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**Partner Institutions:**

El Paso Community College

and Texas Tech University

**Degree:**

B.S. in Architecture - accredited by

National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

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- Less than 2% of U.S. architects are Hispanic
- “When examined by region, the Upper Rio Grande region has the lowest percent of...students attending public institutions outside the region....” (THECB, Regional Plan for Texas, 10/2008)
- Closest Architecture programs are in:
  - Albuquerque - 267 miles
  - Lubbock - 345 miles
  - San Antonio - 552 miles
- Strong community college and community support

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## Participation

- Fall 2007 – 14 students
- Fall 2008 – 32 students
- Fall 2009 – 42 students
- Fall 2010 – 50 students expected

## Success

- 2009 – 13 graduates; 1 with a 4.00 gpa!
- 2010 - 10 graduates through August 2010

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## Spring 2010 - National Architectural Accrediting Board visit to EPCC-TTU

Probable national model for 2+2 pathway in Architecture

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- Conducted at EPCC-TTU program in Fall 2007
- Currently underway at El Centro College in DCCCD in Biology and Environmental Sciences (funded by U.S. Department of Education Hispanic Serving Institution STEM grant)

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Three key factors that support successful transfer from community college to university:

- ❖ Accurate academic advisement from both institutions
- ❖ Sufficient Financial Aid from university
- ❖ Family support for completion of baccalaureate degree

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- Expansion of 2+2 transfer models in STEM fields
- Support for start-up of STEM 2+2 partnerships
- Grant program for 2+2 pathway students to alleviate the impact of cost when transferring to universities

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