ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
AND TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE

This Agreement is made and entered into on this ___ day of _________, 2011, by and between STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, an entity of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “SFA” and TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as “TCCD.”

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable students that earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Child Development at TCCD to apply specific credit hours to the Child Development and Family Living degree at SFA. TCCD will deliver agreed-upon lower level classes, while SFA will deliver all upper level courses, including at least 6 hours of the minor in Human Sciences. SFA will deliver a minimum of 42 total hours, of which 36 of those hours must be advanced. Student must meet SFA Admission requirements, tuition, and fees, or other policies. Both SFA and TCCD acknowledge the value of a seamless educational degree program between the institutions.

2. Terms of Agreement:

A. Responsibilities of SFA:

SFA hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll those TCCD students who have completed an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Child Development in this specific seamless degree program who are determined by SFA to be fit and qualified for admission to SFA and the Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Living.

2. To provide courses to be taught at SFA and/or through distance education on a rotation schedule.

3. To assist TCCD students with desired course placement and advising and online or via telephone as needed.

4. To maintain on-going collaboration and monitoring of the program through the Director of the SFA School of Human Sciences.

5. To arrange and coordinate academic accommodations for qualified disabled students enrolled in SFA courses through the SFA Office of Disability Services.
6. To bill and collect from students participating in this program applicable SFA tuition and fees as adopted by the SFA Board of Regents.

7. To remind students involved in the program that SFA academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees are subject to change. Location of changed information can be found on the SFA website, bulletins, or other locations.

8. SFA cannot guarantee this program in perpetuity; therefore, it is important that the parties and students participating in this program understand that this agreement will not constitute a binding contract regarding the ongoing or future offerings of the academic program outlined herein.

9. SFA is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any TCCD student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking student to any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, disability, marital status, veteran status, age or gender.

B. Responsibilities of TCCD:

TCCD hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll TCCD students enrolled in lower division courses taught by TCCD as part of this seamless degree program.

2. To include a weblink to SFA course listings from this program on the TCCD home page or from the department home page, and to assist in advising SFA/TCCD students in this program through a designated TCCD academic advisor.

3. To communicate to students completing the Associates of Applied Sciences degree in Child Development and enrolling in SFA that SFA academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees will apply and may be subject to change, and that SFA cannot guarantee the program in perpetuity, so future offerings cannot be guaranteed.

4. To maintain on-going collaboration and monitoring of the program through the Department of Education and Child Development and the Office of Academic Support Services.

5. TCC is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any SFA student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, disability, marital status, veteran status, age, gender, or any other non-merit factors.
3. **Term of Agreement:**

This Agreement shall operate from year to year with annual review. It may only be modified by a written agreement signed by legally authorized officials of both institutions. The Agreement will operate as a commitment of no more than one academic year at a time.

4. **Termination:**

This Agreement is subject to termination by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice of a material breach to the breaching party. Alternatively, this Agreement can be terminated at any time without cause by mutual consent of the parties, or by either institution with notice by May 1st that the program will not be offered for the next academic year.

5. **Dispute Resolution:**

The laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A.) shall govern the interpretation and application of this Agreement. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement or its operation, performance or non-performance that cannot be resolved through discussion between the parties shall be resolved solely and exclusively by the courts located in Nacogdoches or Tarrant County, Texas, U.S.A. Neither party waives any immunities it may have under law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the below signed parties hereto have set their hands by and through their duly authorized officers on the date and year first recited above.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT    STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Erma Johnson Hadley, Chancellor
David A Wells, VC Academic Affairs

Dr. Baker Pattillo, President
Dr. Richard Berry, Provost/VPAA

Dr. Judy Abbott, Dean,
College of Education