

# Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement

## Academic Years: 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

### Victoria College

an institution of higher education (IHE), in the County of Victoria, in the State of Texas, and

### St. Paul High School

agree to enter into a partnership to offer dual credit courses to eligible students, which will allow them to earn college credits while simultaneously granting credit toward their high school graduation requirements. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be in effect for the academic years listed above unless both parties agree to make an amendment to this agreement. Specific responsibilities of Victoria College (VC) and the partnering high school are defined within this agreement.

This MOU incorporates by reference all dual enrollment requirements defined in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) and VC accreditation requirements established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Appendix A provides a detailed table defining the roles and responsibilities. VC is focused on student success and will work with the high school personnel to select courses that guarantee completion of degree and/or certificate and transferability to Texas public four-year institutions.

#### 1. Student Eligibility

To be eligible for enrollment in a concurrent credit course the high school student must

- Attend a Dual Enrollment Information (DEI) session for parents/guardians/responsible adults and students.
- Meet all requirements for Dual Enrollment (DE) admission to VC as listed in the Guide to Dual Enrollment & Early Admission and the current college catalog, as well as other requirements that may be imposed by the school district.
- Be eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment Program upon meeting the current Texas Success Initiative Assessment minimum passing scores or, after August 31, 2020, the minimum passing scores for the Texas State Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA 2.0) established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or other forms of college readiness listed in **Appendix B** and Victoria College Dual Enrollment course pre-requisites. If the HS is a testing site for TSIA 2.0 the student must complete a TSI Retrieval Form (found on the VC Admissions website) and submit to Pre-College Programs and Recruitment.
- Be enrolled in grades 9-12 (this includes summer before 9<sup>th</sup> grade year with confirmation of passing to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### 2. Dual Credit Faculty Qualifications, Selection, Supervision, and Evaluation

All individuals teaching dual credit courses must meet SACSCOC requirements for community college faculty and must provide courses that adhere to college-level quality and rigor. The Vice President of Instruction, in conjunction with the appropriate dean, will select personnel to teach college course(s) at high schools, including regular, adjunct faculty, or public school teachers. Public school teachers who teach dual credit courses will be considered adjunct faculty and must follow all departmental policies including, but not limited to, submitting employment applications and official transcripts, interviewing with the dean, and being subject to regular evaluations. High school dual credit faculty members will be compensated in accordance with current college policy for all classes meeting minimum enrollment

criteria and supervised in instructional matters by their respective department chair. Compensation for courses with fewer than the minimum number of students enrolled will be prorated according to the number of students enrolled. For more information on the hiring process, please contact the VC Human Resources office.

VC adjunct faculty will be issued a VC email address to communicate all official college business, which includes access to Pirate Portal; grade reporting; roster certifications; Canvas access; and communications with VC students, staff, and departments. The HS agrees to ensure that the faculty on their campus are utilizing their VC email for their primary communication for all college business. In addition, the adjunct faculty will report excessive absences in Navigate, verify/certify rosters, meet all course student learning outcomes, and complete other required reports. Course roster certifications and numerical grade deadlines are issued to VC faculty through their VC email and published in the Pirate Portal. Faculty teaching college courses are expected to reach out to students who need academic assistance and direct them to the appropriate IHE or HS support services.

### **3. Location, Size, and Student Composition of Classes**

Courses may be conducted at the college, at the high school(s), one of the Victoria College centers, or online. When the course is offered at the college, the college will provide facilities (a classroom with desks and a place for telecommunications equipment) and other equipment as needed. When the course is offered at the high school, the high school will provide facilities and equipment as needed.

Unless other arrangements have been made, the school district and college agree to the following statements regarding the provision of facilities and communications lines.

- a. When the courses are offered via telecommunications, originating from the college campus and going to a high school campus, the college is responsible for facilities and equipment to deliver the course, and the school district is responsible for ensuring that there are adequate facilities, equipment, and communication lines to receive the course.
- b. For courses offered via telecommunications, originating from the college campus and going to a college center, the college is responsible for equipment to deliver and to receive the course, and the center is responsible for providing adequate facilities and communication lines to receive the course.
- c. Each site must have a responsible adult, known as the proctor, serving as classroom facilitator for both ITV and online classes. The college will not agree to deliver a course to an unsupervised location. The proctor must not be currently enrolled as a dual credit student or in courses they are the proctors for and must be present during the entire class period to supervise the students, distribute instructional materials, proctor exams, report/troubleshoot problems that may occur with the ITV equipment, and manage the classroom. The proctor is responsible for obtaining the college class roster from his/her counselor and verifying that it matches the high school's roster. Any changes to the roster must be made within the first two class days and be communicated to the college faculty member teaching the class. A handbook will be provided to all proctors; an agreement must be signed and returned to the Director of Distance Education & Instructional Technology. In addition, a performance evaluation will be conducted on proctors at the end of each semester.
- d. The high school will ensure students have appropriate access to all available instructional resources and essential technology when offering science courses, the high school shall

meet the laboratory safety standards and have material/equipment that comply with college science program requirements.

- e. When a live course is taught at a site other than the college campus, the class may be composed of enrolled dual credit students only or of dual and college credit students. A mixed class may be allowed under one of the following conditions:

- (1) If the course involved is required for completion under the State Board of Education Recommended or Distinguished Achievement High School Program graduation requirements, and the high school involved is otherwise unable to offer such a course;

- f. The college determines maximum class size and maintains the right to accept or reject new students during the add/drop period.
- g. The high school will ensure the classroom environment is conducive to college-level learning.

#### **4. Academic Policies and Student Support Services**

VC academic policies apply to all college courses including those which include dual credit students. These policies include the appeal process for disputed grades, drop policy, attendance, and the communication of grading policy to the students. The academic calendar of VC will be utilized for this partnership agreement including VC student holidays. All high school students are responsible for notifying their college instructor if they are missing any classes and following course policies on the syllabus. The VC adjunct faculty member/high school teacher can submit an alternate schedule to accommodate the high school yearly schedule, but this must be submitted to and approved by the Division Dean prior to the first day of when courses begin and is only applicable when being taught by the VC adjunct/ high school teacher on the high school campus.

The college will provide dual credit students with the same access to academic, career, and transfer advising, as well as disabilities services, technology support services, and library services and resources that it provides to other college students. The students also will have access to library services at their high school. If the college course is taught at the high school, the Disabilities Advisor will coordinate class accommodations with the high school Special Education Counselor, however, it is the high school personnel's responsibility to refer students in a timely manner to the Disabilities Advisor.

High school personnel will assist college personnel with enrollment, registration, and appropriate support services such as Pathway Advising, Apply Texas, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and scholarship opportunities. The high school will provide a computer lab or suitable area to conduct these interaction, along with additional support services. See **Appendix C**.

Student grievances and complaint procedures are applicable to all VC students and can be found in the current catalog and handbook. Dual enrollment students should log into the Pirate Portal regularly to access Canvas and student email as well as check their registration status, grades, billing statements, and other important data regarding their education records.

#### **5. Eligible Courses**

Courses must be identified as college-level academic courses in the current edition of the Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM) or those in the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) identified as college-level technical courses leading towards a marketable skills achievement, award, certificate, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and/or Associate of Applied Science. The college does not offer remedial and developmental courses for dual credit.

The course for which dual credit is awarded must provide advanced academic instruction beyond or in greater depth than, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the equivalent high school course. Each high school has the final decision as to what they will offer their student, refer to **Appendix D**.

## **6. Grading Criteria and Transcribing of Credit**

In recognition of the high school's role in awarding high school credit, Victoria College agrees that the high school will determine whether to award high school credit in the event that college credit is not awarded. Appropriate credit will be transcribed immediately upon a student's successful completion of the course. The high school determines the weight of grade earned for high school GPA purposes. High school students are considered college students if they are enrolled in a college course. College personnel only report mid-term and final grades and do not provide "fail" notices to districts for UIL purposes. The college will provide numerical mid-term and final grades to the high school counselor electronically.

It is the school district's responsibility to correctly code dual credit classes to meet PEIMS requirements.

## **7. Fees and Funding Provisions**

State funding for concurrent credit courses will be available to both the public school district and the college based upon the current agreement between the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Higher Education.

- a. A high school sponsoring students will be charged tuition and fees in accordance with the current college policy. The high school will need to submit a letter of intent listing the participating students and indicating how much the school will pay by deadline designated by the college. Once enrollment is complete and letter of intent is on file, the college will invoice the high school that sponsors the students for the applicable charges. There may be a contract in place between the student and ISD. See **Appendix E**.
- b. Dual enrolled students are responsible for paying tuition and fees in accordance with current college policy. Students are responsible for accessing the college's academic calendar, which will include information such as add/drop deadlines and refund policies.
- c. Scholarship opportunities can be found on the VC website. Students who are awarded scholarships will receive notification from Pre-College Programs & Recruitment.

## **8. Administrative and Procedural**

Students are required to comply with the registration, attendance and academic policies, and the code of conduct contained in the current college catalog and student handbook. Students are responsible for accessing and adhering to the college's academic calendar that will include starting/ending dates, exam schedules, add/drop dates, etc. They must attend classes based on the college's schedule. If a student is suspended, placed in an alternative program, or expelled, he/she may lose the opportunity to earn college credit.

For ITV classes sent to remote classrooms, the school district agrees to provide the college with a copy of its calendar identifying the district's holidays as soon as feasible but no later than the first class day of each semester. In accordance with the Victoria College Procedure to Request the Taping of a Class, efforts will be made to accommodate the school district's holiday schedule (with the exception of spring break) and other school-sanctioned activities that will require all students to miss class, by making recorded class sessions available for viewing in an alternate format. High school students are expected to comply with the college's attendance policy; therefore, an instructor may choose to count a student absent whenever the student is not present, even though the class session is recorded. Accessing ITV course materials in an alternate format, such as a video recording or online, does not constitute attendance. In instances where the school district's spring break does not coincide with the college's, dual credit ITV students are required to comply with the College calendar. Dual credit students attending classes held at Victoria College are also required to comply with the college calendar. Unless permission has been obtained from the college, the college's final examination schedule will be observed, and dual credit students will be required to take their final examinations as scheduled.

Victoria College has identified the Director of Enrollment Services as the contact person who will act as the liaison and coordinate all program matters. The high school shall designate a liaison for the campus who will handle all matters related to dual enrollment.

### **Terms of Agreement**

This agreement shall become effective on August 1, 2024, for two consecutive academic calendar years. This agreement shall be enforced for each academic year, as deemed necessary, unless either party submits written request for amendment or withdrawal for the next academic year. Notice to change this agreement must be served in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the semester for which the change is desired. The college or school district shall have the right to cancel or terminate this agreement at any time according to the above guidelines.

**Approved by:**

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