

Tracking Cougar Curriculum



March 2016

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE OBJECTIVES

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Personal Responsibility
- Social Responsibility

FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT AREAS (with credit hours)

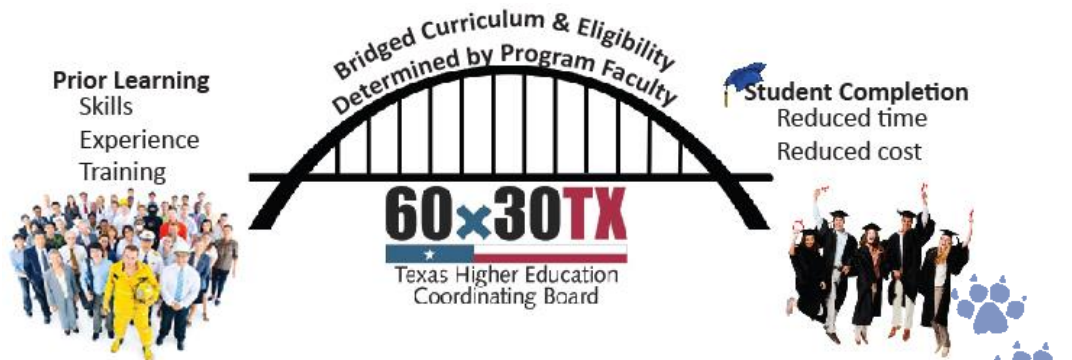
- American History (6)
- Communication (6)
- Creative Arts (3)
- Government/Political Science (6)
- Language, Philosophy and Culture (3)
- Life & Physical Sciences (6)
- Mathematics (3)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Component Area Option [distributed across the components] (6)

BRIDGE TO COMPLETION

For six years, the Collin College Nursing program has operated a successful bridge program for prospective students with a medical employment background. The bridge program allows students to demonstrate prior learning of selected basic knowledge and skills. Students who are successful receive credit for five (5) designated courses and transition into the second year of the two-year Associate Degree Nursing program. By providing students an alternative method for demonstrating the same knowledge and skills as their colleagues who successfully complete those five classes via the traditional pathway, the bridge students can cut time to completion in half!

Students with military training, industry experience or knowledge gained from unaccredited programs can benefit from opportunities to demonstrate and be credited for their prior learning. All Collin College workforce programs are eligible to develop a bridged curriculum. Program faculty control the process of identifying who is eligible to apply, what essential knowledge and fundamental skills are represented in first year or initial coursework, and which assessment processes are effective for determining earned credit.

In conjunction with the 60x30TX statewide strategic plan, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is encouraging Texas public colleges and universities to establish bridged curriculum when faculty determine it is appropriate as a means to assist students with program completion. If you have an interest in exploring the development of bridge curriculum, contact the Curriculum Office to learn about available resources (Karen Murph - 3862 or Vickie Stone - 3763).



CAB ACTIONS

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- **Business and Computer Systems** - Computer Systems Program AAS/Certificate/MSAA revisions; track terminations and revisions; course additions; course deletion. E-Business Development Program AAS/Certificate revisions; track additions, terminations and revisions; course revisions, additions, and deletions.
- **Fine Arts** - Commercial Photography Program AAS/Certificate revisions; new courses.

See the CAB minutes on the Curriculum Office site in CougarWeb for more details.