

**2017-2018
Mid-Year
Committee/Advisory Council Report**

Committee Name: Academic Council

Chairperson: Shana Drury, Associate Dean of Instructional Services, Interim Chair

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Dates of meetings: September 8, 2017, October 13, 2017, and November 17, 2017

Accomplishments:

Council members approved the following motions:

September 8, 2017 –

1. Revision of the prerequisites for the following courses to read “Texas Success Initiative complete in Reading and either TSI clear in Math or TSI Clear for Non Algebra.” The change was reflected on the Spring 2018 course syllabi and will be included in the *2018-2019 General Catalog* revisions.
 - CHEM 1406 Introductory Chemistry I
 - PHYS 1403 Stars and Galaxies
 - PHYS 1404 Solar System
 - PHYS 1415 Physical Science I
2. At the recommendation of the program’s advisory committee, the prerequisite for ELPT 2339 Electrical Power Distribution will be removed effective Fall 2018.

October 13, 2017 –

1. Review of the Program and Discipline Evaluation Instrument, making note that the form will change when the college converts to U4SM; Ivy Harris will help with the creation of an online option.

November 17, 2017 –

At the recommendation of the program's advisory committee, effective Fall 2018:

1. The Pharmacy Technician Day and Evening Certificates of Completion will now be changed to Level 1 which removes the Texas Success Initiative requirements. Students will be required to successfully complete PHRA 1209 Pharmaceutical Mathematics before they can move forward in the program.
2. AGRI 1325 Marketing of Agricultural Products will be deleted from the Farm and Ranch Management program requirements and AGRI 1309 Computers in Agriculture will be added. The TBA AGRI/Farm and Ranch Elective for the certificate will drop from 6 to 3 semester hours and from 12 to 9 semester hours for the A.A.S degree.
3. The Automotive Technology Program will change as follows:
 - Certificate of Completion:
 - Remove OSHT 1309 Physical Hazards Control
 - Move: AUMT 1419 Automotive Engine to the Fall Block group on the certificate plan
 - Add: AUMT 1312 Basic Automotive Services to the Spring Block group and also make this course the required as Verification of Workplace Competencies: Capstone Experience for the certificate plan.
 - A.A.S. Degree Plan:
 - Remove: OSHT 1309 Physical Hazards Control and change the Related Requirements section of the degree plan from 9 to 6 semester hours.
 - Add: AUMT 1312 Basic Automotive Services to the Major Requirements
 - Add: AUMT 2328 Automotive Service to the Major Requirements
 - Revise: The TBA* Approved Electives to include 4 semester hours instead of 7.
 - Revise the Verification of Workplace Competencies: Capstone Experience to AUMT 2328 Automotive Service.
4. The Basic Firefighter Academy will be revised as follows:
 - Remove EMSP 1001 Emergency Medical Technician and EMSP 1060 Clinical Emergency Medical Technician. The 2018-2019 General Catalog program information page will state that students applying to the Basic Firefighter Academy must have successfully passed the National Registry Exam for Basic EMT-B and submitted documentation of that successful completion. With the deletion of the EMSP courses, the program length will be approximately 5 months and the total class hours will be 480.

Recommendations:

1. Committee members recommended the addition of the following notification to the Surgical Technology Program information listing in the *2018-2019 General Catalog*:
“Effective Fall 2021, a mandate by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting states that students will no longer have the option of the Certificate of Completion for Surgical Technology. Students must successfully complete the AAS degree requirements to be eligible to complete the program and sit for the national credentialing exam, the CST exam.”

Membership suggestions: N/A

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