

Addendum of Clarification

Roles

- WTAMU – to manage the overall BGS-Roscoe project. The project will have a full time coordinator provided by the university and stationed on the WT campus. The university will provide a pathway of courses to achieve a Bachelor of General Studies degree from WTAMU. This will include:
 - Assistance with recruitment of RCISD graduates identified by RCISD as appropriate for this program. This will include hosting RCISD students twice annually to a campus visit. It will also include executing a public awareness campaign in the 4-county area surrounding Roscoe to raise the visibility of this option and add adult students in sufficient numbers to make the program viable over the long term;
 - Advising of said students, including building pathways based on student interests and post-graduate goals;
 - Assistance with financial aid and scholarships based on the students' eligibility;
 - Provision of sufficient upper level online courses to maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, Summer) until graduation;
 - Building a local support program ("Finishers") to support the cohort of students (RCISD and adult students from region) pursuing a bachelor's degree from WTAMU
 - Tracking of student progress, completion
 - Provide program oversight of a shared employee stationed on the campus of RCISD to meet administrative and social support needs of students – both RCISD graduates and area adult students enrolled in WTAMU BGS program or other WT online programs.
- RCISD – to assist with the completion goals of the BGS program by providing the following:
 - Selection and financial support of appropriate RCISD graduates annually as outlined below ("Financial Considerations"). WTAMU will be the default program for RCISD graduates who have not left the Roscoe area;
 - Assistance with communication between students and WTAMU;
 - Arrange transportation to/from WTAMU twice yearly for a campus visit and to experience college life. (costs associated with these visits will be provided by RCISD)
 - Provide local oversight of a shared employee to meet administrative and social support needs of students – both RCISD graduates and area adult students enrolled in WTAMU BGS program. This position will devote half-time to support of this project and will have other duties assigned by RCISD for the other half of their time. The person will be evaluated by both partners and it will be expected that this staffer will meet the expectations of both partners. However, final authority for hiring, evaluating and replacing (if needed) the employee will rest with RCISD.

Relationship

The relationship between the partners is collegial, with each institution clearly understanding that the goal is to graduate RCISD students with a bachelor degree. It is anticipated that changes in procedures and financial arrangements, among other details, will be needed as the partners learn to better meet the needs of the students.

Grantors providing financial assistance to this project will be eligible to receive regular progress reports and to participate with WTAMU in its review of program success.

It is understood that each partner institution retains its final and official authority over all matters related to curriculum, assessment of academic progress, grading, and other such matters. This is necessary since each partner is held responsible by the state, federal and accrediting authorities. WTAMU, as the degree granting institution, has final responsibility over the program for these reasons.

Financial Considerations | P-Tech Students

RCISD will cover the costs of WTAMU tuition/fees/books for all P-Tech students that it places in the program, up to \$12,000 per student for 39 credit hrs.

Costs associated with any courses taken from Western Texas College or another institution, in pursuit of a bachelor's degree under this program will be separate from this program. WTAMU will assist in tracking such enrollments, but will not be responsible for negotiating any reduced pricing on behalf of RCISD.

Financial Considerations | All Other Students

Other students enrolling in the program will be responsible for their own costs (tuition/fees/books) which will be assessed according to regular WTAMU tuition rates, net of any scholarships/financial aid for which the student might be eligible.

WTAMU will assist other students from the area with reducing the tuition/fee costs by:

- Admitting the students as "transient" until they have completed any community college courses. This will preserve their eligibility for transfer student scholarships;
- Offer RCISD-sponsored students the best available institutional scholarships, based on student eligibility. Eligibility is based on various factors, including high school and/or college GPA, class rank, college major, etc. If the student is classified as a transfer (for admission purposes) and taking a full-time load at WTAMU in a given term, then the minimum scholarship award would be \$2,000/yr for 2 years (if the student has a 3.0 GPA or better in their prior college credit).
- Assist the students in obtaining federal and state financial aid. To receive this aid, students must have graduated from high school prior to WTAMU enrollment or earned a GED.

WTAMU may, on occasion and with prior approval from RCISD, submit certain expenses associated with this project for reimbursement. Examples of such requests include:

- Training for Finishers sponsors and/or local tutors or coaches serving students in this program;
- Marketing and communication of the program to the surrounding region;
- Travel expenses for WTAMU staff between WTAMU and Roscoe, as well as other travel associated with this project which has been requested by RCISD or Edu-Nation;
- Misc. expenses associated with the program, but not identified at this time. All expenses would require RCISD approval.

Costs of this program (tuition/books/fees) will be determined within the first 60 days of each term and balances will be due by the end of the term.

Term

This is an addendum to the "WTAMU Undergraduate Degree Completion Program" memorandum of understanding signed on July 22, 2019 and will remain in effect as long as the MOU exists or until modified or terminated in writing by either party.



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