

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
and
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The College of Education at Texas A&M International University and the College of Education at Texas A&M University have developed this memorandum of understanding to provide an opportunity for a cohort of selected graduate students to earn the degree of doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Administration at Texas A&M University. This effort complements a larger initiative on the part of Texas A&M University to provide greater access to degree program for South Texas residents. The Department of Educational Administration is committed to working with the faculty and administration of the College of Education at Texas A&M International University to ensure the success of this undertaking.

ADMISSION

Individuals desiring to enter the doctoral program must have a master's degree from an accredited institution and have completed all coursework and passed the Principal Certification TExES Exam. Central Office Administrators in the areas of School Finances and Human Resources who do not hold a principal certificate may be accepted to the doctoral program. Additionally, all applicants must meet the admission requirements described in both the Texas A&M University Graduate Catalog and in Department of Education supporting documents. As part of the admission process, individuals desiring to enter the program will file an application at Texas A&M International University Campus & complete a screening interview conducted by members of both university faculty representatives. The recommendation for the joint screening Interview Committee will then be forwarded to the A&M Admission Committee at Texas A&M University.

FINANCIAL AID

Texas A&M University & Texas A&M International University will develop and implement a "Consortium Agreement" for financial aid purposes. This agreement will facilitate financial aid for doctoral students enrolled in Texas A&M International University classes that will be transferred to the doctoral TAMU program. Students will apply directly to TAMU for financial aid.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Individuals accepted into the doctoral program must complete all program requirements outlined in the Graduate Catalog of Texas A&M University. The following existing requirements are highlighted for clarification:

- a. Residence requirements for the Ph.D. degree, described in the Texas A&M University Graduate Catalog, must be fulfilled.

b. A minimum of twenty-one (21) semester credit hours of graduate course work taken in residence at Texas A&M International University with a final grade of B or better will be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the student was in degree seeking status at Texas A&M University or at Texas A&M International University, and if the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for students in degree-seeking status at the host institution. All course work to be considered for transfer credit must meet the limitations stated in the Texas A&M University Graduate Catalog. Extension courses taken at institutions other than those within The Texas A&M University System are not acceptable for credit.

c. Students desiring to register for courses to be used in fulfilling program requirements must have prior approval of the Coordinator of Graduate Programs, Department of Educational Administration, until such time as each established a doctoral advisory committee. It is expected that students will establish a doctoral advisory committee within 12 month of their initial enrollment.

d. At least forty-three (43) semester hours of resident credit graduate course work will originate on the main campus at College Station.

e. Elective courses may be completed at Texas A&M International University (see item b). Core courses must be completed at Texas A&M University.

f. Registration for internships and/or problems courses must be completed in compliance with requirements of the Department of Educational Administration, e.g., approval of proposals (prior to registration) and approval of final reports by the student's advisory committee and the Department.

g. Preliminary examinations, proposals hearings, and dissertation defenses will be held on the Texas A&M University Campus.

h. Students who have completed all course work on their degree plan, other than 691 (research) or 684 (Internship), are required to be in continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been completed. The continuous registration requirement may be satisfied by registering either *In Absentia* or In Residence.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Students should select a doctoral advisory committee and file a degree plan with the Office of Graduate Studies before registration (or preregistration) for a fifth term, excluding summer terms, and no later than 90 days prior to the preliminary examination. Faculty from Texas A&M International University will serve on the advisory committees of these students as Adjunct Members of the Graduate Faculty at Texas A&M University. The minimum committee membership will be composed of the following:

Co-Chair - Department of Educational Administration Texas A&M University

Co-Chair - Department of Professional Programs Texas A&M International University

Members - Two members from the College of Education at Texas A&M University

One member of the committee must be from outside the Department of Educational Administration at Texas A&M University

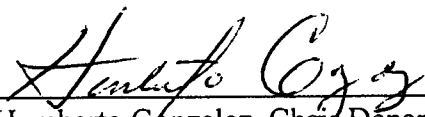
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June 1, 2004 through August 31, 2008

For: Texas A&M University

For: Texas A&M International University

Yvonna Lincoln, Head, Department
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Date



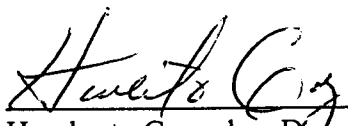
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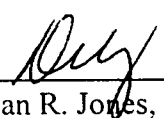


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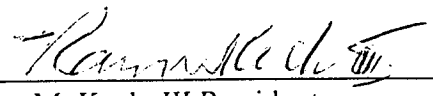


Dan R. Jones, Provost and Vice
President for Academic Affairs

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David Prior, Executive Vice
President and Provost

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Ray M. Keck, III President

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Date

This agreement may be amended or voided by means of common written consent on the part of the signatories or their designated representatives.