# AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY AND JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE "ETBU Tiger Transfer Track Program"

### **Statement of Purpose:**

East Texas Baptist University (ETBU) offers courses of study leading to six baccalaureate degrees with over 40 academic majors and 10 graduate degrees. Jacksonville College provides university parallel coursework at the freshman and sophomore levels, which leads to an Associate degree. In an effort to maximize the resources available through ETBU and Jacksonville College, this Articulation Agreement is intended to promote a seamless academic transfer, while supporting student learning, success, and persistence in meeting academic program requirements for earning a bachelor's degree at ETBU.

The purpose of this Agreement is to define areas of responsibility and provide guidelines to ensure students and graduates of Jacksonville College will be able to successfully transfer approved courses to ETBU and effectively navigate the admission, enrollment, and matriculation processes at ETBU.

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

The following terms and conditions support this agreement:

- 1. This Articulation Agreement becomes effective upon signing by both institutions and either may publicize the partnership or any successful collaboration between the two (2) institutions resulting from the initiatives within this agreement. Copies of press releases relating to any part of this Agreement must be made available to the designated communication/public information offices at the partnering institution.
- 2. This Articulation Agreement will be reviewed every three (3) years and any amendments must be proposed in writing and obtain approval from the Presidents at each institution, or their designees.
- 3. This Articulation Agreement shall remain effective until one (1), or both, institutions deem it necessary to terminate the Agreement. The desire to terminate the Agreement must be submitted in writing with sixty (60) days notice to the President of the partnering institution.
- 4. Both institutions will designate individuals who will be responsible for the maintenance of this Agreement. In the event that the designated individuals are no longer available to perform this duty, the replacement will be communicated in writing to the other institution, but will not require a renegotiation of the Agreement.
- 5. Each institution will promote and encourage discussions with the respective academic administrators, department chairs, and/or degree-specific program coordinators at the partnering institution in order to explore the development of joint enrollment initiatives, partnership programs, and 2+2 agreements. When such agreements are created, a separate transfer course equivalency guide and transfer agreement will be developed, approved, and signed by the designated officials at each institution.
- 6. Jacksonville College students who desire to transfer to ETBU, and who meet the standards and criteria for admission to ETBU will be granted priority for admission to the University.
- 7. ETBU will encourage Jacksonville College transfer students to complete the appropriate

Associate degree either before matriculation to ETBU or by reverse transfer of course credit following admission to and enrollment at ETBU.

- 8. ETBU agrees to provide transfer students with information regarding the availability of transfer scholarships for eligible students as well as other financial aid opportunities at ETBU.
- 9. ETBU will give priority to eligible Jacksonville College students for Christian Leadership and Academic Scholarships. Jacksonville College Phi Theta Kappa members, who are admitted to ETBU, will be granted the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship.
- 10. Representatives from ETBU and Jacksonville College will meet or make contact at least once per year to exchange course catalogs and discuss current transfer admission information to be used during the subsequent academic year.
- 11. Jacksonville College will allow ETBU recruitment representatives to conduct campus visits for the purpose of promoting ETBU degree programs and recruiting Jacksonville College students. ETBU may make campus visits to Jacksonville College least once each fall and spring semester on an annual basis.
- 12. Jacksonville College will publicize and help facilitate campus visits by ETBU. Jacksonville College will permit ETBU to place recruitment and promotional materials prominent and approved locations for the purpose of recruiting Jacksonville College students.
- 13. All required notices, requests, and other communications shall be made in writing and considered provided to the partnering institution either when personally delivered or mailed to the respective contacts shown below.
- 14. This Articulation Agreement shall be filed with the Offices of the President and Provost at both institutions as well as with the Offices of Admissions and Registrar at each institution.

## Agreement Maintenance:

All amendments, notices, requests or other communications related to maintaining current, accurate information for the execution of this Agreement shall be made in writing and delivered to:

East Texas Baptist University
Dr. Thomas Sanders
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
One Tiger Drive
Marshall, TX 75670

Jacksonville College Marolyn Welch Vice President for Academic Affairs 105 B J Albritton Dr. Jacksonville, TX 75766

# **Institutional Approval:**

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY Dr. J. Blair Blackburn, President One Tiger Drive Marshall, TX 75670

Dr. J. Blair Blackburn, President

Date: /11-8-17

JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE Dr. Mike Smith, President 105 B J Albritton Dr. Jacksonville, TX 75766

Dr. Mike Smith, President

Date: 11-8-17