

Bio for Dr. Joel C. Michaelis

Dr. Michaelis serves as Vice President of Instruction at Hill College, where he has worked since 2006. He holds a B.B.A. in Management from Texas A&M University and an M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from The University of Texas. Dr. Michaelis earned his Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Baylor University in 2001.

Dr. Michaelis began his educational career as a 6th grade mathematics instructor and has since taught developmental mathematics as an adjunct. Prior to Hill College, he served in various administrative roles in both student services and instruction at Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas and Howard College in Big Spring, Texas.

Dr. Michaelis also currently serves as president of the Texas Community College Instructional Administrators.

Dual Admissions Agreement Benefits

- Provide a clear route for students who wish to **transfer** to a university
- Provide students with the sense they are **connected** to the university even though they are attending their local community college
- Represent a substantial **savings** to students

Transfer Issues

- Whether real or imagined, students still fear the possibility of “losing” credit when transferring from a community college to a university
- Dual Admissions agreements are yet another way we can mitigate any fear on the part of the student.
- The university is providing the assurance that the credits will definitely transfer.

Connection

- Dual Admissions agreements allow students to be enrolled at their local community college while also being an admitted student to the university, enjoying many of the same privileges such as student email accounts, library/research access, tickets to sporting events, etc.

Saving Money

- The obvious savings for a student is the money saved in the tuition difference between the community college and the university they will attend.
- Many universities provide scholarships specifically to students who transfer from a community college
- With the Comet Connection at UT Dallas, tuition is frozen so that when a student transfers they pay the rate they would have paid had they begun their academics at UT Dallas.

Hill College University Partners

- Sam Houston State University
- Tarleton State University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- Texas Wesleyan University
- University of Texas at Dallas
- University of North Texas
- Texas Tech University