

Section 4.9: Consortial Relationships and Contractual Agreements

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4.9 Consortial Relationships and Contractual Agreements

A member institution which enters into consortial relationships or contractual agreements for the purpose of offering credit courses or programs must have sufficient control of relationships/agreements so as to maintain compliance with the *Criteria* when offering educational programs through such arrangements.

Angelo State University participates in several kinds of consortial or contractual arrangements for the purpose of offering credit courses:

1. arrangements with the San Angelo Independent School District (SAISD) that encourage students to succeed in high school and to support them at ASU should they choose to come here
2. arrangements with clinical facilities for the training of nurses and physical therapy students
3. articulation or cooperative arrangements with junior colleges and universities with specialized programs (3+2 arrangements)
4. international studies agreements
5. arrangements between the Biology Department and area clinics for the practical part of the Medical Technology degree
6. arrangements between the College of Education and the SAISD and other area school districts for supervision of student teachers.
7. agreement between Angelo State University and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin (UTPB) for the M.S. degree in Criminal Justice Administration

Consortia and contractual arrangements of this sort are selectively enumerated in the brochure “Partnering for a Better Texas” (1999) and more fully in the draft update of that brochure. The partnerships that involve credit in individual courses are analyzed in Appendix A of this section for compliance with the above standards. Other partnerships described in the brochure are discussed in Section 4.6, Outreach Programs.

In all cases but one, ASU controls all academic aspects of courses offered. The one exception concerns the courses in Criminal Justice offered by point-to-point video by UTPB. UTPB is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; thus, their courses comply with the *Criteria*.

In addition, many academic programs offer internships and practica that form part of a degree program. Because these courses are integral to ASU’s undergraduate and graduate programs, they are not considered in this section.

All consortia and contracts must be evaluated regularly.

The contracts are evaluated regularly by the means indicated in Appendix A.

If an institution plans to participate in consortial relationships or enter into contractual agreements for educational programs, it must follow reporting policies and procedures related to substantive change.

Of these programs, only the courses in Criminal Justice necessitated notification of substantive change. Since the courses are UTPB's, that University filed the substantive change documents in 1997. The courses were mentioned in the substantive change notification sent by ASU to SACS in June 1998; the reply to that notification stated that ASU would not need to take further action regarding distance learning until 50% or more of a program were available via distance learning.

4.9.1 Consortial Relationships

A member institution seeking to participate in a consortium degree or certificate program must enter into such a relationship only with regionally accredited institutions offering degrees or certificates at the same level.

Like Angelo State University, UTPB is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's and master's degrees. This is the only institution with which ASU has consortial agreements for a program.

Exceptions must be approved by the Commission in advance of the formation of or participation in the consortium.

Since the one exception, the degree in Criminal Justice discussed above, is granted by UTPB, the responsibility for assuring quality and complying with the *Criteria* belongs with that University, which is accredited by SACS. UTPB filed the substantive change documents in 1997.

The member institution must maintain the quality of all courses/programs offered through the consortium.

Only one consortium contributes to a program. By an agreement with UTPB, Angelo State University receives selected graduate courses in Criminal Justice via point-to-point video. ASU provides up to five courses. The agreement calls for the program to proceed for a trial period of three years, 1998-2001, without change (see Memorandum of Agreement filed in documentation for Section 4.9). Originally the arrangement called for ASU to offer courses via point-to-point video to UTPB leading to the Master of Public Administration, but that program was discontinued for lack of enrollment.

Educational course/programs offered through a consortial relationship must be related to the teaching purpose of the institution and comply with the *Criteria*.

The courses in Criminal Justice are related to ASU's teaching function in that an option for Criminal Justice has long been available through the government department. Recently, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice were approved by the Board of Regents. This approval indicates that the program is related to ASU's teaching purpose.

4.9.2 Contractual Agreements

Educational services and programs offered through a contractual agreement with another institution must support the purpose of the institution.

The member institution must maintain the quality of programs/courses offered through the contract and ensure ongoing compliance with the *Criteria*.

The University is in compliance.

Appendix A below specifies the various contractual agreements in which ASU engages. This Appendix indicates the manner by which these agreements are evaluated to ensure that they support the University's purpose and maintain a high standard of quality.

If an institution enters into a teach-out agreement with another institution, it must submit the agreement to the Commission for approval.

Angelo State University is not involved in any teach-out agreements.

Findings

The Self-Study Steering Committee determines that the University is in full compliance with the criteria in this section and, therefore, makes no recommendations or suggestions.

Appendix A

Contracts and Consortia

Contract or Consortium, Educational Courses	Contract Category	ASU Control, Criteria Compliance	Evaluated Regularly	Consortium Degree with Regionally Accredited Inst.	ASU Maintains Quality of All Consortial Prog.	Consortial Prog. Support Mission
Up-and-Coming Scholars (8 th graders + on Carr)	1	X	Annual reports to President	SAISD (SACS)	X	X
Special Early Admissions	1	X	Eval. annually by admissions staff (L. Morris)	SAISD	X	X
San Jacinto Health Clinic	2	X	Contract to be terminated FY01	N.A..	X	X
Clinical Facilities	2	X	Annual review	N.A.	X	X
Criminal Justice Master's program	3	N.A.	Program established for three yrs—1 st eval due end of 2001.	SACS	*	X
Degree Credit Transfer Agreements (articulation with junior colleges)	3	X	Deans evaluate on cyclical schedule	SACS	X	X
3+2 Engineering with TAMU, UTEP, Lamar (articulation)	3	X	Contract periodically renewed	SACS	X	X
3+2 Agriculture Education with TAMU	3	X	Contract periodically renewed	SACS	X	X
<u>International Education</u>						
Université de Valenciennes et du Hainaut-Cambrésis	4	X	Annual review		X	X
University of Lüneburg	4	X	Annual review		X	X
University of Lüneburg—Department of Education	4		Reviewed every second year		X	X
Heriot-Watt University	4	X	Reviewed every 3 years		X	X
University of Hannover	4	X	Previously reviewed frequently; now		X	X

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			established			
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey Campus Chihuahua	4	X	Annual Review	SACS	X	X
Medical Technology Scott & White, St. Elizabeth	5	X	Annual Review	N.A.	**	X
Medical Technology, Tarleton	5	X	Annual Review	SACS	**	X
ASU / SAISD (Student Teaching)	6	X	Annually by Director of Field Experiences	SACS	X	X
ASU / regional school districts (Student Teaching)	6	X	Annually by Director of Field Experiences	SACS	X	X

Section IV - Consortial Relationships and Contractual Agreements

Must Statement	Compliance Status	Documentation
<i>A member institution which enters into consortial relationships or contractual agreements or contract agreements must have sufficient control of relationships/agreements so as to maintain compliance with the Criteria when offering educational programs through such arrangements.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of contracts • Articulation agreements • Draft of Partnership brochure, “Partnering for a Better Texas”
<i>All consortia and contracts must be evaluated regularly.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of annual reports, renewals of contracts
<i>If an institution plans to participate in consortial relationships or enter into contractual agreements for educational programs, it must follow reporting policies and procedures related to substantive change.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTPB responsible for filing substantive change documents.
4.9.1 Consortial Relationships		
<i>A member institution seeking to participate in a consortium degree or certificate program must enter into such a relationship ONLY with regionally accredited institutions offering degrees or certificates at the same level.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTPB Catalog 2000-2002
<i>Exceptions must be approved by the Commission in advance of the formation of or participation in the consortium.</i>	N.A.	
<i>The member institution must maintain the quality of all courses/programs offered through the consortium.</i>	N.A.	
<i>Educational course/programs offered through a consortial relationship must be related to the teaching purpose of the institution and comply with the Criteria.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification for Approval of Criminal Justice Baccalaureates

Must Statement	Compliance Status	Documentation
4.9.2 Contractual Agreements		
<i>Educational services and programs offered through a contractual agreement with another institution or organization must support the purpose of the institutions.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of Criminal Justice baccalaureates (Approvals by Regents) • Appendix A above
<i>The member institution must maintain the quality of programs/courses offered through the contract and ensure ongoing compliance with the Criteria.</i>	In Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A above
<i>If an institution enters into a teach-out agreement with another institution, it must submit the agreement to the Commission for approval.</i>	N.A.	