SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE FACT SHEET

ABOUT SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Founded in 1993, South Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. More than 31,000 students attend STC, and a faculty and staff of more than 1,600 serve STC’s five state-of-the-art campuses, three teaching centers 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, elections have been held for all of the seats, and all members have been elected as of May 2002.

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

South Texas College is a model of collaboration with public schools. The College has one of the largest dual enrollment programs in the State of Texas. It has instituted a variety of dual enrollment programs, including five academies, drop-out recovery programs and other unique initiatives with 53 school districts, and 70 high school sites throughout Hidalgo and Starr counties. The programs allow eligible students to take college courses while attending high school. Combined, over 13,000 students are currently enrolled in these programs. Since 2003, the college has provided tuition-free dual enrollment to over 81,000 students in 70 school sites, saving families over $85 million in tuition.

South Texas College serves as the higher education partner for 24 Early College High Schools and two Career and Technical Early College High Schools, with over 9,000 students in the pipeline.

CONTINUING, PROFESSIONAL AND 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.

ACCRREDITATION

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ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

The college offers more than 114 degree and certificate program options, including associate degrees in a variety of art, science, technology and allied health fields of study. The college also offers 24 online associate degrees options through the eSTC Virtual Campus.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

South Texas College offers Bachelor of Applied Technology degrees in Technology Management, Computer and Information Technologies and Medical and Health Services Management. A new Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership is now also offered. South Texas College is proud to be one of three community colleges in the state of Texas accredited to offer Bachelor of Applied Technology degrees.

ESTC VIRTUAL CAMPUS

Through the college’s new virtual campus, students not only have access to more than 500 online courses, they can also take advantage of library services, admissions, advising, payment services, financial aid, bookstore and testing. STC also offers 24 online associate degrees and certificates options so students never need set foot on an STC campus to earn their degree.

NAAMREI

The college is the fiscal agent and home of the executive office for the North American Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Initiative. STC serves as the Regional Institute for Advanced Manufacturing linked to all the community and technical colleges in the region. The college has taken the lead in helping train the workers to fuel a regional manufacturing economy and to support innovations in rapid response manufacturing.

ADA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, STC provides accommodations as required by law to afford equal educational opportunities to all people. For questions about the accreditation of South Texas College contact the Commission on Colleges at (404) 679-4500.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

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

VITAL STATISTICS

More than 70% of student population are the first in their families to attend college

More than 95% of students are Hispanic

More than 75% of students take advantage of some form of financial aid

Locations:

- Pecan Campus
  - McAllen, TX
- Mid-Valley Campus
  - Weslaco, TX
- Starr County Campus
  - Rio Grande City, TX
- Technology Campus
  - McAllen, TX

President:

- Dr. Ramiro R. Casas
  - Nursing & Allied Health Campus
  - McAllen, TX

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Class size averages 26 students per faculty member.