

# TRANSFER PROGRAMS and resources

## GETTING STARTED AT CCCCD

Collin County Community College adheres to various policies that are designed to make transfer easy, such as a state-honored core curriculum, a statewide Guarantee for Transfer program, and participation in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

## CORE CURRICULUM<sup>1</sup>

The Texas Education Code, as a result of Senate Bill 148, requires all public colleges and universities to have a core curriculum. Core curriculum is defined as “the curriculum in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduate students of a particular Texas institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an associate or bachelor’s degree.”

The purpose of the core curriculum is to provide the skills, knowledge, and perspectives that help define the educated person. The courses included in the core curriculum will contribute to the acquisition of these skills perspectives and to a basic core of knowledge.

The core curriculum is predicated on a series of basic intellectual competencies—reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking, and computer literacy—that are essential to the learning process in any discipline. Although students can be expected to come to college with some experience in exercising these competencies, they often need further instruction and practice to meet college standards and, later, to succeed in both their major field of academic study and their chosen career or profession.

CCCCD will designate core curriculum courses completed by a student on the official CCCCD transcript. If a student satisfies all component areas, the message “Core Curriculum Completed” will appear on the transcript.

Students should visit with an academic advisor to ensure that they take the correct courses for their Associate of Arts or Associate



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of Science degree program at CCCCD in addition to the major for their chosen transfer college or university.

Students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours with a cumulative (overall) grade point average of 2.0 or better and pass all sections of TASP in order to graduate with an associate degree in the state of Texas.

CCCCD's common core curriculum of 45 credit hours, graduation requirement of 3 credit hours, and electives/area of emphasis of 12 hours follows:

**Communications 9 credit hours**

English	6 credit hours
ENGL 1301 and 1302	
Speech – <i>Select one course:</i>	3 credit hours
SPCH 1311 or 1315	

**Humanities 3 credit hours**

<i>Select one course:</i>	
ANTH 2351	
ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333, 2342, or 2343	
FREN 2303 or 2304	
HUMA 1301	
PHIL 1301, 1304, 2303, 2306, or 2307	
SPAN 2321 or 2322	

**Mathematics 3 credit hours**

<i>Select one course:</i>	
MATH 1314/1414*, 1316*, 1324, 1325, or 1342*	
(or higher level course as determined by student's area of emphasis)	

**Natural Sciences 8 credit hours**

<i>Select two courses (course sequence recommended):</i>	
BIOL 1406*, 1407*, 1408, 1409, or 1411*	
CHEM 1405, 1407, 1411*, or 1412*	
ENVR 1401*	
GEOL 1401, 1403*, or 1404*	
PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 2425*, or 2426*	

**Social/Behavioral Sciences 3 credit hours**

<i>Select one course:</i>	
PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301	

**Social Sciences 12 credit hours**

<i>Legislative Mandate – Students must take BOTH of the following courses:</i>	
GOVT 2301 (Texas) and GOVT 2302 (U.S.)	
<i>Legislative Mandate – Students must take TWO of the following courses:</i>	
HIST 1301, 1302, or 2301	

**Visual/Performing Arts 3 credit hours**

<i>Select one course:</i>	
ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304	
DRAM 1310	
MUSI 1306 or 1307	

**Institutional Options 4 credit hours**

*Students must select one course in each of the following areas:*

COSC 1300 (or higher level course as determined by student's area of emphasis)	
Any PHED/DANC Activity Course (1 credit hour)	

**AA/AS Core Curriculum 45 credit hours**

**AA/AS Requirement\*\* 3 credit hours**

**Electives/Areas of Emphasis<sup>2</sup> 12 credit hours min.**

**Total 60 credit hours minimum**

NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> Some courses in the core curriculum may require prerequisites. Please check course descriptions in the back of this catalog.
- <sup>2</sup> In order to complete an area of emphasis, students must complete 12 credit hours of recommended electives.

To complete an Associate of Arts degree:

- \*\*1. One sophomore Literature course (3 credit hours) is required for graduation.
2. Students may select any of the Mathematics and Natural Sciences courses listed above.

To complete an Associate of Science degree:

- \*\*1. One additional Mathematics course (3 credit hours) is required for graduation. Students must choose a Mathematics course marked with an asterisk (\*).
2. Students must select from Mathematics and Natural Sciences courses marked with an asterisk (\*).

**FIELDS OF STUDY**

Mandated in Senate Bill 148, the Fields of Study curricula are intended to facilitate the transferability of lower-division courses among Texas public colleges and universities. Field of Study courses are defined by SB 148 as, "a set of courses that will satisfy the lower-division requirements for a bachelor's degree in a specific academic major at a general academic teaching institution." Receiving institutions may not require incoming transfer students to repeat courses with the same content as Field of Study courses. CCCCD offers Fields of Study curricula for the Business, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Engineering Technology, Music, and Nursing areas of emphasis. Refer to the specific Fields of Study curriculum in the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science sections of this catalog.

**GUARANTEE FOR TRANSFER CREDIT**

CCCCD guarantees to its students who have met the requirements for its Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree and students who have met the 60 credit-hour transfer plan the

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transferability of those course credits to the Texas colleges and/or universities that participate in the Guarantee for Transfer Credit program. This guarantee is designed for CCCC students who have made firm decisions about their major, the transfer college or university to which they plan to transfer, and have followed a written transfer guide for that transfer institution.

If these courses are rejected, a student may take tuition-free alternate courses at CCCC that are deemed acceptable by the college or university to which he/she wishes to transfer. Special conditions that apply to the guarantee program are available on request.

### COMMON COURSE NUMBERING

To help meet the transfer needs of its students, CCCC is a member of the Texas Common Course Numbering System Consortium. All Texas community/junior colleges and many Texas universities are also using this numbering system.

The Texas Common Course Numbering System provides a shared, uniform set of course designations for students and their advisors to use in determining both course equivalency and degree applicability of transfer credit on a statewide basis.

Students should not assume that only courses with common course numbers will transfer and should see a CCCC academic advisor for assistance.

### CONCURRENT ADMISSIONS AGREEMENTS

**Southern Methodist University**  
**University Of North Texas**  
**University Of Texas At Dallas**

The Concurrent Admission Agreements allow qualified CCCC students the opportunity to complete freshman and sophomore requirements for Southern Methodist University, the University of North Texas or the University of Texas at Dallas while enrolled at CCCC.

Concurrent admissions will lower costs, making college more affordable and accessible. Students will complete the first two years of their bachelor's degrees and pay CCCC's tuition rates.

CCCC students participating in the concurrent admissions programs will be rewarded for pursuing an academically rigorous program of study. They will be eligible for prestigious university scholarships and will receive recognition for completing honors courses at CCCC.

These agreements extend select SMU, UNT, and UTD student privileges, such as access to the libraries as well as cultural and athletic events, to CCCC students.

For more information about concurrent admissions, please call 972.881.5710.

### DUAL OPPORTUNITIES AGREEMENTS

Collin County Community College District  
 Dallas County Community College District (DCCC):

Collin County residents may enroll in select Workforce Education (WECM) programs offered by the DCCC at in-county tuition rates. Likewise, Dallas County residents may enroll in select Workforce Education programs offered by CCCC. For more information contact the Registrar's Office at SCC-972.881.5710, PRC-972.377.1744, or CPC-972.548.6710.

## TRANSFER PROGRAMS

The ultimate goal of Collin County Community College District is to produce educated and productive students, knowledgeable in their chosen field of study. CCCC has partnered with various colleges and universities to establish transfer articulation agreements, concurrent admission agreements and degree plans to provide students with access to and linkages with their baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. Not only do these partnerships allow courses to transfer from one institution to another without misrepresentation or loss of credit; they foster a more confident and successful student.

### TRANSFER RESOURCES AT CCCC

Transfer services and resources are available to CCCC students to help ensure easy transfer of course credits from CCCC to the college or university of their choice. Some of the resources include individual assistance from academic advisors, Transfer Express, and the Transfer Labs.

#### Academic Advisors

Students planning to transfer Collin County Community College coursework to another college or university should contact an academic advisor. Students planning to earn associate degrees are also encouraged to contact an academic advisor. Academic advisors help students define short- and long-term transfer goals and assist with course selections. CCCC academic advisors are located at each campus in the Student Development Center.

#### Transfer Express Program

During the spring semester, Collin County Community College hosts Transfer Express, a free program designed for CCCC students who plan to transfer courses to other colleges and universities.

Transfer Express enables students to compare various schools without traveling to their campuses. Representatives from many well-known state colleges and universities are present to offer students valuable information including transferability of courses, academic programs, student activities, housing, and financial aid.

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