

# Wharton County Junior College and Schreiner University Articulation Agreement

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## **Introduction**

This Articulation Agreement recognizes that Wharton County Junior College and Schreiner University (SU) are active educational partners committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This agreement supports the concept of a seamless transfer embracing the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved. Wharton County Junior College and SU enter into this agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the agreement is to enable Wharton County Junior College students who transfer to Schreiner University to bring the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The agreement provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. Courses taken at any Wharton County Junior College location and by any delivery method are considered equally transferable.

## **Terms and Conditions**

1. This agreement becomes effective upon signing by both institutions and shall remain effective until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the agreement. Either partner may terminate this agreement upon 90 days signed, written notice to the other partner.
2. This agreement will be reviewed every two years by both institutions and any amendments must be proposed in signed writing.
3. The Transfer Advising Guide (TAG) establishes core equivalencies and program pathways that may be amended as necessary to ensure relevant information is accurate and current.
4. Both institutions will designate an individual who will be responsible for the maintenance of the agreement.
5. Wharton County Junior College students who desire to transfer to SU must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as an SU non-transfer student.
6. SU will require Wharton County Junior College transfer students to complete the Associates Degree (if available and appropriate) either before matriculation to SU or by reverse transfer of course credit following admission to and attendance at SU.
7. SU has developed a reverse transfer credit process that notifies students after they have completed at least 90 hours at the transfer institution.

8. SU agrees to share data related to Wharton County Junior College transfer students annually. Shared data must include but is not limited to, number of transfer students, grade point averages (GPA), degrees awarded, date enrolled, and date graduated, etc. Both institutions agree to follow all Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements.
9. SU agrees to provide transfer students with information regarding the availability of transfer scholarships for eligible students as well as any other financial aid opportunities at SU.
10. Wharton County Junior College agrees to inform students of transfer opportunities and transfer requirements throughout their course of study.
11. SU and Wharton County Junior College agree to collaborate in communicating information about this agreement. Each institution will assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student populations, designate a marketing point of contact who collaborates with the partner institution, and annually review marketing materials to ensure accuracy.
12. Wharton County Junior College agrees to invite SU to campus transfer fairs and other applicable campus-wide events, etc. The appropriate Wharton County Junior College office may issue the invitation and/or the transfer admissions counselor for SU may contact Wharton County Junior College to arrange campus visits.
13. SU and Wharton County Junior College agree to post and keep updated information about their partnership and transfer/reverse transfer opportunities on their web sites.

### **One-Student, Two-Schools**

SU and Wharton County Junior College will collaborate to develop a model which fosters joint engagement with students throughout their academic journey. This model will be developed over time to best serve both institutions and their student populations. All programmatic aspects of this model will be approved through the amendment of this agreement.

### **Course and Program Transfer Pathways**

Academic crosswalks or program pathways outlining the course-by-course transfer of courses and/or specific programs will be maintained and developed as Transfer Advising Guides (TAG). A course-specific pathway defined in a signed and published TAG is required for each transferable program. Pathways and TAG's will be evaluated and approved by those individuals responsible for this agreement.

### **Transfer Advising Guides**

In collaboration with Wharton County Junior College, SU will provide appropriate TAGs to identify all first year and second year level courses required for specific baccalaureate degrees. This will ensure maximum transferability of courses with the intent that courses taken at Wharton County Junior College will count and apply toward degree requirements. Wharton County Junior College and SU will collaborate closely through faculty and transfer teams on the courses that will apply toward degree requirements. Both institutions will be responsible for facilitating faculty involvement and interaction throughout the process of developing and

updating TAGs. Where applicable, SU will require students to complete an Associate Degree at Wharton County Junior College before transfer. If the TAG does not meet Associate Degree requirements, both partners agree that the student should transfer and achieve the Associate Degree through reverse transfer.

**Reverse Transfer**

“Reverse Transfer” allows students to transfer course work from SU back to Wharton County Junior College to complete requirements for the Associate Degree. Reverse transfer is specifically designed to allow students to receive the advantages pursuant to completion of the associate degree when they transfer prior to degree completion. SU and Wharton County Junior College will develop a reverse transfer process to provide students with the opportunity to complete the Associate Degree while working on their SU bachelor’s degree. Student records will be exchanged between SU and Wharton County Junior College for this purpose, strictly adhering to all privacy regulations and ensuring compliance with Texas House Bill 3025, including, without limitation, student consent.

**Data Sharing**

Wharton County Junior College will provide the following data elements to SU on at least an annual basis:

- Directory information, as designated by Wharton County Junior College, for students who have expressed a stated interest in transferring to SU or who are identified as being reasonably likely to be interested in transferring to SU;
- Major area of interest for students who have expressed a stated interest in transferring to SU or who are identified as being reasonably likely to be interested in transferring to SU, and
- Student information within legal guidelines about specific students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship, financial aid, and the potential to satisfy degree requirements by transferring coursework between both institutions, such as:

Enrollment Term	First, Middle, Last Name
Address, City, State, ZIP	Institutional and Personal Email
Home and Cell Phone	Plan to Transfer
Home Campus	Core Complete
Major	Classification

SU will provide the following data elements to Wharton County Junior College on at least an annual basis:

- Directory information for students living in the Wharton County Junior College service area;
- Degree name and completion status of Wharton County Junior College transfer students; Semesters attended by Wharton County Junior College transfer students;
- Hours completed by Wharton County Junior College transfer students;
- Grade Point Average of Wharton County Junior College transfer students, and
- Student information within legal guidelines about specific students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship, financial aid, and the potential to satisfy degree requirements by transferring coursework between both institutions, such as:

Transfer University	Enrollment Term
First, Middle, Last Name	Address, City, State, ZIP

Institutional and Personal Email  
 Home Campus  
 Major  
 Cumulative GPA  
 Courses and Grades

Home and Cell Phone  
 Core Complete  
 Classification  
 Credit Hours Earned  
 Degree awarded and degree date

- Additionally, both institutions will collaborate to administer a Transfer Experience Survey to students to gather data to help both institutions improve the transfer process. The survey will focus specifically on the transfer experience and how both Wharton County Junior College and Schreiner University support students in this process. Wharton County Junior College will prepare the survey with input from Schreiner University, and Schreiner will deliver it to Wharton County Junior College students enrolled at Schreiner University.
- Upon discovering a confirmed security incident or breach, the Third-Party, vendor, or partner must contact Wharton County Junior College by email at [ITSupport@wcjc.edu](mailto:ITSupport@wcjc.edu) within twenty-four (24) business hours, communicating the relevant and known information about the Security Incident. After two weeks of a confirmed security breach, Third Party must provide Wharton County Junior College InfoSec with an executive summary which includes:
  - Timeline of the Security Incident to show when significant events related to the Security Incident occurred
  - The suspected perpetrators of the Security Incident
  - The Wharton County Junior College infrastructure or Wharton County Junior College Information affected
  - Description of the Security Incident
- Both Parties may not share individual-level student data, or any data derived from this data, with any other partners or entities without written permission of the appropriate administrator. While in possession of these data, only persons authorized to analyze the data for authorized research purposes will be granted access. The only persons authorized to view identifiable student data will be employees of SU or in the case where Wharton County Junior College requests the compiled data, authorized and designated employees of Wharton County Junior College.
- Both Parties will strictly adhere to all statutes, court decisions and the opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of public information under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.
- The following points of contact may be prioritized for the transference of data and communication for all data-related matters:

**Wharton County Junior College**

Emily Voulgaris  
 Director of Admissions and Registration  
 979-532-6537  
[registrar@wcjc.edu](mailto:registrar@wcjc.edu)

**Schreiner University**

Alexandra Purdy  
 Institutional Research Associate  
 Office of Institutional Research  
 (830) 792-7225  
[apurdy@schreiner.edu](mailto:apurdy@schreiner.edu)

**Partnering Institution Information**

**Wharton County Junior College:** Wharton County Junior College is a public, two-year, comprehensive community college that offers associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of applied science degrees, and offers transfer curricula in preparation for the baccalaureate degree. The college is committed to helping students transfer seamlessly to universities by offering degree pathways that include the appropriate courses needed for a variety of majors.

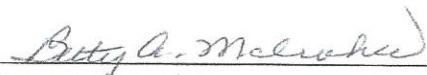
**Schreiner University:** Founded in 1923, Schreiner University, a liberal arts institution affiliated by choice and covenant with the Presbyterian Church (USA), is committed to educating students holistically. Primarily undergraduate, the university offers a personalized, integrated education that prepares its students for meaningful work and purposeful lives in a changing global society. Schreiner University will always hold student success as its priority. The university will be known for its academic rigor; it will continue to be an institution of opportunity where students from a variety of backgrounds and experiences learn through educational programs equipping them to achieve, excel, and lead. The university aspires to serve as a standard to others in programs and practices. Schreiner University remains fully committed to assisting transfer students as they make their way to the next chapter of their academic careers.

**Review and Maintenance**


This agreement will begin 2/10/2025, and may be renewed by signed mutual consent of the two institutions. The agreement will be re-evaluated every two years. Either partner may terminate this agreement upon 90 days signed, written notice to the other partner.

**Signatures:**

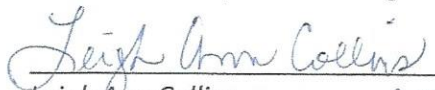
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President

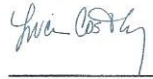
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