

**The University of Texas at Dallas
Pre- Admissions Agreement
Comet Connection Program**

In order to facilitate the process of student transfer, the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Austin Community College (ACC) have agreed to the following Pre-Admissions Agreement. Students who sign the pre-admissions agreement and meet the criteria will be considered part of the Comet Connection program.

Austin Community College students, who meet the University of Texas at Dallas admission requirements or complete the Associate of Arts/Science/AAT degree with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, will receive automatic admission to the University of Texas at Dallas.

A student may apply for pre-admission status at the time of first enrollment at the Austin Community College, or at any time thereafter when enrolled at ACC, by completing a UTD Pre-Admissions Application. After completing a minimum 30 hours and by the deadline date associated with the term in which this agreement was signed, participants must complete the Transfer Texas Common Application (electronic version) and submit official transcripts of all college work attempted in order to initiate the formal admission process at UTD. To apply electronically, go to www.applytexas.org and follow the online instructions, selecting the Transfer application and UTD as the target institution. Admitted students have 12 months from the semester of admission to enroll at UTD.

The institutions will work together to provide appropriate transfer guides utilizing the Texas Common Course Numbering System to identify the courses to be completed at the Austin Community College that will transfer to UTD. Special attention will be given to courses that will apply toward pre-requisites or requirements for a major at UTD.

Students participating in the Comet Connection will have access to the Pre-health Resource Center at UTD and be invited to participate in both Pre-Health and Pre-Law activities and sponsored events. Pre-health and Pre-law advisors will meet with students participating in the Comet Connection at an Austin Community College campus each semester.

Students participating in the Comet Connection will have access to UTD libraries through TexShare and public terminals.

Students participating in the Comet Connection may purchase tickets to athletic and other selected events on UTD campus at the Comet Connection rate.

Students participating in the Comet Connection may participate in UTD's Guaranteed Tuition Program.

UTD will provide the opportunity for Austin Community College transfer students who attend UTD and meet UTD transfer scholarship criteria to apply for designated scholarships. Information about applying for these scholarships is on the UTD Web site.

The two institutions will provide a smooth transition for qualified students wishing to enter the Honors program at UTD. Acceptance to the Honors program requires a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on all college work. The Honors program will accept up to 12 semester hours of honors credit with a grade of 3.5 or better earned at ACC toward the 24 honors hours required for Honor program recognition upon graduation from UTD.

UTD will provide Austin Community College with the annual report (SRS250) consisting of official transcripts of permanent records of former ACC students enrolled at University of Texas at Dallas as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Office of the Registrar at UTD agrees to the following:

1. Through the electronic transfer admissions applications, request transfer students' permission for UTD to send transcripts and student contact information to ACC.
2. Forward ACC student transcripts to The Admissions and Records Office at ACC when individual students have earned a total of sixty (60) or more credit hours. Transcripts will be forwarded electronically via SPEEDE (aka EDI)

3. Provide ACC Admissions and Records Director a hard copy or electronic list of students for whom electronic transcripts are sent.

The Admissions and Records Office at Austin Community College agrees to the following:

1. Provide the Office of the Registrar at the University of Texas at Dallas with an electronic file reflecting the awarded associate degrees.

Administrators for Austin Community College and the University of Texas at Dallas will meet annually to assess the program and develop additional possible options to this agreement.

UTD officials will work with Austin Community College officials to find ways to share information about students enrolled at UTD who could have sufficient hours to receive an associates degree from ACC.

This agreement shall become effective 22 June 2007 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Termination can be processed when either UTD or ACC give written notice to the other institution 180 days prior to the requested termination date.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on this the 22nd of June 2007

Austin Community College

By 

Dr. Stephen B. Kinslow, President

Date 6/22/07

University of Texas at Dallas

By 

Dr. David Daniel, President

Date 6/22/07

CometConnection
Austin Community College and The University of Texas at Dallas
Pre-Admission Form

*Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Full Legal Name _____
(First, M, Last)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Phone number (H) _____ (Cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Guaranteed Tuition Program Effective:

Fall 2007 through Summer 2011

Semester and year you expect to enter UTD:

Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Year _____

Your expected major: _____

Upon completion of the AA/AS/AAT degree or completion of studies at Austin Community College, Austin Community College students who meet the UTD admission requirements will receive automatic admission to UTD. Students may apply for pre-admission status at the time they enroll at ACC by completing and sending this form to the UTD office of Admissions. The form must be signed by an appropriate ACC official (such as the Dean of Student Services at ACC) to confirm that the student is being acknowledged by ACC for participation in this program. Enrollment in the Comet Connection serves to enroll the student in The Guaranteed Tuition Program at UTD.

After completing a minimum of 30 hours and by the deadline date associated with the term in which this agreement was signed, participants must complete the Transfer Texas Common Application (electronic version) and submit official transcripts of all college work attempted in order to initiate the formal admission process at UTD. To apply electronically, go to www.applytexas.org and follow the online instructions, selecting the Transfer application and UTD as the target institution. Admitted students have 12 months from the semester of admission to enroll at UTD.

By signing, I agree that my student records may be shared between UTD and ACC to facilitate the administration of this program.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Austin Community College Acknowledgement

The above named ACC student is hereby acknowledged as a student in good standing for participation in the Pre-Admissions program with UTD under the terms set forth in the Pre-Admissions Agreement between ACC and UTD.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(Austin Community College Dean of Student Services)

Complete and return this form with the required signatures affixed to:
Office of Enrollment Services, HH-10
The University of Texas at Dallas
PO Box 830688
Richardson, TX 75083-0688

*Your social security number (SSN) or UTD Identification Number (ID) is being requested because it is a unique ID which is maintained for the purpose of accuracy in tracking information. The disclosure of such information is voluntary. Disclosure of your SSN or UTD ID is governed by the Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code).