
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

ACCREDITATION

South Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award Bachelor's, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. South Texas College's offerings are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency.

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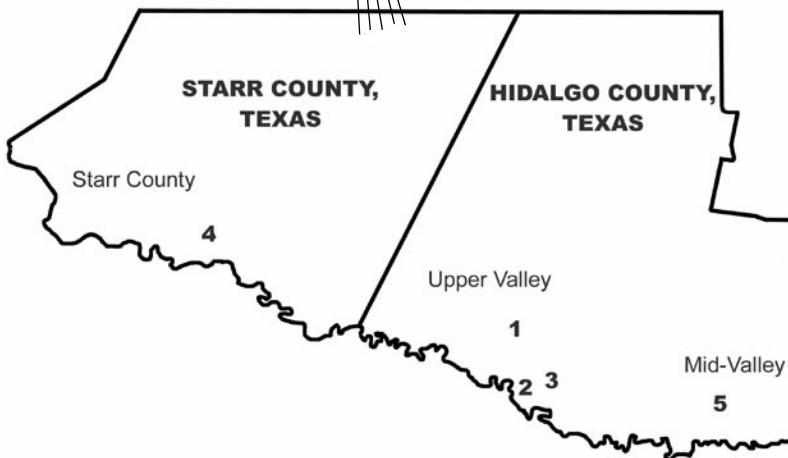
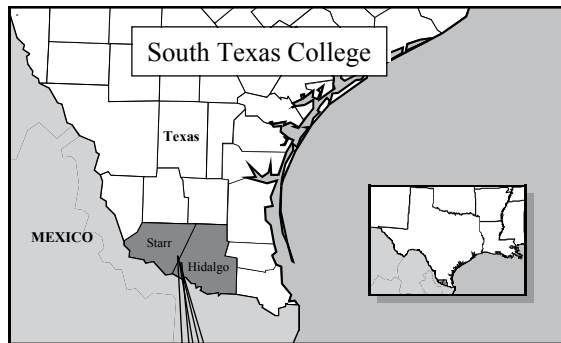
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956-872-8311

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3700 W. Military Hwy.
McAllen, TX 78501
956-872-6100

3 Nursing & Allied Health Center
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McAllen, TX 78501
956-872-3100

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Rio Grande City, TX 78582
956-488-8181

5 Mid-Valley Campus
400 N. Border
Weslaco, TX 78596
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Our Commitment to Hidalgo and Starr Counties

VISION

A better quality of life for our communities.

MISSION

South Texas College is a public institution of higher education meeting the diverse educational and workforce needs of the people of Hidalgo and Starr counties.

CORE VALUES

Student Success, Excellence, Integrity, Community, Opportunity.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Be a premier learning-centered higher education institution where student and community success are paramount;
- ▶ Serve as the cornerstone for the economic vitality of South Texas;
- ▶ Foster an environment for the students and community to achieve a better quality of life;
- ▶ Nurture a culture where collaboration is valued and achievement is recognized.

Institutional Statement of Purpose

South Texas College achieves its mission and demonstrates commitment to its core values by being a learning-centered college offering a variety of educational programs, services, and opportunities designed to:

- ▶ Develop a prepared workforce by offering programs leading to employment in today's businesses and industries;
- ▶ Provide quality education by offering college courses in the arts, sciences and technology for those pursuing certificates and associate or baccalaureate degrees;
- ▶ Encourage life-long learning by offering workforce training and continuing education courses for those interested in changing careers, upgrading skills, or seeking personal enrichment;
- ▶ Promote student success by providing student-centered services;
- ▶ Provide effective developmental education to prepare students to attain their educational goals.

In the pursuit of its institutional purpose, South Texas College is committed to:

- ▶ Providing an accessible and effective learning environment;
- ▶ Fostering leadership in our communities;
- ▶ Capitalizing on the unique strengths of a multi-cultural environment;
- ▶ Promoting regional economic growth and prosperity;
- ▶ Partnering with business and industry and other educational institutions;
- ▶ Creating a supportive collegial work environment.

Creation

South Texas College was created on September 1, 1993, by Texas Senate Bill 251 to serve Hidalgo and Starr counties. It was the only community college in Texas to have been established by the Texas Legislature. A confirmation election, held on August 12, 1995, did establish a taxing district for the college. Seven districts, based on population, were also approved for single-member representation on the Board of Trustees. A community leader from each of the seven districts was originally appointed by Governor Ann Richards to serve on the founding Board of Trustees. Since then, an election process has been established and all board members are elected for six year terms.

In December of 2004, South Texas College was awarded membership from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges as a Level II-Baccalaureate Degree granting institution to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology Degree in Technology Management.

The institution is presently accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Bachelor's, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees and Certificates. It is also approved for veteran's educational training in Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree programs by the Texas Education Agency.

An enrollment of 1,000 students in 1993 has increased to nearly 17,000 in 2006.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by South Texas College on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

South Texas College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and does not discriminate on the basis of a disability in the areas of admission, accessibility, treatment, and employment. Individuals with disabilities, as defined under the law, who are otherwise qualified to meet the institution's academic and employment requirements will be provided with services and resources accordingly. Students and employees must submit the appropriate documentation of the disability by a qualified professional whose license or credentials are appropriate to diagnose. For students with disabilities, reasonable accommodations are made to allow the individual student to be successful at STC. Accommodations are provided for those students who submit the documentation of the disability by a qualified professional whose license or credentials are appropriate to diagnose the disability. STC supports efforts in making the campus more accessible and encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in all activities. Students seeking assistance should contact the Office of Student Support Services. Employees should contact the Human Resources Department.

STATEMENT ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) and Texas House Resolution 2253 and Senate Resolution 645 (passed in 1987), South Texas College forbids the unlawful manufacture, possession, sale, use or distribution

of illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages at on-and off-campus college-sponsored events. Each of these statutes requires colleges and universities to clearly inform students that no illegal drugs (including unlawful possession of alcohol) will be allowed on campus (inside buildings and on campus property), and that students who are found guilty of such violation(s) will be penalized.

STC also prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products in all college buildings. Violators of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Students seeking assistance or educational materials about alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other substances should contact the Office of Student Support Services.

Additionally, in accordance with the Texas Penal Code, 46.03 (Concealed Handgun Bill), no person may carry a firearm on the campus of an educational institution. Violators will be penalized.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Sexual harassment in the workplace and schools is an illegal Practice under Section 703 of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as amended, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

South Texas College complies with Section 703 of Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Sexual harassment of employees or students at South Texas College is strictly forbidden and will not be tolerated in any division, department, or any work unit by any employee or student.

Any employee or student who is found to have engaged in such conduct shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal or suspension. This policy shall be applied without regard to the gender of the employee involved.

A Message from the President

As I think back over the events of the past year, not just locally, but nationally and internationally, I remain excited about the growth and opportunity of the Rio Grande Valley. In a time when many areas in the country and world are facing difficult economic challenges, Hidalgo and Starr counties continue to prosper. With this increased local development, comes a variety of new job opportunities for the citizens of our community in the business, industry, education, and health care fields. South Texas College plays a major role as a premier learning-centered college in keeping our economy vibrant by providing the education and skills necessary for our graduates to secure terrific new jobs that in turn spur our local growth and prosperity.



Just as the new developments across the region speak to exciting new opportunities for us all, the pages of this catalog reflect the endless possibilities for your education and career development. You will find a wide array of courses leading to the completion of more than 90 degree and certificate programs. At STC we offer students opportunities to complete certificate programs, two-year Associate degrees, and we are the only college in the area offering a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Technology Management.

STC is a state leader in providing high school students the opportunity to take college courses while still attending high school. This program is available in all school districts throughout Hidalgo and Starr counties. It is an opportunity for eligible students to take college courses while still attending high school, thereby getting a jump-start on college.

Not only are we focused on offering a variety of education options, we also focus on making your college education both convenient and affordable. We have three campuses and two centers located across Hidalgo and Starr counties, offering many of our courses at all locations. In addition, we offer flexible course schedules with classes taking place at night, on weekends, and via the Internet; thus, providing higher education to you almost anywhere and at any time!

I know you will agree, STC offers limitless opportunities for you to build your own future. Graduation from a community college opened the doors of opportunity to me, and I am committed to opening doors to higher education for everyone in the Rio Grande Valley.

Your future awaits you at STC . . . Enjoy the ride!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley A. Reed". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Shirley A. Reed, M.B.A., Ed.D
President

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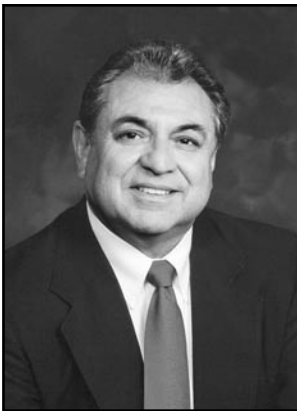
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