

**Articulation Agreement
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science**

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science
and
Richland College
Division of Business, Information and Engineering Technologies
School of Engineering, Business, & Technology**

Whereas, The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Richland College have a long history of cooperation and mutual interest in serving the citizens of Dallas County;

Whereas, Dallas County and the State of Texas are experiencing a shortage of qualified Computer Science graduates as stated in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Closing the Gaps Initiative.

Whereas, The University of Texas at Dallas Bachelor of Science degree program in Computer Science is accredited by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET); and

Whereas, Richland College desires to ensure that its curriculum meets or exceeds the quality and standards established by ABET for Computer Science Programs; now, therefore, be it resolved:

The University of Texas at Dallas Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science and Richland College School of Engineering, Business, & Technology have agreed to enhance the transfer process for Richland students pursuing an Associate in Sciences with an Emphasis in Computer Science Degree based on the following terms and conditions:

1. The Jonsson School at UTD will support Richland College in its desire to develop lower-division Computer Science courses comparable to those taken by UTD students during their freshman and sophomore years. Further, Jonsson faculty and staff will work with their Richland colleagues to insure that these courses meet ABET requirements. This includes sharing course syllabi, related ABET program educational objectives, and outcomes assessment materials.
2. Richland College will send their engineering faculty members to ABET training workshops and take other appropriate steps to ensure that the articulated courses meet or exceed the standards established by ABET.
3. Richland College will provide laboratories/equipment to ensure that Computer Science lab courses are comparable to those taken by students at UTD.
4. The University of Texas at Dallas will continue its commitment to the terms and conditions of the August 21, 2000 Institutional Articulation Agreement with Dallas County Community College District campuses, including Richland College..
5. Both parties understand that this new articulation is specific to the Jonsson School at UTD and students pursuing Richland College's Associate of Science in Computer Science Degree. It contains the following specific provisions (these provisions will be updated as needed through the transfer guides).
 - a. Students seeking the B.S. in Computer Science at The University of Texas at Dallas must earn at least 62 upper-division hours to graduate.
 - b. Students who successfully complete Richland College's Associate of Science Emphasizing Computer Science degree with a GPA of at least 2.5 and no grade below a 'C' in engineering courses will be able to transfer 63 credit hours as a block to UTD. These classes will satisfy UTD's core curriculum requirements as well as the identified undergraduate courses in the B. S. in Computer Science degree.
 - c. The two institutions will work together to provide transfer guides for Richland students and advisors utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify the courses to be completed at Richland College. Courses in the Computer Science major at The University of Texas at Dallas, along with their UTD course numbers, will also be identified on the transfer guide.
 - d. Richland College faculty, staff, and advisors will ensure that students in the Associate of Science with an Emphasis in Computer Science program, and all students declaring an intent to earn the B. S. in Computer Science from The University of Texas at Dallas, are advised regarding which courses taken at Richland College will transfer for degree program credit in UTD's B. S. in Computer Science and courses that will not count toward the major.

6. Richland College students who meet The University of Texas at Dallas student transfer admissions requirements and complete the Associate of Science with an Emphasis in Computer Science degree will receive automatic admission to The University of Texas at Dallas.
 - a. Richland College and UTD must agree on the design of any marketing materials publicizing this agreement distributed to current or potential students or the community at large.
 - b. The faculty and administrators from both institutions will meet annually to assess and develop program offerings, schedule student/faculty class and lab visits, and to discuss the potential opportunities for facilities/faculty sharing. The faculty and administrators will also explore potential joint grant funding.

This agreement shall become effective November 16, 2009 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Termination can be by either The University of Texas at Dallas or Richland College by giving written notice to the other institution two years prior to the requested date of termination.

Richland College

By _____
Dr. Kay Eggleston, Acting President

Date _____

University of Texas at Dallas

By _____
Dr. Bryan Wildenthal, Executive Vice President/Provost

Date _____

Richland College

By _____
Martha Hogan, Executive Dean, School of Engineering, Business, & Technology

Date _____

University of Texas at Dallas

By _____
Dr. Mark Spong, Dean, Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

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Richland College

By _____
Roderick Crowder, Lead Faculty, Engineering

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University of Texas at Dallas

By _____
Dr. Gopal Gupta, Head, Department of Computer Science

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