

Austin Community College Compliance Certification Response (5th Year Interim Report)

Austin Community College ensures the quality of programs/courses offered through consortia relationships or contractual agreements, ensures ongoing compliance with the comprehensive requirements, and evaluates the consortial relationship and/or agreement against the purpose of the institution.

ACC signed a Shared Services Agreement with Texas State University to be able to offer classes at the [Round Rock Higher Education Center\[1\]](#) (RRHEC). The Shared Services Agreement identifies each institution's rights and responsibilities regarding facilities and technology use, and provision of student support services and educational programs. Austin Community College's administrators oversee the ACC programs and services provided at the Round Rock Higher Education Center to ensure they meet the standards of the on-campus programs and services. The President of ACC reviews and signs the Shared Services Agreement each year.

The Round Rock Higher Education Center provides easier access to ACC programs in Round Rock and Williamson County. A key feature of the center is the provision of coursework to enhance transfer of credits from the associate to the bachelor's degree, making it easier for students to complete degree programs. ACC courses offered at the RRHEC are part of the college's regular course inventory and must meet the same standards as those offered at any ACC campus.

Prior to its participation in the RRHEC, ACC had been teaching classes in Round Rock and Williamson County at the Round Rock High School and therefore, no new programs were initiated by ACC when the RRHEC was established.