

**ARTICULATION & EARLY ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON
SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
(www.sahs.utmb.edu/cls)
AND**

**SAN JACINTO COLLEGE SOUTH
BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
(www.sjcd.edu)**

This agreement is made by and between the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) on behalf of the School of Allied Health Sciences and San Jacinto College South (SJCS).

Whereas, SJCS offers an Associates of Arts Degree or an Associate of Science Degree and desires to assist its students who seek to continue their education beyond these degrees; and

Whereas, the UTMB School of Allied Health Sciences offers the BS Degree for programs in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) and/or Biotechnology; and

Whereas, SJCS and UTMB will mutually benefit from working together to facilitate matriculation of SJCS students into the above-referenced UTMB programs to provide an opportunity for qualified students who have identified CLS or Biotechnology as a career choice to receive early acceptance into the UTMB Program towards completion of their BS degree,

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises herein and to achieve the objective described, the parties agree as follows:

I. ADMISSIONS POLICY

- A. Student applies and is admitted to SJCS.
- B. Student satisfies the following requirements for acceptance into the UTMB Program:
 - 1. Student meets entry criteria established by SJCS.
 - 2. Student has an acceptable pre-entry interview by the faculty of their respective UTMB Program at SJCS or UTMB, during the first semester of the student's sophomore year. This interview is to determine the student's motivation for the CLS health profession or Biotechnology, to assess personal qualities deemed valuable to these professions, to familiarize the student with their respective UTMB Program, and to allow the student to assess whether such a Program is suited to him or her.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A. The student enters a curriculum designed by SJCS that shall include the minimal course requirements as outlined below by their respective UTMB CLS or Biotechnology Program. The student is encouraged to take as many courses in the sciences as possible, but should realize that a strong liberal arts background is important for the development of well-rounded and successful health profession students and practitioners.
- B. Participants in the early acceptance program will be assigned an advisor at UTMB to provide the student with a personal contact during the initial course of study at SJCS. The advisor will also aid the student in the timely completion of processes, such as completing UTMB admissions procedures.

- C. Following successful completion of the required curriculum at SJCS, the student will enroll in their respective UTMB CLS/Biotechnology Program, contingent upon the following:
 - 1. A grade of "C" or better in all required biotechnology and prerequisite courses.
 - 2. A cumulative GPA of 2.80 or above for all courses taken in the two-year curriculum.
 - 3. A cumulative GPA of 2.80 or above for all required science courses.
 - 4. A positive recommendation by the UTMB CLS/Biotechnology Program Admissions Committee.
 - 5. A positive record of ethical behavior during enrollment at SJCS.
- D. Repetition of courses may be considered acceptable if, in the opinion of the UTMB CLS/Biotechnology Program Admissions Committee, the number of these courses is not excessive. All grades of a repeated course are calculated into the student's overall GPA (not simply the latest or best grade).
- E. Following successful completion of the combined four-year curriculum at SJCS and UTMB, the student will be granted a BS degree CLS/Biotechnology.
- F. Students who do not fulfill the requirements of this early acceptance program are in no way precluded from applying to their respective UTMB CLS/Biotechnology Program through the usual process.

III. TERM

This agreement shall be effective on March 1, 2005 and shall expire on August 31, 2010. If notice of termination is not received before this expiration date, as specified in paragraph IV, this agreement shall be renewed for a subsequent five-year term, after review and signature by both parties.

IV. NOTICE OF TERMINATION

- A. Either party may initiate termination of this joint agreement. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered by:
 - 1. UTMB to the Dean of Program Development and Institutional Effectiveness, SJCS, or
 - 2. SJCS to the Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, UTMB
- B. This written notice must be delivered at least 180 days prior to the effective date of termination.
- C. Students enrolled in this early acceptance program at the time of termination of this joint agreement will be given the opportunity to complete the program in its entirety.

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This transfer guide is based on the 2004 CLS degree requirements and is subject to change. Equivalent courses listed below are the recommended guidelines to satisfy UTMB Program prerequisites; alternate courses may be acceptable. It is the responsibility of the student to verify the applicability of this information with both institutions.

Proposed articulation agreement for Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Biotechnology			
UTMB Program Prerequisites	Credit Hours	SCJS Courses	Credit Hours
English Composition and Literature	9	ENGL 1301, 1302, 2311	9
United States History	6	HIST 1301, 1302	6
United States/State Government	6	GOVT 2301, 2302	6
Biological Sciences	8	BIOL 1406, 1407	8
General Microbiology†	4	BIOL 2421	4
General Chemistry†	8	CHEM 1411, 1412	8
Human Physiology	3	BIOL 2401	4
Mathematics‡	3	MATH 1314 or higher	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
Humanities/Fine Arts	3	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Visual or Performing Arts	3	Visual or Performing Arts	3
Electives	4	BIOL 2416	4
		BITC 1211 or BITC 1311	3
Total hours	60	Total hours	64

† Biology and Chemistry Science courses should be offerings for science majors and include laboratories.

‡ Mathematics must be College Algebra or higher.

Within Allied Health Education in Texas: Guiding Concept for the Eighties (Coordinating Board Study Paper 29), recommendation number 13 states that career mobility should be emphasized in planning all Allied Health Degree Programs. Thus, this approach to career ladder concept is being implemented as a formal agreement maximizing career mobility for students in these college Programs.

The University of Texas Medical Branch will accept 60-64 semester credit hours from San Jacinto College South curriculum towards a baccalaureate degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences or Biotechnology.

Listed above are the courses accepted for transfer from San Jacinto College South to the Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

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