

I. Parties

This Dual Credit / Concurrent Partnership Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into between Grayson College and **Sherman Independent School District** (“District”) and is designed to allow high school students at **Sherman High School** (“High School”) to earn dual high school and college credit.

II. Goals and Purpose:

Dual Credit is defined as a process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school. While dual credit / concurrent courses are often taught on the secondary school campus to high school students only, this definition also applies when a high school student takes a course on the college campus or electronically and receives both high school and college credit. Dual credit can also be referred to as concurrent course credit - the terms are equivalent. (Chapter 4, Subchapter D, §483, Texas Higher Education Code)

The State of Texas has continually raised the bar for higher education, through Closing the Gaps in 2000 and 60x30 TX in 2015. Building a Talent Strong Texas expands on the successes of these previous plans by widening the lens for higher education. Building a Talent Strong Texas focuses on three measurable, data-driven goals:

Goal 1: Attainment of certificates and degrees so at least 60% of Texans ages 25-64 have a postsecondary credential of value by 2030.

Goal 2: Postsecondary credentials of value aligned with workforce demands that will raise incomes for individual Texans while reducing debt.

Goal 3: Research, development, and innovation that drives discovery, improves lives, broadens education, and creates new jobs.

III. Eligible Courses for Dual/Concurrent Credit to Area High School Students

1. Grayson College offers a wide selection of courses to Dual Credit / Concurrent students at many locations and in a number of formats. Students must consult with their high school counselor about which subjects are available and most appropriate to fulfill high school graduation requirements, as well as their major/postsecondary goal after graduating high school. The most common subjects have been English, Government, History, Fine Arts, Speech, Economics, Math, Sciences, and Career Technical areas. Area superintendents and counselors work with the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit to develop all Dual Credit / Concurrent offerings on high school campuses.
2. Courses approved for dual credit / concurrent for a high school student must be applicable to a college or university certificate or degree (see Appendix A).
3. State Funding Limitations: Grayson College will not enroll high school students in courses that are not eligible for state funding. The State of Texas will only fund dual credit / concurrent courses that are: Core Curriculum or Foreign Language or Career/Technical/Workforce courses. Academic transfer courses that are approved as part of Fields of Study are also funded. Dual credit/Concurrent courses shall be composed of dual credit / concurrent students only or of dual and college credit students. Exceptions which include high school credit-only students, may be allowed only if the high school credit-only students are College Board Advanced Placement students or if the course is a career and technology/college workforce education course and the high school credit-only students are earning articulated college credit.

IV. Student Eligibility

1. High school students must meet all eligibility requirements set forth in the THECB Rules. All eligibility requirements set forth herein are subject to the THECB Rules and, in the event of conflict, the THECB Rules govern and apply.
2. High school students should meet with their high school counselor(s) to ensure courses match requirements for high school graduation. The Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit also serves as a point of contact on the main campus, as well as makes visits to high schools to assist counselors and students.
3. All dual credit / concurrent students must meet the testing and placement guidelines stipulated in the Grayson College catalog. For specific information regarding testing and placement requirements, please contact (a) High School Representative, (b) Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit, or (c) Grayson College Admissions.
4. Prospective high school students must complete the Grayson College admission process prior to registration.
5. High school students taking Grayson College courses for dual credit / concurrent will be treated as college students and, as such, are expected to conduct themselves as college students. A collegiate classroom environment is expected. The level of maturity of the high school student should be one of the criteria for approval by the high school official approving dual credit / concurrent.
6. The awarding of high school credit for graduation is at the discretion and approval of the District.

V. Faculty Selection, Supervision, and Evaluation

1. Grayson College controls all aspects of its education programs as related to the college dual credit / concurrent course. Each college dual credit / concurrent course for which academic credit is awarded must be approved by the appropriate Grayson College faculty and administration. In coordination with the District, Grayson College will recruit faculty who demonstrate the ability to deliver college-level course content with high quality and effectiveness. All faculty (including embedded faculty) will be supervised and evaluated by the appropriate Grayson College Department Chair/Health Science Program Director, the appropriate dean, and the Vice President of Instruction to ensure compliance with all SACSCOC guidelines for faculty credentialing. Grayson College shall oversee content and delivery of all dual credit / concurrent courses and shall manage performance of faculty (i.e., provide feedback and improvement plans). If warranted, Grayson College shall investigate student complaints regarding the dual credit / concurrent course or its instructor pursuant to Grayson College policies and procedures.
2. In order to serve as an instructor of record at Grayson College, instructors of transfer courses offered for dual credit / concurrent must have completed at least 18 graduate hours in the teaching discipline and hold at least a master's degree. Final determination of credentialing to meet SACSCOC standards and Grayson College requirements is with the Vice President of Instruction.
3. In order to serve as an instructor of record at Grayson College, instructors of career and technology courses for dual credit / concurrent must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in the teaching discipline or an associate's degree and demonstrated competencies in the teaching discipline. Final determination of credentialing to meet SACSCOC standards and Grayson College requirements is with the Vice President of Instruction.
4. The Grayson College Department Chair/Health Science Program Director of the program area is the official college contact regarding instructional content for college courses taught for dual credit / concurrent. All course content, learning outcomes, and instructional objectives will be consistent with courses taught on the Grayson College campuses.
5. Faculty teaching college courses for dual credit / concurrent are expected to meet the following:
 - a. Teach assigned classes according to Grayson College approved course syllabi and learning outcomes associated with the course.
 - b. Provide each student with a syllabus/class outline that explains the expectations of the instructor, learning outcomes, attendance expectations, and other information needed by the student. (Examples: required class materials, outside assignments, course prerequisites, etc.)

- c. Check dual credit / concurrent student enrollment in the course. If a dual credit / concurrent student's name does not appear on the class roster, the student should be instructed to contact the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit to complete the enrollment process.
 - d. Arrive on time for classes or notify the Department Chair/Health Science Program Director and/or Dean and the high school contact as early as possible of an inability to meet a class.
 - e. Maintain control of the class. If there is a discipline problem that requires immediate attention, contact the appropriate administrator in charge on that campus. Additionally, report any major classroom discipline problems to the Department Chair/Health Science Program Director as soon as possible.
 - f. Maintain class attendance, grades, lesson assignments, and other necessary materials in the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS).
 - g. Submit all required class rosters, student grade reports, and required documentation on schedule.
 - h. Maintain accurate attendance records for all classes in Canvas.
 - i. Assign both an alphanumeric and numeric grade on the grade sheet as follows:
 - A = Excellent (90-100)
 - B = Good (80-89)
 - C = Fair (70-79)
 - D = Poor (passing) (60-69)
 - F = Failure (below 60)
 - W = Withdrew (student initiated drop)
 - I = Incomplete
6. Grayson College shall evaluate instructors of college courses offered for dual credit / concurrent using the same procedures used for faculty teaching at GC's main campus.
 7. Faculty teaching courses offered for dual credit / concurrent, who are paid by the College, will be considered as Grayson College adjunct faculty and, as such, will complete appropriate GC employment practices as required by the College's Human Resource Office.
 8. As with all Grayson College faculty, adjuncts teaching courses offered for dual credit / concurrent who are employed by the District are subject to Grayson College policies, rules, and regulations, and it is expressly understood that such instructors will teach Grayson College course content and learning outcomes for the individual course. Embedded faculty are required to follow the same curriculum, syllabus, and assessment protocols as faculty teaching on the main campus.

VI. Location of Classes

The high school campus and/or classrooms may be used to conduct college classes for dual credit / concurrent for the purposes of this agreement. If the course is held on the District campus and there are additional costs associated with the GC faculty teaching on-site (i.e., background checks), the District requesting this requirement is responsible for this additional cost.

VII. High School Physical Resources

Resources will be evaluated by appropriate college personnel to ensure all physical resources are adequate for the courses taught in high school classrooms.

VIII. Student Composition of Classes

Dual credit courses may only be composed of dual credit / concurrent students if taught at a high school. Courses offered on Grayson College's campuses, online, and hybrid may be composed of dual credit / concurrent and other college students.

IX. Transcription of Credit

High school and college credit should be placed on student transcripts immediately upon a student's completion of the performance required in the course.

X. Academic Policies and Student Support Services

1. All academic policies applicable to courses taught on Grayson College campuses shall apply to dual credit / concurrent high school students as outlined in the Grayson College Catalog and Student Handbook.
2. Students taking college classes for dual credit / concurrent are offered the same services that are available to other Grayson College students. Grayson College is responsible for ensuring timely and efficient access to such services as academic advising and counseling, learning materials (e.g., library resources), and other services for which the student may be eligible. Links to all of these resources are available in the main navigation menu in all Canvas course shells.
3. All dual credit / concurrent students are subject to Grayson College's FERPA policies.

XI. Course Curriculum, Instruction, and Grading

1. The Grayson College Department Chair/Health Science Program Director of the program area is the official college contact regarding instructional content for college courses taught for dual/concurrent credit.
2. Grayson College shall ensure that a college course offered for dual credit / concurrent at the District and the corresponding course offered at the College are equivalent with respect to the curriculum, contact hours, instruction, student outcomes, and method/rigor of evaluation of student performance, regardless of student composition of the class.
3. Instructors shall follow Grayson College grading policies. Dual Credit faculty will submit midterm and final grades in both letter grade and numeric form to the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit and the Registrar on dates in alignment with the 2024-2025 GC academic calendar.
4. Faculty will participate in providing information for the assessment of student learning outcomes as required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). This includes, but is not limited to, the submission of summary scores/data, where such information is needed for evaluating departmental success, and the submission of student work for secondary evaluation by the division to ensure that relevant learning outcomes are achieved in any given course.
5. The Grayson College Department Chair/Health Science Program Director, in consultation with appropriate Grayson College administrators, will evaluate the performance of faculty teaching college courses offered as dual credit / concurrent. Included in this evaluation will be a determination of how well the faculty member performs in achieving the desired learning outcomes. The evaluation will be forwarded to the appropriate GC contact for a decision regarding whether the faculty member will be able to continue teaching college courses as dual credit / concurrent. In the event that it is determined that a faculty member is not going to be allowed to continue, the District will be immediately informed by the Vice President of Instruction.
6. All dual credit / concurrent instructor assignments are determined by the Department Chair/Health Science Program Director and are subject to change depending on scheduling and availability.

XII. Transfer of Courses

Grayson College is a regionally accredited institution, and, as such, general education courses are readily transferable to other public institutions of higher education in Texas. However, since each college has its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student is strongly advised to check with the college he or she plans to attend after high school, other than Grayson College, in order to determine the transferability of Grayson College courses. Students are encouraged to check with prospective universities concerning programs such as the BAAS and other similar programs.

Appendix B – List of Grayson College Pathways and associated degrees and certificates

Appendix C – Examples of Grayson College Course Sequencing from each of the six GC Pathways

XIII. Academic Regulations

1. A course size not meeting the Grayson College minimum (14 students) must be approved by the Vice President of Instruction prior to the first day of class.
2. Grayson College courses offered as dual credit / concurrent, regardless of where they are taught, follow the same college calendar to the extent possible, syllabus requirements, course outline, grading procedure, and other instructional and evaluative policies and procedures.
3. Letter grades are given in accordance with policies printed in the College Catalog. Numerical grades will be provided to the high school counselor for midterm and final grades.
4. Students will have access to the Grayson College's Students Rights and Responsibilities FLD (Local) Grade Appeal Process Policy.
5. Dual credit / concurrent students may withdraw (drop) from a course(s) and receive a grade of "W" at any time during the semester on/prior to Grayson College official deadline specified in the college calendar located on the college's website. Please see Appendix D for the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course or verify that the instructor initiated the withdrawal procedure. The District retains the right to drop a student from the dual/concurrent credit class if such student is assigned to the Discipline Alternative Education Program. Students should contact their instructor and high school counselor if they wish to drop a course.

XIV. Tuition/Fees and Funding

1. The cost of tuition and fees will be based on the current Grayson College tuition and fee schedule for eligible dual credit / concurrent courses.
2. **Textbooks and other Course Materials**
The District is responsible for all required textbook and instructional materials for students enrolled in dual credit / concurrent courses. Except for Fast-eligible students, the District may pass this responsibility to the student (See Appendix E for list of Open Educational Resources Courses for 2024-2025.). For Fall 2024, many textbooks for dual credit / concurrent academic core courses will make use of free resources or will be covered by the District. Some courses may still have a textbook cost or require other course materials. Students should consult with the instructor's syllabus for accurate course requirements. FAST eligible students cannot assume the costs of textbooks and other course materials. It is the responsibility of the District to cover those costs or enter into an agreement where someone other than the students covers the cost.
3. **Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST)**
As part of House Bill 8, The FAST Program allows eligible students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit / concurrent/concurrent courses with Grayson College. In addition to the fall and spring terms, the FAST Program also applies to any eligible students who enroll in summer semesters as well as the December and May mini-semesters. Further information and updates related to HB 8 and the FAST Program will be communicated to the District as needed.

Grayson College and the District will work together to establish a procedure for identifying all students eligible to enroll at no cost in dual credit / concurrent courses. Additional procedures will be established to ensure the accurate and timely exchange of information necessary to identify these students, including the District sharing free/reduced lunch status and other variables starting with current seventh graders.
4. Grayson College shall provide the District a stipend (based upon enrollment) for each college dual credit / concurrent section taught by a District faculty member.

XV. Indemnity and Liability

1. To the extent allowed by law, each party to this agreement does hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other party, its Board, agents, employees, and representatives, from and against any and all causes of action, claims, liabilities, debts, or judgments arising from or related to: (1) the actions or omissions of faculty or instructors of the parties provided under this Agreement; or (2) the actions or omissions of any employee, agent, instructor, or anyone else acting on behalf of the parties in the performance of this Agreement.

2. The parties of this Agreement expressly assume all liability related to or arising from the acts and/or omissions of its employees, contractors, agents, or representatives related to this Agreement or the dual credit / concurrent program.

XVI. Miscellaneous

1. This Agreement may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.
2. This Agreement will become effective on the date the last party executes it and will remain in effect until either party decides to terminate. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving the other party notice in writing.
3. Nothing herein shall waive the parties' immunity to suit or liability as established by applicable law.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Texas.
5. All parties to this Agreement agree to abide by and comply with all applicable laws regarding student privacy including, but not limited to, FERPA.

Statement of Alignment with THECB Statewide Goals

The goals of the Grayson College Dual Credit Program mirror the stated goals in *Building a Talent Strong Texas*. The dual credit / concurrent program at Grayson College focuses on collaborative outreach efforts with school district personnel, parents, and administrators to establish and maintain a college going culture for high school students. The goals of the Grayson College Dual Credit program are to:

1. Transition students to post-secondary education with an accelerated pathway to an associate degree, an associate of applied science, or transfer to a 4-year university;
2. Provide college readiness and academic advising in collaboration with area high school counselors; and
3. Provide quality and rigorous coursework equivalent to other college-level courses at the college.

Grayson College creates a college-going culture among service area high school students by:

1. Conducting Senior Parent Info Nights;
2. Offering FAFSA Workshops for high school students and parents;
3. Identifying high school to college pathways aligned with high school endorsements;
4. Promoting pathways to parents, students, and community members;
5. Assisting, facilitating, and offering group tours of Grayson College to high school students; and
6. Sharing relevant college information with high school seniors and assisting with the college application process.
7. Hosting Senior Days on the college campus

To create an awareness of the benefits of higher education and benefits of dual credit / concurrent participation, Grayson College engages school administrators, counselors, students, and parents through the following activities:

1. The Grayson College president meets annually with District superintendents to review data, address concerns, and identify necessary improvements for students.
2. The Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit attends College Nights to provide students with information about Grayson College.
3. The College has recruiters who are actively engaged with students at each high school and are available to answer questions and assist with the college application process.
4. The College offers a 100% Acceptance program for all seniors in our service area Districts.
5. The College assists high schools with developing individual 6-year plans for each dual credit / concurrent high school.

6. The Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit hosts dual credit / concurrent parent information nights at each high school.
7. The College shares dual credit / concurrent student completion data with the community.
8. The Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit hosts area high school counselors on campus each year to provide relevant information to aid in the success of students who will be participating in dual credit / concurrent courses.

To offer access to quality higher education both in academic and career and technical education while enrolled in high school for an accelerated pathway through post-secondary education, Grayson College works with each area high school to provide academic and career and technical education courses that are equivalent in quality and rigor to those courses taught to non-dual credit / concurrent college students. This is done through:

1. Aligning college pathways to the high school endorsements in an effort to provide students with a pathway from high school to college that minimizes excessive credits or loss of credits;
2. Providing a wide array of academic college courses at each high school;
3. Providing access to career and technical education courses to include health science;
4. Collaborating with each high school to articulate technical courses taught at their high school by academically qualified high school instructors for credit once students graduate from high school and enroll at Grayson College;
5. Participating in the FAST program to offer affordable college options for eligible students
6. Offering technical courses in the afternoon/mornings in coordination with high school extra-curricular activities to eliminate barriers.

To provide access to quality academic and college readiness advising and services to assist students in the transition from high school to college graduation or transfer to a 4-year university, the college:

1. Offers free college prep courses to ensure TSI readiness upon high school graduation;
2. Coordinates the Grayson College Testing Center schedules for high school groups to come to Grayson to participate in TSI testing;
3. Arranges for the Grayson College Testing Center to travel to individual high schools to provide TSI testing for students;
4. Assists students with the Grayson College application at each high school in our service area;
5. Offers individual college readiness advising at each high school to each student; and
6. Aligns dual credit / concurrent curriculum to university transfer pathways.

Academic and Student Support Services

The institution provides appropriate academic and student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission.

Student Support Services

All Student Support Services for dual credit / concurrent high school students are provided by each high school on their site with additional support services being provided as necessary by Grayson College through coordination with the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit. The director is on-site at each high school regularly throughout the semester and stays in close contact with high school administrators. Targeted student support services and student success interventions occur at each high school by their personnel for students to ensure student success.

Grayson College Main Campus Resources and Access by Dual Credit High School Students

All dual credit / concurrent students are provided with access to resources offered to any other student on the main campus. Students are made aware of these resources through a resources page in their Canvas shells, on-campus orientations to resources via a scavenger hunt activity, informational meetings with the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit, advisement by faculty, and communication with their high school counselors.

According to the Dual Credit Partnership Agreement, section IX, item 2, “Students taking classes for dual credit / concurrent are offered the same services that are available to other GC students. GC is responsible for ensuring timely and efficient access to such services as academic advising and counseling, learning materials, and other services which the student may be eligible for.”

GC’s Student Services provide full access to all of its on-campus services to its dual credit / concurrent students. All services can be accessed online, face-to-face, or by appointment at the high school location in coordination with the high school counselor. Information about student programs and services is published in the College Catalog and on the College Website. GC has developed its website to include online resources for information and interaction. The website is an important portal to the wide variety of student services, programs, and activities available to enhance the collegiate experience.

Admissions, Records, and Recruitment

Through the combined efforts of the Admissions/Promise personnel, Registrar, the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit, and its Recruiters, GC has aligned itself to serve area high schools in raising students’ awareness of the benefits of higher education and to educate students about GC’s academic programs and support services. Recruiters participate in college fairs and job fairs, as well as work with prospective students, parents, and high school administrators to orient them to the College. The GC webpage link for Admissions and Aid: Apply Now is designed to be a learning experience, welcoming prospective students and answering important questions. Students must apply and be accepted prior to enrolling in courses.

Additionally, School District permission is granted upon receiving student registration information for the academic year. Students wishing to take more than three college classes per semester must receive permission from the District and Vice President of Instruction at Grayson College. The Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit assists students and the District with ensuring all necessary permissions and waivers are completed.

Regardless of location, all students have access to admissions and records, and services online in MyViking.

Student Life

All GC students, regardless of location or mode of delivery, may participate in student life activities and events utilizing their student ID.

Fitness Center

All GC students, regardless of location or mode of delivery, may utilize the fitness centers located on the Main and South Campuses using their student ID.

Student Success Center Labs

Located at both the Main and South Campus, Student Success Center labs have computers that are equipped with the most recent Windows operating systems, a variety of Internet browsers, and Microsoft Office. Lab assistants are on duty to check students in and out of the lab. They monitor equipment and assist students with any questions they may have. The assistants are kept updated by faculty on assignments so they may provide help when needed. Dual credit students may access these resources through online submissions or by visiting the Main or South Campus locations.

Testing, Tutoring, and Accessibility Services

Full-service testing, tutoring and accessibility services are available on the Main and South Campuses and at other delivery locations and online by appointment. All services provided for students with disabilities are coordinated with high school personnel as needed.

Academic Support Services

Academic support services offered at the dual credit / concurrent high school locations are the responsibility of the high school. For services available at the Grayson College Main and South Campuses, all students have full access either face-to-face, online, or by appointment at their location.

All dual credit / concurrent/concurrent students are provided with access to resources offered to any other student on the main campus. Students are made aware of these resources through a resources page in their Canvas shells; on-campus orientations to resources via a scavenger hunt activity; informational meetings with the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit; through advisement by faculty; communication from the Director of Academic and CTE Dual Credit and high school counselors; as well as the Grayson College Dual Credit FAQs located on the Grayson College Dual Credit website.

Academic and Career Services

Academic Advising and Career Services are offered at the Main and South Campuses. Under the direction of the Director of Success Coaches, advising and career services are offered for all students. Services offered include: new student orientation, entrance advising, and career counseling.

The goal of academic advising is to help students establish a sound foundation and complete their academic program of study and to support students toward the accomplishment of their educational goals. Advisors begin building this foundation by academically advising first-time-in-college, transfer, developmental education, probation, and students who stop out of college for more than one year. Also, all first-time-in-college students are emailed by academic advisors during the first week of classes to share student support services that are available to them, such as tutoring, success labs, etc. Grayson College utilizes a mixed model of academic advising. Upon completion of the first academic advising session with full-time Success Coaches (academic advisors) and successful completion of 15 SCH in the active program, each student can be assigned a faculty mentor based upon his or her major of study.

Career Services at Grayson College provides resources for students who are undecided about their career plans, who are looking for a part-time job, and who need help with their job search skills. Students who are undecided or who are majoring in General Studies are encouraged by Success Coaches to participate in an Interest Inventory during onboarding. Students who participate in the Interest Inventory are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the Career and Pathway Coach to discuss and explore careers and majors. During the duration of the students college experience at Grayson College, students have unlimited access to assistance in selecting a major field of study, exploring possible career options through career advisement, career assessments, reference materials, and online career websites.

Personal Counseling

Full on-site personal counseling is offered at the Main and South Campuses. A licensed professional counselor, licensed professional counselor-intern, and social worker intern have office hours and see students by appointment. Students requesting personal counseling services are seen on a first-come, first-served basis on the Main Campus. Students also have access to the resources of personal counseling. The personal counseling services webpage contains many links to connect students to information and resources for mental health.

All GC students have access to short-term personal counseling. The staff on the main campus offers personal counseling through telemental health or by appointment as needed at their location. Distance education students have access to services through telemental health or by appointment and referral to local resources as needed.

Student Success Center Labs

Under the direction of the Vice President of Instruction, GC offers all students' academic support through the Success Centers. Located at both the Main and South Campus, these labs have computers that are equipped with the most recent Windows operating systems, a variety of Internet browsers, and Microsoft Office. Lab assistants are on duty to check students in and out of the lab. They monitor equipment and assist students with any questions they may have. The assistants are kept updated by faculty on assignments, so they may provide help when needed.

Writing Center

Trained consultants in the Writing Center act as an attentive and responsive audience to provide feedback at any stage of the writing process for any discipline. Consultants ask open-ended questions and offer constructive feedback. Students have access to this support service in the form of online and face-to-face consultations, writing groups, and workshops. On the main campus, the Writing Center is located on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building. On the South Campus, the Writing Center is in the main building.

Math Hub

Located on the Main Campus on the second floor of the Student Success Building, the Math Hub provides students with assistance with any level of math instruction and provides a suitably quiet space for students to work on homework or lab work and have questions answered upon request. The Math Hub is equipped with computers for students to use for their math classes, whether it be checking the Learning Management System (LMS) for an assignment, working on online homework, completing a project for Statistics, or watching a math video. Students may also participate in one-on-one tutoring.

Students at the South Campus have access to the Math Hub in the main building, which provides access to the same services on the Main Campus. Online students who need Math Hub services have free access to Upswing Online Tutoring. Students can schedule a one-on-one online tutoring session with a qualified tutor from Grayson, or if one is unavailable, with an Upswing Coach who will be able to assist the student. In other cases, when students prefer to have tutoring from their class instructor, students and their instructor can log on to Canvas, the college's Learning Management System, and meet in a group or one-on-one setting through Canvas Conferences or talk via Canvas Chat. Canvas Conferences are helpful because instructors have settings where students can listen and view exactly what is on the instructor's screen and reply via chat box, or if using a microphone, ask a question directly. Canvas Chat is an online instant messaging system students can utilize if they have a quick question that is simple to answer via a short message.

Testing, Tutoring, and Accessibility Services

Led by the Director of Testing, Tutoring and Accessibility Services, the Testing Centers provide services including: basic skills testing, proctoring, and state/national tests. GC is an official testing site for the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) 2.0, approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

The Testing Center provides testing services to meet a wide range of needs. The Testing Center assesses students' basic skills for planning successful academic programs through the administration of the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) 2.0. As a support for Grayson College students and faculty, the Testing Center administers make-up exams and exams for internet and hybrid courses. Testing services are extended to the community by the administration of Pearson Vue academic and IT examinations (including GED exams), ACT exams, CLEP (College Level Equivalency Program) exams, Prometric's Automobile Service Excellence exams, FISDAP (EMT Entrance Exam), and by providing proctoring services for other colleges/universities/agencies.

The Testing Center assists GC programs by administering admissions/certification exams such as the HESI Admissions Exam for Associate Degree Nursing, Vocational Nursing, and Radiology programs; and TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) exams. Additional services include the administration of tests for students with testing accommodations approved by the Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities. Testing Center staff may be able to provide copies of past scores or information on obtaining score reports.

Testing services are located in the Success Centers on the Main and South Campuses. The Testing Center is certified by the National College Testing Association and follows the NCTA standards and guidelines.

Tutoring for college-level coursework is available at no charge to all enrolled students. Peer tutors recommended by professors assist students in small groups or individually. Free online tutoring is also offered through the Upswing platform.

GC's Tutoring and Accessibility Services Coordinator assists students with reasonable accommodations in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The Accessibility Services webpage includes the steps in requesting accommodations for students with disabilities, provides links to accommodation forms, and lists the appropriate documentation students must provide to the Tutoring and Accessibility Services Coordinator, so an accommodation plan can be developed. Professors include this information in their course syllabi each semester. Students may request services related to testing, note-taking, large print, taping, mobility, interpreting, etc. Success Center staff work closely with professors to effectively provide these services. For faculty training, the department provides a Faculty Guidelines for Accessibility Services brochure for faculty. This brochure is available upon request and via the Accessibility Services web page.

Full-service tutoring and accessibility services are available on the Main and South Campuses and at other delivery locations and online by appointment.

Library

GC's library services provide students with academic support. The library is staffed by a director, reference librarians, and paraprofessionals. The library's collection consists of books, DVDs, and online databases, including academic journals and magazines, films, and eBooks. These resources support the mission of the college and academic needs of all programs offered at GC. The electronic resources are supported in part by GC's membership in TexShare. The GC Library is also a member of the Bibliographic Association of the Red River, which provides a consortium arrangement whereby holdings from the Sherman and Denison Public Libraries can be accessed and obtained by GC students. Similar arrangements are maintained with the Austin College Library. Online and off-campus students have equal access to all library materials and bibliographic instruction.

Service(s) Offered by High School

- Sherman High School offers targeted interventions based on Aware student data including: Read 180 Reading Intervention, and EOC Interventions in the Summer, Fall and Spring.
- Certified teachers assigned to each DC course offered, to assist student learning and facilitate classroom environment.
- Before and after school tutoring available for all students.
- Bearcat Collegiate Program available for eligible incoming freshmen wishing to complete an Associates degree at the time of HS graduation.
- Laptops available for all DC academic students.
- Chromebooks and hot spots available for all students, if needed.
- Access to software programs required for specific DC courses
- Summer Bridge Program offered to seniors needing additional support to be successful in their transition to college.
- SHS librarians are always available to assist with EBSCO and other online research engines.
- SHS CTE department incurs costs for tuition, fees, books and supplies for students enrolled in DC CTE courses.
- Transportation available for all CTE students attending GC.
- Wireless internet access available, on campus, for all students.

- One on One Conferences - Professional School Counselors meet with 100% of their students to ensure they are on track for graduation, make updates to four year plans and share important testing and/or graduation information.
- Dedicated Academic and CTE Counselors to help mediate and advocate for student needs, monitor progress, and communicate changes in on-campus schedules that directly affect GC instructors.
- Student Support Counselor available for students experiencing social/emotional issues, crisis and/or suicidal ideation.
- HOPE Squad - Peer to peer student support program.
- 7 Mindsets Program used to support students in their Social Emotional Learning.
- Referral to GC Accessibility Services Office to eligible students requiring accommodations under Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act.

Financial Support Arrangement for Fast-Eligible Students

To assist with the upcoming year's funding, Grayson College will contribute \$50 per credit hour to cover the general fees for all FAST-Eligible Students.

The District will be responsible for vaccinations and/or shots required for specific program entry.

The District agrees to pay for course costs beyond basic tuition and general fees in an amount equal to the aggregate amount spent on these items for FAST-Eligible Students in the immediate year prior to this agreement.

For your district, the amount for FAST-Eligible students will not exceed \$50 per credit hour and (This amount does NOT include any charges the District may cover for non-FAST-Eligible students and for non-credit CTE courses.)

This arrangement will provide reasonable payment for course materials for FAST-Eligible Students by (a) reimbursing the college for course material fees covered by the college on behalf of the student, or (b) securing the course materials for the student directly. Additionally, this will help offset aggregate college costs for materials and supplies/kits, specific course fees (usually for CTE courses like welding, cosmetology, EET, health sciences).

In special circumstances, the College may approve financial assistance for a District that is unable to fulfill the above agreement. In any case, assistance provided by Grayson College will not exceed the expenses Grayson College contributed toward free- and reduced- students in aggregate during the immediate year prior to this agreement.

Responsibility For Incorrectly Reported Students

The Texas Education Agency will provide the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a list of students who have been listed as Educationally Disadvantaged. Should the student be Educationally Disadvantaged by appearing on this list in any of the four years prior to enrolling in their first dual credit / concurrent course, the student is an eligible student for the FAST Program.

Grayson College will access this list of students and will share with the District when a student appears on this list.

Additionally, if the school district certifies they will provide auditable documentation to the College demonstrating that the student qualifies as an Educationally Disadvantaged student by the FAST definitions, the College will accept that documentation and submit it to the state to qualify the student as a FAST student. Should the State and/or Grayson College be unable to validate that the student is eligible for the FAST program when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board matches for Educationally Disadvantaged students based upon the school district's free- and reduced- lunch reporting to the Texas Education Agency, the school district shall be responsible for the balance of tuition, fees, course fees, and course materials access fees that would have been charged to the student because the student has been labeled a non-FAST student. At the discretion of the College President, this reimbursement may be waived in cases where a student does not show up on the state list and the school district can

document the student's eligibility, provide evidence of timely reporting to the state, and explain a state error in reporting back to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (and the College).

Grayson College will submit a list of FAST students to the school district, indicating which have been qualified from the state-generated FAST list and which are preliminarily qualified through the school district-generated list.

The school district will be asked to certify the accuracy of the list. Failure of the school district to certify the list will result in students becoming ineligible for the FAST program until a list is certified.

In the case where Grayson College has incorrectly reported a student as FAST-eligible due to an error of the College, the college will cover all expenses for that student for that semester.

For your district, the amount for FAST-Eligible students will not exceed \$50 per credit hour (This amount does NOT include any charges the District may cover for non-FAST-Eligible students and for non-credit CTE courses.)

Superintendent
On behalf of **Sherman Independent School District**

Date

President
On behalf of Grayson College

Date