

# Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathways



## Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathways Memorandum of Agreement Between Pima Community College and The University of Arizona

This Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into as of Feb. 11, 2011 (the "effective date"), by and between the Pima County Community College District for and on behalf of Pima Community College and the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of The University of Arizona and The University of Arizona South, each sometimes individually referred to herein as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

### Preface

Pima Community College and the University of Arizona share a deep commitment to developing and promoting access and affordability for Arizona students. With a common interest in advancing student-focused, learning-centered higher education, a shared commitment to maximizing the use of learning resources, a mutual interest in encouraging and facilitating seamless transfer opportunities, and with support for the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved, Pima Community College and the University of Arizona agree to establish Arizona Transfer Admission Pathways (AzTAP) as described herein.

This Agreement is intended to be an overarching, flexible and responsive mechanism for creating numerous Pima Community College and University of Arizona AzTAPs and other collaborations. Individual program or degree AzTAPs will be attached hereto as addenda.

### Arizona Transfer Admissions Pathway

Foundational to meeting the student-focused goals stated above is the development of a platform of seamless Pima Community College and University of Arizona partnership degrees. The AzTAP is an articulated degree-to-degree transfer program that will provide a Pathway for each specific degree, as defined by each specific AzTAP, including whether the AzTAP is limited to enrollment at University of Arizona South (UA South), one of the University of Arizona or UA South learning centers and/or the University of Arizona campus.

The conditions stated below define the core components of the AzTAP assuring that graduates of Pima Community College will be admitted to the University of Arizona or UA South with the number and

nature of Pima Community College credit hours indicated in each specific agreement applied to the specified baccalaureate degree program.

## **I. General Provisions**

AzTAPs are based on the principles developed for AzTransfer, overseen by the Academic Program Articulation Steering Committee (APASC), and as refined by meetings of individual faculty at Pima Community College and the University of Arizona either through Articulation Task Forces (ATFs) or independently with approval of each institution. These guidelines have been adopted by all the public and tribal post-secondary institutions in Arizona and ensure that students can transfer with the appropriate lower-division preparation from the community college to complete a baccalaureate degree at the UA or UA South. The Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) and designated transfer degrees are designed to comply with statewide guidelines and ensure university admission as defined by Arizona Board of Regents policy.

Specific AzTAPs will be reviewed in Spring of every other year by both institutions and reconfirmed or modified for the following two years, or will be modified as needed for significant changes. Specific agreements may be terminated with one year's notice at the request of either institution.

## **II. Student Requirements**

To qualify for the AzTAP, a Pima Community College student enrolled in the appropriate Associate of Arts, Business, Fine Arts, Science or Applied Science degree relevant to the particular AzTAP must:

1. Be jointly admitted to Pima Community College and the University of Arizona or complete an Intent to Transfer Form prior to the end of add/drop in the semester prior to transfer.
2. Submit an undergraduate application for admission form to the UA during the university's application filing period for acceptance, at least one semester in advance of transfer and otherwise qualify for admission.
3. Maintain a minimum cumulative UA recalculated GPA of 2.0 in all transferable courses. Certain programs may require a higher GPA as specified in the Addenda to this Agreement.
4. Satisfactorily complete all Pima Community College graduation requirements for the appropriate associate's degree prior to the date the student intends to transfer to the university. For students who have not completed an associate's degree, and as the parties agree for each AzTAP as appropriate, the University of Arizona and UA South agree to "reverse transfer" and Pima Community College agrees to accept as transfer, those credits earned at the University of Arizona which are equivalent to the courses required to complete the Pima Community College associate's degree. Students who do not earn an associate's degree will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.
5. Students who complete an application to the University of Arizona will be admitted if they meet the requirements in number two and three above and those described in the appropriate AzTAP.
6. At the time of transfer, student will be a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident, or hold an appropriate non-immigrant visa permitting study at the University of Arizona.

### **III. Role of the University**

1. The University of Arizona will provide materials, catalogs and other information to Pima Community College advisors, upon request, to help them assist students in meeting university academic program requirements.
2. The University of Arizona will also provide access for potential transfer students to all necessary services, such as major-specific transfer guides, admissions assistance to the University of Arizona and financial aid services.

### **IV. Role of Pima Community College**

1. Pima Community College will provide university personnel with the opportunity to promote this agreement by presenting materials to and speaking with Pima Community College students.
2. Pima Community College will also provide opportunities for university personnel to train Pima Community College advising staff in important aspects of the transfer process to the University of Arizona.

### **V. Mutual Obligations**

Both institutions agree that they will:

1. Provide direct links between their institutional websites noting the existence of specific AzTAPs.
2. Require that transfer information provided to the public is reviewed and updated each year needed.
3. Work cooperatively to determine baccalaureate degree programs appropriate for the development of additional AzTAPs.
4. Work cooperatively to identify the courses and programs that will provide the best foundation for students interested in transferring to the University of Arizona. Each AzTAP, both existing and future, will be attached hereto as addenda, approved by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution.
5. Designate an institutional representative for ongoing communications between the institutions specific to transfer agreements and an advising or admissions representative for ongoing communications regarding student needs.
6. Comply with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act of 1999 and FERPA regulations, taking reasonable steps to require that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed. Information will be shared as needed to allow students to participate in this transfer agreement and to track student interest, persistence and success.
7. Form an oversight committee charged with evaluation and review of this agreement. This committee will meet, at a minimum, twice each year.
8. Develop appropriate marketing and communication strategies for the AzTAP.
9. Identify opportunities to increase financial support for Pima Community College students transferring to the University of Arizona.

**VI. Arizona State Agency Provisions**


1. **Nondiscrimination.** The parties agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination.
2. **Conflict of Interest.** This agreement is subject to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-511.
3. **State Obligation.** The parties recognize that the availability of degree program(s) specific to an agreed-upon transfer agreement may be dependent upon the appropriation of funds by the State Legislature of Arizona. Should the Legislature fail to appropriate the necessary funds or if either Party's appropriation is reduced during the fiscal year, that Party may cancel the transfer agreement on ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the transfer agreement.
4. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** No person or entity is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.
5. **Governing Law.** This agreement is made under and shall be interpreted according to Arizona law.

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