

Austin Community College Compliance Certification Response
Substantive Change Prospectus
South Austin Campus

Austin Community College programs adhere to standards of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as outlined in the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual*, pp.193-195 [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#) and the Guidelines for Instructional Programs in Workforce Education (GIPWE) [\[3\]](#). The college's adherence to these standards ensures programs embody coherent courses of study that are based on fields of study appropriate to higher education. ACC's approved programs lead to the associate degree, which is in line with the college's purpose as mandated by state law [\[4\]](#).

According to the Academic Programs section of the *ACC Catalog, 2005-2006*, ACC currently offers more than 75 programs, with numerous degree, certificate, concentration, core curriculum, and field of study options [\[5\]](#). All degree programs include a core curriculum that is standardized at the state level and fully transferable, by state law, to any Texas public institution of higher education [\[6\]](#).