

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

Austin Community College is in compliance with its program responsibilities under Title IV of the 1998 Higher Education Amendments and audits financial aid programs as required by federal and state regulations. As a one college multi-campus institution, all financial aid programs are administered centrally across all campuses and teaching locations, including the Round Rock Higher Education Center.

Austin Community College received the Program Participation Agreement from the U.S. Department of Education that enables the college to receive and award Title IV Financial Aid program funds. ACC completed the recertification process in 2007, and was re-approved to participate in the Title IV programs through March 31, 2013. Title IV Financial Aid Programs consist of the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), Academic Competitive Grant (ACG), Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, and the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. The Eligibility and Certification Approval Report confirms Austin Community College's ability to award Title IV financial aid to students enrolled in all associate degree programs and approved college credit certificate programs. ACC does not have any issues affecting the status of its Title IV programs.

The Austin Community College Student Financial Aid Office files the Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP). In addition, Austin Community College complies with the responsibility for disseminating financial aid and consumer information to students. Examples of the sources for providing this information to students are as follows:

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[ACC Catalog\[7\]](#)

[Academic Calendar\[8\]](#)

[ACC Course Schedule Booklet\[9\]](#)

[ACC Financial Aid Website\[10\]](#)

[ACC Student Handbook\[11\]](#)

Austin Community College continuously monitors the quality of the administration and delivery of student aid. We have been successful in reducing our default rates and we attribute our success to the outsourcing of default prevention services and the Student Financial Aid Office's continued efforts to encourage students to borrow wisely. The Student Financial Aid Office will only package a loan if the student has requested the loan on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students must participate in an entrance loan counseling session every year before their loan is disbursed.