



2023-2024

# 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 30,000 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, the STC 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

STC Dual Credit Programs is the only dual credit program in the state of Texas to be accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. The Dual Credit Programs offer four options, including dual credit courses, 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 courses to over 130,00 students; saving families over \$370 million.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 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 degree, STC has more than 100 articulation agreements in place with universities across the country.

## ACCREDITATION

South Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. South Texas College also may

offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of South Texas College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

## ASSOCIATE DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

South Texas College offers 130 degree and certificate program options including associate degrees in various art, science, technology and allied health fields of study. Of those, 37 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 Operations 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-RN to BSN.

## 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 five bachelor's programs are available online, making it possible for students to earn their degrees without ever setting foot on campus.

## CENTER FOR ADVANCED TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP

Center for Advanced Training & Apprenticeship's purpose is to support the long-term growth of Hidalgo and Starr counties and international markets through tailored training programs. We empower various industries, including manufacturing, transportation, renewable energy and construction, by enhancing employee skills and productivity. Collaboration is central to our approach as we partner with businesses, educational institutions and government agencies to build a dynamic, competitive and resilient regional economy.

## 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.

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## Locations

Pecan Campus  
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1-855-GoToSTC  
[southtexascollege.edu](http://southtexascollege.edu)



Over 26,000 credit students  
(Fall 2023)



22 students  
per faculty member.  
(Fall 2021)



More than 40% of the traditional student population are the first in their families to attend college. (excludes dual enrollment)



Close to 14,000 non-credit students (2020-2021 year)

MORE THAN

95% of students are Hispanic.



More than 50% of traditional students receive Pell grants. (excludes dual enrollment)