



FACT SHEET



ABOUT

Founded in 1993, South Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. More than 45,000 students attend STC, and a faculty and staff of more than 2,200 serve STC's five state-of-the-art campuses, two Higher Education Centers, a Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence and one virtual campus.

CREATION

South Texas College was created on September 1, 1993, by Texas Senate Bill 251 to serve Hidalgo and Starr counties. A confirmation election, held on August 12, 1995, established 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.

DUAL CREDIT

The Dual Credit Program is one of the largest in the State of Texas, is a national model of collaboration and is accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. The Dual Credit Programs offers 4 options, including dual credit course, career and technical education programs, designated high schools and academy programs. The Program currently collaborates with 21 school districts and 70 high school partners throughout Hidalgo and Starr counties; which allow eligible students to take college courses while attending high school. Since 2000, South Texas College has provided tuition-free dual credit to over 118,000 students; saving families over \$280 million.

CONTINUING, PROFESSIONAL & WORKFORCE EDUCATION

The program provides opportunities for lifelong learners who want to upgrade their skills, change careers, renew licenses and certifications, or seek personal enrichment. There is a wide variety of course offerings including online classes. Additionally, the division also offers customized training to area businesses, industries and the community. Training programs are tailored to a client's specific needs in terms of content, schedule and location.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

For those students who wish to continue their education beyond an associate's degree, STC has more than 60 inter-college articulation agreements in place with colleges across the country.

ACCREDITATION

South Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South Texas College.

South Texas College's offerings are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

South Texas College offers 127 degrees and certificate program options including Associate's degrees in various art, science, technology and allied health fields of study. Of those, 32 associate degrees and certificate options are available through South Texas College Online.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

South Texas College is proud to be among the first of three Community Colleges authorized by the 78th Legislative session in 2003 to begin offering baccalaureate degrees in Applied Technology and Applied Science. South Texas College offers Bachelor of Applied Technology degrees in Technology Management, Computer and Information Technologies, and Medical and Health Services Management. A Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership is also offered. Additionally, South Texas College was granted legislative authority during the 85th Legislative Session to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE ONLINE

Through South Texas College Online, students have access to all online services including registration, library services, advising, counseling, payment services, financial aid and so much more. Currently 22 associate degrees, 10 certificates and all four bachelor programs are available online, making it possible for students to earn their degrees without ever setting foot on campus.

INDUSTRY TRAINING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ITED is committed to fostering long-term sustained economic growth in by serving the advanced manufacturing and related industries. Through the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing, ITED provides customized training to new and incumbent workers in these sectors which include suppliers to end producers and supporting services. The goal of the IAM is to develop and deliver advanced, customized training to business, industry and other community partners.

ADA COMPLIANCE

South Texas College does not tolerate discrimination against any employee, student, or applicant, that is prohibited by College policies, local, state, or federal laws. To request accommodations, contact the Office of Human Resources at (956) 872-4448 or Counseling and Student Accessibility Services at (956) 872-2173.

VITAL STATISTICS

- Over 28,000 credit students (Fall 2020)
- Close to 17,000 non-credit students (2019-2020 year)
- More than 95% of students are Hispanic
- More than 60% of the traditional student population are the first in their families to attend college (excludes dual enrollment)
- More than 60% of traditional students receive Pell grants (excludes dual enrollment)

Class size averages 22 students per faculty member.



LOCATIONS

- Pecan Campus**
McAllen, TX
- Mid-Valley Campus**
Weslaco, TX
- Starr County Campus**
Rio Grande City, TX
- Technology Campus**
McAllen, TX
- Dr. Ramiro R. Casso Nursing & Allied Health Campus**
McAllen, TX
- STC Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence**
Pharr, TX
- Higher Education Center at La Joya**
La Joya, TX
- Higher Education Center at Pharr**
Pharr, TX

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