputes arising under this contract.

**ARTICLE VIII
ASSIGNMENT**

Neither party shall have the right to assign or transfer their rights to any third parties under this agreement.

**ARTICLE IX
VENUE**

This agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue will be in accordance with the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code and any amendments thereto.

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ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT

This agreement may be amended in writing to include any provisions that are agreed to by the contracting parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties bind themselves to the faithful performance of this agreement.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

AUSTIN COLLEGE

Elmo M. Cavin
Signature

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Signature

Elmo M Cavin
Printed Name

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Acting President
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President
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6/17/2003
Date

6/18/03
Date

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AMENDMENT

This amendment is made to that agreement regarding early acceptance to medical school (ALMR 99360 1) previously executed by and between AUSTIN COLLEGE and TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, School of Medicine, Lubbock, Texas.

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend that previously executed agreement as follows:

Effective January 15, 2006, the first paragraph of Article IV is changed to read as follows:

The initial term of this contract is from January 16, 2003 to January 15, 2006. Either party may terminate this contract at any time with or without cause by giving the other party at least sixty days (60) written notice of termination. However, if written notice of termination has not been given at least sixty days (60) prior to expiration of the contract's current term, the contract's term shall be extended for an additional one year term.

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

AUSTIN COLLEGE

Elmo M. Cavin
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Elmo M. Cavin
Printed Name
Executive Vice President
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2/8/2006
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Oscar C. Page
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Oscar C. Page
Printed Name
President
Title
January 25, 2006
Date

AMENDMENT

This amendment is made to that agreement regarding early acceptance to medical school executed by and between **AUSTIN COLLEGE AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**, School of Medicine, Lubbock, Texas.

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend previously executed agreement as follows:

Effective January 1, 2017, the second paragraph of Article 1 is changed to read as follows:

EARLY DECISION ACCEPTANCE TO MEDICAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE AFTER TWO YEARS OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

"This program is designed for outstanding high school graduates who have a strong interest in pursuing a career in medicine. It has the possibility of enabling a student to be interviewed during his/her junior year of undergraduate education and to receive notification of admission by the end of that academic year. It would also include the waiver of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). **The Austin College /Texas Tech University Health Sciences Early Acceptance Program is NOT an accelerated program.** Students who are interested in pursuing early selection and waiver of the MCAT must meet the following criteria:

1. "At least a **1360 (Math and Verbal)** composite score on the SAT or at least a 29 ACT composite equivalent upon completion of high school on a single test administration.

A. Must be U.S. Citizens and/or Permanent Residents at the time of matriculation.

B. Must be Texas residents.

C. Students must enter Austin College as freshmen (students classified as transfer students are not eligible for this program)."

D. All coursework MUST be taken at Austin College.

2. Must have completed, by the end of the first semester of the junior year, at least **38** hours in the sciences required for admission to the School of Medicine. (The **41 BCPM** required hours = 16 hours of chemistry (with labs), 14 hours of biology (with 2 labs), 8 hours of physics (with labs), 3 hours of math-based statistics and Biochemistry. All required science courses must be graded; CLEP credit or AP credit without a grade is not accepted.

Current Prerequisite Course Requirements

Courses	Hours
General Biology or Zoology	6
Upper Division Biology	6
Biology Labs	2
General Chemistry	6
General Chemistry labs	2
Organic Chemistry	6
Organic Chemistry labs	2
Physics	6
Physics labs	2
English	6
Statistics offered by Math Department	3
Total	47

NOTE: Biochemistry is required and may be used toward fulfilling the Biological Sciences or Chemistry requirement.

3. Must have a science grade point average (BCPM) of 3.6 and an overall (GPA) of 3.7 by the time of consideration at the end of the first semester of the junior year. These must be maintained throughout the remainder of the undergraduate program, to be calculated at the end of each academic year. Should a student fail to meet this requirement his/her application for early admission would come under review to determine continuation in the program.

4. All required science courses must be completed at a grade of "B" or higher, including those taken after notice of acceptance. Courses used to fulfill prerequisites for medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine must be graded; they cannot be taken pass/fail.

- **AP or IB credits may be considered. If, however, the SOM Admissions Committee determines that insufficient information is available to judge the candidate's abilities as a result of substantial number of such credits, the candidate may not be accepted through the Early Acceptance option.**
- **Dual-Credit (courses taken in high school for both high school and college credit) OR other transfer credits (courses taken at another university) are NOT allowed, except in the case of resident science and math academies, such as the Texas Academy of Math and Science. (Although residence science and math academies' credits may be accepted, if the SOM Admissions Committee determines that insufficient information is available to judge the candidate's abilities as a result of a substantial number of such credits, the candidate will not be accepted through the Early Acceptance option).**

- **Credits earned through Austin College and Reciprocal international study programs will be considered on a case by case basis and certified by the Pre-Health Director at Austin College (when grades that contribute toward the student's Austin College GPA are earned on an Austin College transcript and the student is continuously enrolled at Austin College), but credits earned through Unaffiliated international study programs are NOT allowed (since grades that contribute toward the student's GPA are not earned).**
- **If a student has earned credit for any non-science course which is required for application (i.e. English) but has not earned a letter grade for the course, the SOM reserves the right to determine whether such credit will be accepted as fulfilling the requirements for application.**
- **Courses for non-science majors or for health career majors (nursing, pharmacy, allied health sciences, etc.) will NOT satisfy the required coursework. All required coursework must be applicable towards a traditional science degree.**

9A. "If granted acceptance, additional requirements for service, shadowing, and other extra-curricular components needed for a competitive, well-rounded applicant will be required by the student. The Pre-Health Director at Austin College in consultation with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences School of Medicine will oversee this requirement."

10. Additional requirements for service, shadowing, and other components needed for a competitive application will be specified by the TTUHSC School of Medicine.

11. If a student desires to change their academic major or degree plan they must first meet and be granted approval by the Pre-Health Director at Austin College and TTUHSC School of Medicine Office of Admissions.

ARTICLE IV TERM and TERMINATION

The term of this contract is from January 1, 2016 to January 2021. Either party may terminate this contract at any time with or without cause by giving the other party **one hundred and twenty days of written notice of termination.** Prior to January 2021, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine and Texas Tech University will meet to reevaluate and discuss continuation of the program upon expiration of the original term of the agreement, **this agreement shall continue in full force and effect on a year-to-year basis unless thirty (30) days written notice of termination is given by either party to the contract.**

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER

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