

# Career

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COLLEGE

*Ready to get to work?*

**TRAINING  
PROGRAMS  
FROM 5 WEEKS  
TO 2 YEARS**



# Choosing a career can be tough.

*Construction Technology*

**T**here are many questions you'll ask yourself along the way: What do I love doing? What am I good at? Will I earn the income I need to live comfortably and support my family? How long will my education or training take?

Texarkana College has been a great place to start or start over since the first class was held in September 1927. Since then, we've helped hundreds of thousands of individuals navigate the tricky task of choosing the best career for them and earning the college degree, certificate or credential that will help them land their dream jobs.

In this magazine, you'll find an overview of Texarkana College's career and technical programs. Our programs range in length from five weeks to two years, and there are different types available: associate of applied science degrees, certificates, and noncredit training that will help you pass certification exams with flying colors.

Explore our programs and think hard about what you want to do for the rest of your life. We can help you get there. When you're ready, give our Enrollment Services staff a call at (903) 823-3012 or visit [texarkanacollege.edu/tour](http://texarkanacollege.edu/tour) to schedule your campus visit.



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## College programs aren't one size fits all.

When it comes to career and technical training, Texarkana College offers a variety of program types and formats to fit your unique needs.

### ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

A technical degree that pairs intensive career training with general education courses. Typically takes 2 years to complete. Financial aid is available.

### CERTIFICATE

Intensive career training designed to teach you the skills you need to move into an entry-level job. Typically takes from one semester to one year to complete, depending on the program. Financial aid is available.

### NONCREDIT

Programs that provide valuable career training in a wide variety of fields but do not award college credit. Many programs prepare you to take state certification exams. Programs can range from several weeks to one year. Traditional financial aid is not available, but funding assistance may be available to students who meet certain criteria.

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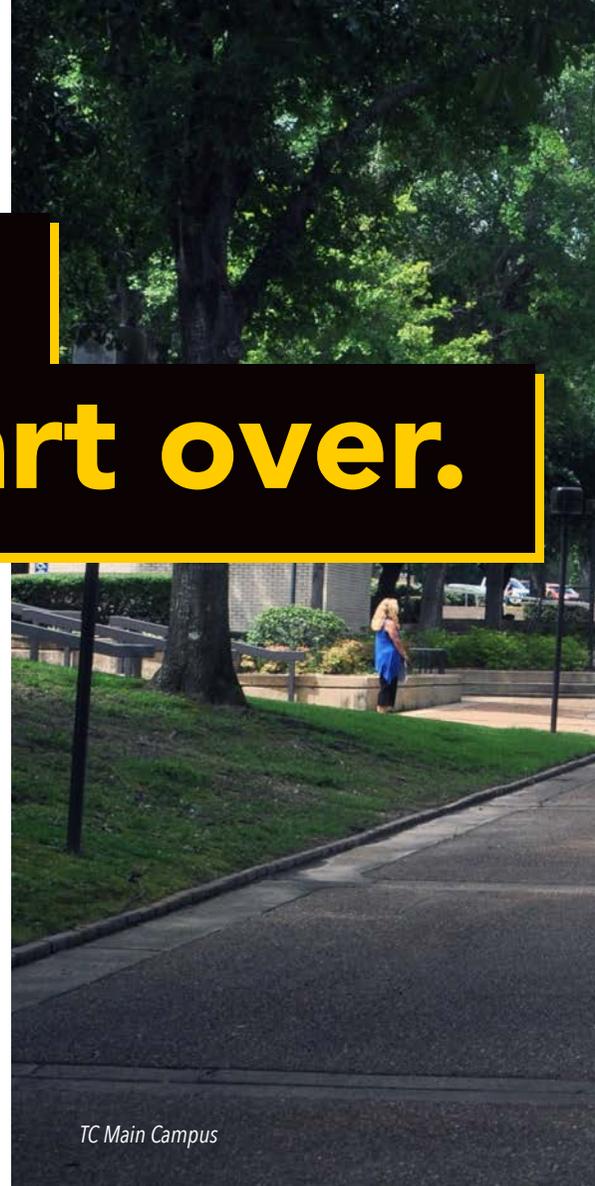
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# A great place to start or start over.

**W**hy have hundreds of thousand of students chosen Texarkana College to reach their higher education goals? First, it's affordable and accessible. Students who choose to start at a community college or earn a workforce certification rather than starting at a university can save tens of thousands of dollars on tuition. And that lower price tag delivers major value. TC's highly qualified instructors are dedicated to making sure you graduate with the skills and abilities you need to succeed in the workplace.

In academic programs, you'll never have a teaching assistant in a lecture hall with hundreds of other students—you'll always have a qualified instructor in a smaller classroom setting. In workforce programs, you'll learn from instructors who bring valuable real-world experience to your training.

Whether you're fresh out of high school or starting your college education later in life, everything at TC is designed to help you achieve your goals.



## MAIN CAMPUS



**2500 N. Robison Rd. | Texarkana, TX 75599**  
**(903) 823-3456**

90-acre campus with 2-acre nature preserve. Offers all academic and most workforce programs plus a full catalog of community and business education programs for all ages.

## TC@TEXAMERICAS CENTER



**15 James Carlow Dr. | New Boston, TX 75570**  
**(903) 223-9811**

Learning site offering several academic classes per semester plus customized workforce training, diesel technology, the Professional Driving Academy, and welding technology.

## TC ON MAIN



**120 East Main St. | Atlanta, TX 75551**  
**(903) 823-3430**

Cass County learning site offering a selection of core academic courses each semester, plus on-site access to enrollment services staff during peak registration periods.

# Getting started at Texarkana College

After you learn about TC's programs, flip to **page 33** to view an admissions checklist and information about financial aid, scholarships, and paying for college.

## Student Life

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Want to get involved on campus? Join one of TC's active clubs and organizations, including Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, STEM Club and more!

### FITNESS CENTER

Students have full access to the Pinkerton Fitness Center, which includes a full weight facility, cardio machines, indoor gym, racquetball courts and the only indoor heated Olympic-sized pool in the area.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

TC has a Department of Public Safety staffed by certified police officers. Campus security is available on campus 24 hours per day year-round.

### ACADEMIC COMMONS

TC's Academic Commons is a hub containing the Palmer Memorial Library, Testing Center, tutoring services, Compass Career & Transfer Center, Common Grounds coffee shop, study rooms, computers and more.

## Veteran Services

TC's Veterans Services Office assists and advises veterans and their families as they navigate the college admissions process, apply for and use educational benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and earn a degree or certificate from TC. If you have questions about the GI Bill and related VA benefits, Hazelwood benefits, or other veteran-related issues, our Veterans Services Office can help. We're proud to be a long-time member of the Servicemember Opportunity Colleges network. For more information about veteran services visit [texarkanacollege.edu/veterans](http://texarkanacollege.edu/veterans) or call (903) 823-3010.

## Gainful Employment

In addition to the career and salary data provided throughout this publication, important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rates of students who attended these programs can be found on the Texarkana College website at [texarkanacollege.edu/gainfulemployment](http://texarkanacollege.edu/gainfulemployment)

## Salaries & Job Outlook

Throughout this publication, you will find salaries and job growth outlooks for many Texarkana College programs of study. All salary data was collected from [careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org) using Texarkana, Texas as the location. State or national data is substituted when local data is unavailable. CareerOneStop is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and is one of several tools you can use to explore degrees and careers. Job growth data was collected directly from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>) and represents national growth.





# Automotive & Diesel Technology

Books are okay, but you would rather be on the highway with the wind in your hair. From transmissions to suspensions, brakes to steering, you want to know it all, and Texarkana College can help. Everyone's on a road somewhere. Where will yours take you?



## Automotive Technology

The work of automotive service technicians has evolved from mechanical repair to a high technology job. Today, integrated electronic systems and complex computers run vehicles, and technicians must have an increasingly broad base of knowledge about how vehicles' complex components work and interact, as well as the ability to work with electronic diagnostic equipment and computer-based technical reference materials—all skills you'll learn in TC's automotive technology program.

## Auto Body Technology

Maintaining today's high-tech vehicles is about more than just making sure the engine is functioning. Earning a degree or certificate in auto body technology means you'll be able to repair just about any type of auto body damage with techniques like sheet metal welding, metal finishing, paint preparation, and refinishing.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- One-Year Certificate
- One-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Collision repair & painting
- Structural analysis
- Welding for collision repair
- Plastic and composite repair
- Metal repair
- Panel alignment
- Vehicle safety systems
- Estimating

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Collision Repair Technician
- Paint Prep Technician or Painter
- Parts Technician
- Auto Damage Estimator
- Restoration/Customization
- Vehicle Salvage Technician
- Automotive/Body Shop Business Owner

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$53,000** per year for automotive body repairers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in automotive body repair are expected to grow by **9%** over the next 10 years.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- One-Year Certificate
- One-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Basic care & maintenance
- Test automotive parts and systems
- Repair or replace worn parts
- Identify problems using diagnostic equipment
- Dealer-specific certification
- Effective communication with customers

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

- Lube Bay & Vehicle Inspection Technician
- Shop Foreman or Manager
- Automotive Specialty Technician
- Tire Repairer & Changer
- Electronic Equipment Installer & Repairer
- Automotive Master Mechanic

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$37,170** per year for automotive service technicians & mechanics in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in automotive technology are expected to grow by **5%** over the next 10 years.



## Diesel Technology

Nearly everything we use and depend on every day was at some point delivered by a truck driver. Diesel engines keep trucks on the road and keep boats and important heavy equipment working. As long as society depends on these machines to get big jobs done, demand will be high for trained workers who can repair and maintain them.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
One-Year Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Basic diesel engine maintenance  
Hydraulics & electronics  
Powertrain  
Brakes  
Engine diagnostics

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

Diesel Service Technician  
Bus and Truck Mechanic & Diesel Engine Specialist  
Boat Diesel Motor Mechanic  
Tractor Service Technician

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$43,860** per year for diesel engine specialists in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in diesel engine repair are expected to grow by **12%** over the next 10 years.

# So you want to be a TRUCK DRIVER

A lot of people want to get their CDL and find a great job in the trucking industry, but they aren't sure whether to enroll in Texarkana College's Professional Driving Academy. If you're on the fence, here are a few frequently asked questions that might help you decide whether the academy is right for you.



## How long will it take to get my CDL?

Just five weeks. This intensive program packs as much into five weeks as possible, giving you both classroom and on-the-road training. Five weeks in class in exchange for a new career with benefits? It's a pretty great deal!



## What are the requirements to get my CDL?

You must be at least 18 to qualify for a CDL, have no more than two traffic violations (such as speeding, accidents or reckless driving) in the past three years, and no DWIs or DUIs in the past 10 years. Trucking companies usually look for drivers with no felonies (violence or drug-related) in the past 10 years, but each circumstance is dealt with on a one-on-one basis. You'll also need to pass a drug screen and the basic physical required by the Department of Transportation.



## Is financial aid available for this program?

Because this is a noncredit course, your typical federal aid student is not available. However, career training loans are available through Sallie Mae and often through local credit unions such as Texar Federal Credit Union and Red River Federal Credit Union. Loan officers at these locations are working with students to help them secure the tuition they need, often with amazingly low interest rates. And remember—if you qualify for a loan, most trucking companies offer tuition reimbursement!



## Professional Driving Academy

In just five weeks, you can receive a credential that will lead to a high-demand career that pays well and provides benefits. Located at TC@TexAmericas Center in New Boston, Texas, this program will prepare you to take the Department of Transportation exams—including the general knowledge, Class A & B, Combination Vehicle, and Air Brake exams.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

5-Week Academy (Noncredit)

### PROGRAM INCLUDES

CDL permit/licensing  
40 hours classroom training  
160 hours behind the wheel  
Preparation for Department of Transportation exams

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver  
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator  
Light Truck or Delivery Services Driver  
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collector

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$34,110** per year for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in truck driving are expected to grow by **5%** over the next 10 years.



# Computer Technology

You're not just a computer user... You're a doer. You want to make connections that bring technology to life. You have a gift, and it goes beyond hooking up Grandma's DVD player. We can put it to work for you.

# Computer Technology & Information Systems

Computers and technology are integral to today's workplace, and qualified tech professionals are an essential component of any company. If you're interested in pursuing an exciting career in computer software and programming, start here.

## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
Computer Operator/Programmer 1-Year Certificate  
A+ One-Semester Certificate

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

Computer maintenance  
Implementing and supporting operating systems  
Computer installation and repair  
Programming  
Web design  
Computerized accounting

## TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

Desktop Support Specialist  
Computer User Support Specialist  
Help Desk Technician  
Application Developer  
Computer Operator  
Computer Programmer  
Computer Technician  
Software Analyzer, Application  
Software Developer, Systems Software  
Software Quality Assurance Engineer & Tester  
Web Administrator  
Web Developer

## MEDIAN PAY

**\$36,950** per year for computer user support specialists in the Texarkana area.

## JOB OUTLOOK

Computer user support job opportunities are expected to grow by **12%** over the next 10 years.



## Ask an Employer



**Kevin Davenport**  
Information Technology  
Manager for Texarkana  
Water Utilities and the  
Cities of Texarkana Texas  
and Arkansas

How does a computer technology degree translate to a job? We asked an IT manager to tell us how education and training impacts his team.

### What do you look for when you're hiring?

Education and training is a big part of what separates one individual from another during our selection process. We always look for exceptional people and have offered internships in the past to promising students looking for enterprise level experience.

### What personality traits or work habits would you say the most successful IT employees have?

Someone who is passionate about technology, shows great work ethic, has a proven ability to learn and continue learning, demonstrates being detail driven, shows self-motivation, comes to work with a great positive attitude, and is reliable with well developed time management skills.

### What training/certifications are most important in your field today?

A combination of general training and entry-level certifications in all of the core areas of IT is ideal for all technicians. The advanced level positions all utilize skills offered in some of the more specific field level certification programs. Almost every organization has a list of certifications that are useful in their particular environment. Certifications from Microsoft, Cisco, PMI, ICS2, and/or CompTIA are some of the major providers we look for.

### Do any of your employees have training or earn continuing education credits from TC?

Over half of our IT staff has some form of training or is earning continuing education credit from TC.

### What advice would you give to someone who's considering going to school for information technology?

Start now, don't wait. The people who are getting the experience now doing basic support and entry level positions are going to be the leaders in the upcoming generation of IT workers. Focus on educational programs that also work towards industry and leadership certifications as well. Having both a degree and certifications will show you are not only capable of learning but that you understand the value of focused training.

# Computer Networking

Computer networks keep us connected to each other and the outside world—think email, Internet, and office intranets. Businesses need network administrators to build and maintain these vital network systems. That's where you come in. Just about every aspect of our lives depends on computer networks—home banking, keeping in touch with our friends and relatives, and even entertaining ourselves with digital and streaming content. Networking professionals don't just keep you connected, but they also keep you safe. Companies must be vigilant about safeguarding their information and data from hackers, and it's the networking staff's job to keep things secure.

## PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
CISCO Networking 1-Year Certificate  
Networking Administrator 1-Year Certificate

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

- Fundamentals of networking technologies
- Routing and switching essentials
- Implementing and supporting client operating systems
- Implementing network directory services
- Supporting network server infrastructure
- Implementing and supporting servers

## TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

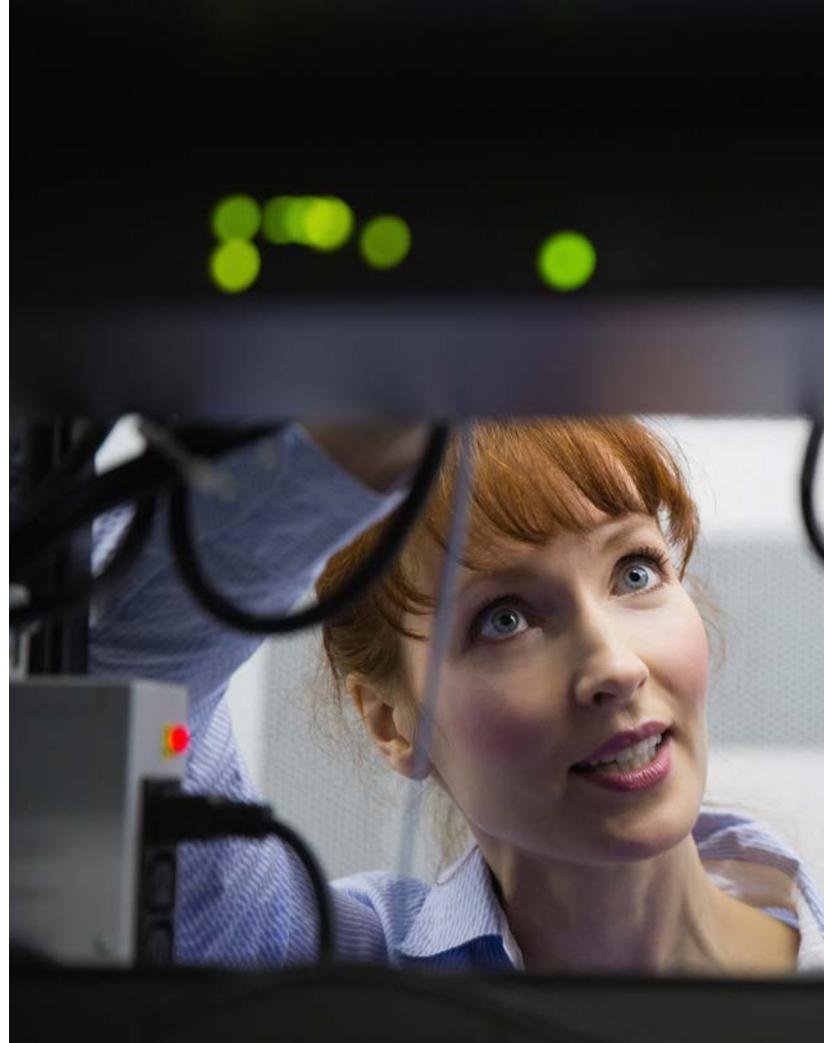
- Network & Computer Systems Administrator
- Computer Network Architect
- Information Security Analyst

## MEDIAN PAY

**\$61,510** per year for network and computer systems administrators in the Texarkana area.

## JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in computer networking are expected to grow by **8%** over the next 10 years.



## Why is computer networking so important?

Computer networks provide the critical infrastructure companies need to get business done. Wherever there's a company with multiple computers or software platforms, there's a computer network behind the scenes—in fact, when a computer network fails, many businesses can't function until the network is back up and running again.

For every computer network, there's a network administrator working to make sure that network is running smoothly and securely. Basically, these professionals are like an auto mechanic for the computer network. Computer network

## Noncredit Computer Training

If there's a specific program or skill you want to learn, a noncredit course through TC's Community & Business Education Center could help you reach your goals! These courses do not qualify for federal financial aid, but they're very affordable and have little to no entry requirements.

### ON-CAMPUS COURSES

While the schedule of noncredit classes can change from semester to semester, classes are commonly offered in:

- Basic Computer Skills
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Word
- Photoshop Basics

### ONLINE LEARNING

Interested in attending class online, anytime? These instructor-facilitated online classes have several start dates throughout the year. Classes include:

- Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop)
- Basic Computer Skills
- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- Microsoft Office 2016 (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Publisher)
- Creating Web Pages
- Creating WordPress Websites
- PC Troubleshooting
- C# Programming
- SQL Series
- Java Programming
- Python 3 Programming
- Computer Networking
- C++
- HTML & CSS Series
- PHP & MySQL
- Oracle
- CompTIA® Network+ Certification Prep
- A+ Certification
- CSS3 and HTML5
- Visual Basic

New classes are added each semester.  
View a full schedule at [texarkanacollege.edu/CE](http://texarkanacollege.edu/CE)

professionals can anticipate problems and have plans in place to address those problems if they do occur. Some networking specialists are also responsible for overseeing a network's security system. As cyber crime continues to grow and threaten businesses' network security, this has become a very important element of networking jobs. Many networking professionals also work directly with a company's users and leadership to keep them informed about the network's status or to provide technical education and training.

Experience, education and training in the computer networking field can lead to a variety of jobs, including network engineer, network analyst, information systems administrator, network technician, and computer networking instructor. As the profession develops, earning certifications and specialized training in networking can increase your skills and career options.



# Professional & Public Services

Serving people and building businesses: these are the jobs that provide the framework society. If you're a people person with a passion for service or some creative flair (or both), a career in professional and public services might be perfect for you.



## Business Administration

People like American business icon Ross Perot began right here at Texarkana College. He once said, "Most new jobs won't come from our biggest employers. They will come from our smallest. We've got to do everything we can to make entrepreneurial dreams a reality." This program offers you a broad, clear understanding of today's complex and evolving business landscape so you can put your skills to work at any kind of business, big or small.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Arts

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Financial accounting  
 Managerial accounting  
 Business law  
 Principles of macroeconomics  
 Principles of microeconomics  
 Calculus for business & social sciences

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

Human Resources Specialist  
 Financial Manager  
 Insurance Sales Agent  
 Financial Analyst  
 Sales Manager

### MEDIAN PAY

A degree in business administration can lead to many different careers with varying salaries. For example, human resources specialists in the Texarkana area earn an average median salary of **\$52,300** per year.

## Child Development

From physical exercises to social and cognitive ones, this program helps you learn leading-edge methodologies in childhood education. Learn how to teach, mentor, inspire and communicate with these small individuals in ways that help them grow and go out into the world with confidence.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
 Early Childhood Training 1-Year Certificate  
 Child Development Associate 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Creative arts for early childhood  
 Working with children with special needs  
 Emergent literacy for early childhood  
 Child guidance  
 Curriculum resources for early childhood  
 Child psychology

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

Childcare  
 Daycare Management  
 Head Start Program Work  
 Nanny/Household Management  
 Teaching/Teaching Assistance

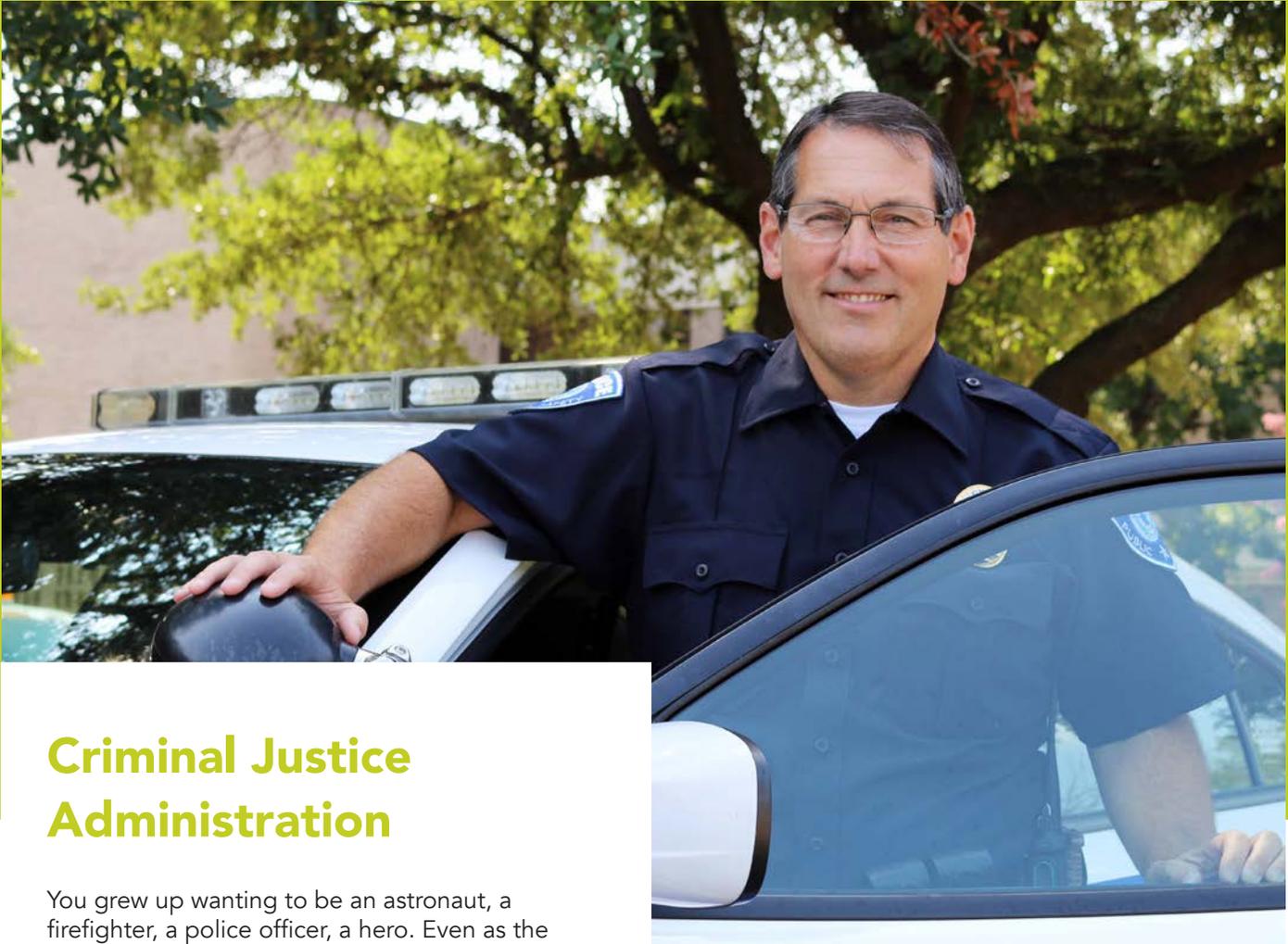
### MEDIAN PAY

**\$18,980** per year for preschool teachers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Preschool teaching job opportunities are expected to grow by **7%** over the next 10 years.





## Criminal Justice Administration

You grew up wanting to be an astronaut, a firefighter, a police officer, a hero. Even as the years went by and childhood dreams faded, you still wanted to make your mark on the world. You still needed to make a difference. You still can. Whatever direction your path takes in the field of criminal justice, from law to political science to psychology to police patrols, take your first steps into an exciting new career right here.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Arts

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Correctional systems & practices
- Criminal investigation
- Drug abuse
- Fundamentals of criminal law
- Juvenile delinquency
- Legal aspects of law enforcement
- Probation and parole

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Police Detective
- Police Patrol Officer
- Probation Officer
- Security Guard
- Private Detective & Investigator
- Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff
- Fish & Game Warden
- Criminal Investigator

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$43,780** per year for police and sheriff's patrol officers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Police and sheriff's patrol officer job opportunities are expected to grow by **4%** over the next 10 years.

## Cosmetology

Selfie-ready? Always—you practically invented the word. Looking fabulous is an art. You know this, and you want to help other people put their best face forward. TC partners with acclaimed Pivot Point International to offer a cutting-edge cosmetology curriculum that teaches you to see, think, create and adapt to any client or situation.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
Cosmetology 1-Year Certificate  
Cosmetology Instructor 2-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Cosmetology fundamentals  
Hair sculpture & design  
How to color and texture hair  
Manicuring & skin care  
Running a successful salon

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

Hairdresser, Hairstylist & Cosmetologist  
Career/Technical Education Teacher  
Manicurist & Pedicurist  
Skincare Specialist

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$20,520** per year not including tips for  
hairdressers/hairstylists in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Hairstylist job opportunities are expected to  
grow by **10%** over the next 10 years.



## Why Pivot Point?

Cosmetology just got better. At the core of a Pivot Point education is teaching you the why behind the how of cosmetology. Pivot Point trained professionals have knowledge beyond the basics that will make them confident and competitive in our industry. Because Pivot Point is about helping you become the artist you are meant to be, this program teaches you to see, think, create and adapt to any client or situation. A Pivot Point education stands apart from others, giving graduates an advantage over other beauty school grads. TC Cosmetology is proud to partner with Pivot Point International to offer excellence through education in a state-of-the-art facility designed to prep students for careers in this rapidly expanding area.

## Culinary Arts

Are you the next gluten-free gourmet? Is the world waiting for your vegan bistro, or do you just make the best barbecue brisket on the planet? Whatever drives you, from locally-grown produce to exotic cuisines, if food is your passion, this program has your recipe for success. With 990,000 individual restaurant locations in the U.S. alone and head cooks in Texas making as much as \$70,000 annually, the culinary industry has never been more promising or profitable.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
 Culinary Arts 1-Year Certificate  
 Hospitality 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Method & science of cooking  
 Classical, American & international cuisine  
 Baking & Garde Manger  
*Garde Manger is French for 'keeper of the food'*  
 Managerial skills  
 Purchasing & menu management  
 Customer service & marketing  
 Hospitality supervision & leadership

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

Cook  
 Chef  
 Line Cook  
 Caterer  
 Executive Chef  
 Sous Chef  
 Banquet Chef  
 Grill Cook

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$49,310** per year for food service managers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities for food services managers are expected to grow by **5%** over the next 10 years.



## What makes a great chef?

Studying culinary arts is a natural draw for those who feel at home in a kitchen setting, but a very diverse skillset is required to create safe, healthy, delicious dining experiences.

### PASSION

If you've ever watched a chef competition on TV, you see that the contestants who are emotionally connected to their dishes usually come out on top, and for good reason. The best chefs relish the process of preparing meals and designing menus.

### TEAM PLAYER

One chef can't do it all. That's why a team that can work together in high-stress situations can make all the difference in the restaurant world.

## Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counseling

In 2009, 23.5 million people in the U.S. needed treatment for an illicit drug or alcohol abuse problem. Today, while over 76,000 addiction professionals are working in the United States, addiction continues to be a place for much needed research, development and care. It's also place where you can help. At Texarkana College, learn how you can build a career while you help rebuild lives in your community.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
1-Year Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Counseling skills  
Alcohol & other drug addictions  
Psychology  
Pharmacology of addiction  
Ethics for social service professionals  
Assessment & case management

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Worker  
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselor  
Probation Officer & Correctional Treatment Specialist

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$34,550** per year for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities for substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors are expected to grow by **22%** over the next 10 years.



### CREATIVITY

Tons of incredible dishes and dining experiences haven't yet been invented. Creative chefs don't just create delicious new dishes—they also have a knack for putting a new twist on old favorites, both in flavors and in presentation.

### ATTENTION TO DETAIL

An extra dash of salt may not matter when you're cooking for yourself at home, but a chef knows that every single ingredient makes a difference in the overall flavor of the dish.

### BUSINESS SENSE

Running a kitchen requires a delicate balance of cooking skills and people skills, plus the ability to plan delicious but cost-effective menus.

Are you up to the challenge? TC's Culinary Arts program can help you get started!



## Fire Academy

Did you know that firefighters are consistently ranked as one of the most trustworthy professions in national polls? Firefighting requires teamwork, dedication, intelligence, and physical stamina. With state-of-the-art training facilities, no waiting list, excellent classroom facilities and a free membership to the Pinkerton Fitness Center, the TC Fire Academy is your best option for embarking on the firefighting career path. The academy is available in two formats: a traditional, in-person 14-week academy and an 8-month hybrid academy that combines online training with in-person training on weekends.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- 14-Week Academy (Noncredit)
- 8-Month Hybrid Academy (Noncredit)

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Search for and rescue victims from burning building and sites
- Administer first aid and CPR
- Dress with protective equipment
- Drive and operate fire fighting vehicles and equipment
- Assess fires and situations
- Create openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Municipal Firefighter (or Supervisor)
- Forest Firefighter (or Supervisor)
- Forest Fire Fighting & Prevention Supervisor

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$38,600** per year for firefighters in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities in fire fighting are expected to grow by **5%** over the next 10 years.



## Office Careers

If you want to learn skills that will aid you in just about any industry imaginable, consider studying Office Careers at Texarkana College. Office jobs are about more than just answering the phone or operating a copier. Our students become fast, proficient, knowledgeable office workers who know how to look, sound and act like true professionals.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- Office Careers 1-Year Certificate
- Medical Office Procedures 1-Year Certificate
- Office Careers 2-Semester Certificate
- Office Careers 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Advanced keyboarding skills
- Records & information management
- Microsoft Office
- Basic accounting & Quickbooks
- Professional workforce behavior
- Public speaking skills
- Researching, drafting, revising & editing documents

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

- Executive Administrative Assistant
- Legal Office Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Correspondence Clerk
- File Clerk
- Data Entry

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$37,690** per year for office and administrative support workers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

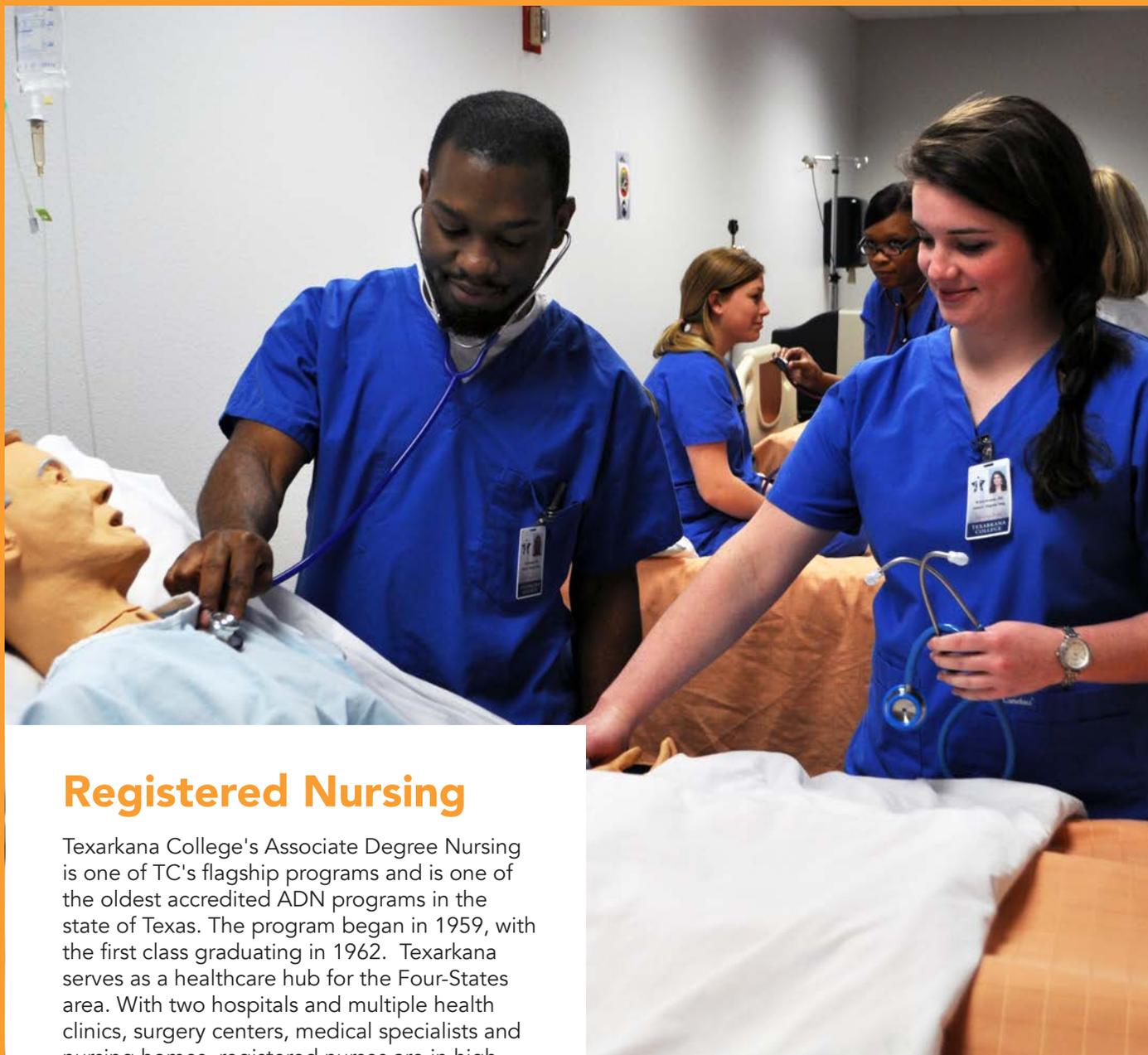
Office and administrative support job opportunities are expected to grow by **3%** over the next 10 years.



# Health Sciences

For every one of you who ever put a bandage on a teddy bear or checked your doll for fever... for all of you who make the bumps and bruises in life all better... we can turn your talent into a healing career and a healthy paycheck.

*Pictured: Associate Degree Nursing*



## Registered Nursing

Texarkana College's Associate Degree Nursing is one of TC's flagship programs and is one of the oldest accredited ADN programs in the state of Texas. The program began in 1959, with the first class graduating in 1962. Texarkana serves as a healthcare hub for the Four-States area. With two hospitals and multiple health clinics, surgery centers, medical specialists and nursing homes, registered nurses are in high demand—and that demand is projected to grow by 16% over the next decade.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Biology
- Pharmacology
- Foundations for nursing practice
- Clinical nursing
- Clinical decision making
- Mental health nursing
- Concepts of adults health

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

Registered Nurse

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$68,450** per year for Registered Nurses nationwide.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Registered Nurse job opportunities are expected to grow by **16%** over the next 10 years.

## Licensed Vocational Nursing

This program is designed to prepare you for an entry-level nursing career, where you'll care for patients under the direction of registered nurses and physicians. LVN jobs are in high demand, and if you ever decide you'd like to continue your education and become a registered nurse, Texarkana College offers an LVN to RN transition program that will help you take your healthcare career to the next level.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

1-Year Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Foundations of nursing
- Nursing in health & illness
- Applied nursing skills
- Clinical nurse training
- Maternal/neonatal nursing
- Pediatric nursing

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Vocational Nurse

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$35,420** per year for licensed vocational nurses in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Licensed vocational nursing job opportunities are expected to grow by **16%** over the next 10 years.



*Pharmacy technician students use candy to practice pill counting labs and to fill long-term care unit dose cards.*

## Pharmacy Technician

Learn the knowledge and skills you need to pass your certification exam and work alongside a pharmacist in hospitals, pharmacies, and other health care environments. In this program, you'll train in a mock pharmacy, intern with experienced pharmacists at local facilities, and become eligible to take a nationally accredited certification exam.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- 2-Semester Certificate
- Community Education Course (Non-Credit)

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Introduction to pharmacology
- Pharmacy law
- Pharmacology terminology
- Drug classification
- Community pharmacy practice
- Pharmaceutical mathematics

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Pharmacy technician
- Pharmacy aide

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$30,160** per year for pharmacy technicians in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Pharmacy technician job opportunities are expected to grow by **9%** over the next 10 years.



## Emergency Medical Technology

Train for an exciting, stable career in emergency medical technology. As an EMT, you'll learn to administer first aid or life support, perform emergency medical procedures, transport sick or injured people to medical facilities, and more.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technology
- Paramedic 1-Year Certificate
- 3-Month Emergency Medical Technology Academy (Non-Credit)
- Emergency Medical Responder (Non-Credit)

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

- Trauma management
- Patient assessment & airway management
- EMS operations
- Clinical paramedic
- Emergency pharmacology
- Medical emergencies
- Cardiology

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Emergency Management Director
- Emergency Medical Technician & Paramedic
- Municipal Firefighter

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$32,670** per year for emergency medical technicians and paramedics nationwide.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Job opportunities for EMT/paramedics are expected to grow by **24%** over the next 10 years.

## Noncredit Health Careers Courses

Texarkana College's Community & Business Education Center offers access to a wide variety of on-campus and online courses that can lead to great jobs in the healthcare industry. These courses do not qualify for federal financial aid, but they're very affordable and have little to no entry requirements.

### ON-CAMPUS COURSES

While the schedule of noncredit classes can change from semester to semester, classes are commonly offered in:

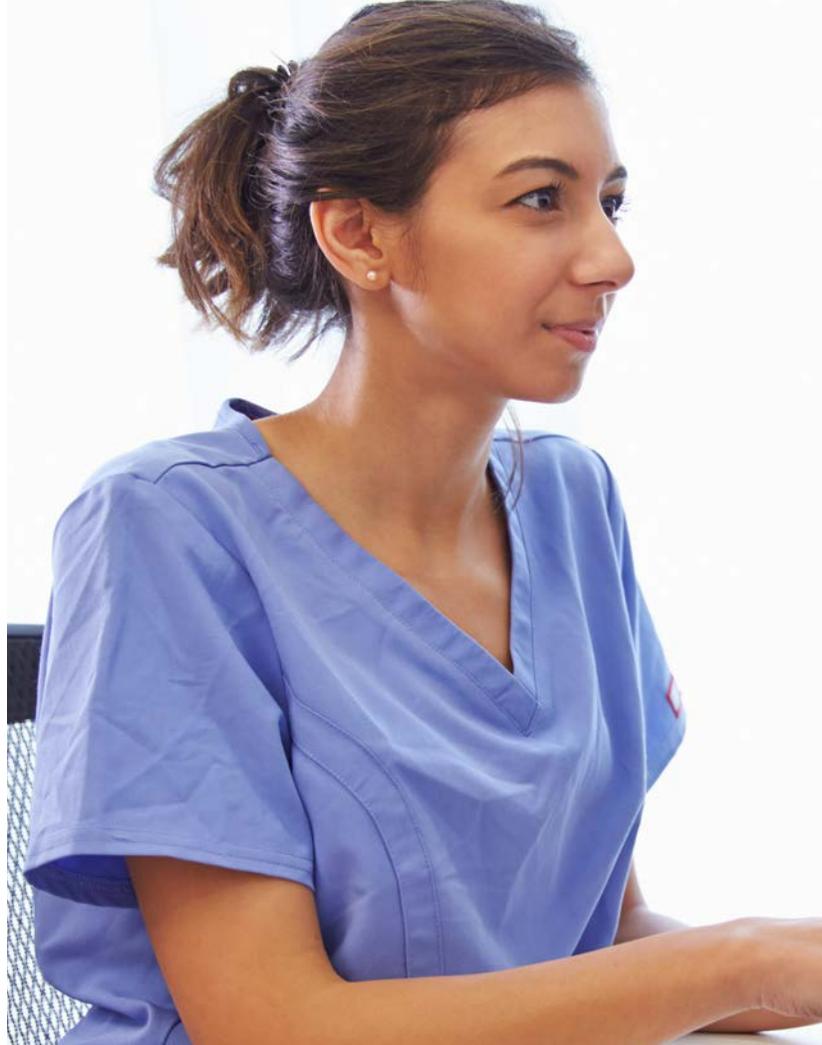
- Certified Nurse Aide (12 weeks)
- Clinical Medical Assistant (14 weeks)
- CPR & First Aid
- Dental Assisting (16 weeks)
- EKG Technician (8 weeks)
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Medical Administrative Assistant (8 weeks)
- Medical Billing & Coding (16 weeks)
- Medication Aide (12 weeks)
- NCLEX-PN Review
- Pharmacy Technician (16 weeks)
- Phlebotomy Technician (12 weeks)
- New Practice Management

### ONLINE LEARNING

Interested in attending class online, anytime? These instructor-facilitated online classes have several start dates throughout the year. Classes include:

- Pharmacy Technician
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Dental Assisting
- Medical Billing & Coding
- Medical Coding ICD-10
- EKG Technician
- Electronic Health Records Management
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Dialysis Technician
- Medical Terminology
- ECG/EKG Course for Nurses

New classes are added each semester.  
View a full schedule at [texarkanacollege.edu/CE](http://texarkanacollege.edu/CE)



## Is online learning right for you?

Online learning offers an incredible amount of flexibility for learners who are on-the-go. If you meet the following criteria, online learning might be a smart choice for you.

### **You have access to high speed Internet at home, and you're proficient in using it.**

Online learning is extremely convenient, but only if you can access it when you need to do your coursework. Likewise, you'll want to make sure you're proficient at using email and web browsers. If you need a crash course on how to use the Internet, you might consider taking a continuing education course in basic Internet skills before enrolling in an online class.

## Paying for Noncredit Health Career Training

Students who enroll in noncredit health careers courses do not qualify for federal financial aid, but there are several financial resources they may be able to use to fund their training programs.

### TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

Texas residents who are unemployed and/or low income may qualify for tuition assistance from the Texas Workforce Commission for the following programs: Clinical Medical Assistant, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technician.

For more information and to learn whether you qualify, contact:

Greater Texarkana Workforce Center  
(903) 794-4163  
1702 Hampton Rd., Texarkana, TX 75503  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

Arkansas residents who are unemployed and/or low income may qualify for tuition assistance from the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services for the following programs: Certified Nurse Aide, Dental Assisting, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician.

For more information and to learn whether you qualify, contact:

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services  
(870) 216-4011  
1702 Hampton Rd., Texarkana, TX 75503  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### OTHER RESOURCES

If you don't qualify for financial assistance via either of the above options, call the TC Community & Business Education Center at (903) 823-3384 to discuss your options, including:

- Funding through other area agencies
- Payment plans
- Private loans

### You're self-motivated, self-disciplined, and willing to take responsibility for your own learning.

With online courses, there's no instructor standing in front of you daily to give homework and ask for assignments. That's why self-discipline and self-motivation are so important for online learners. You must be able to plan ahead, keep track of your own assignments and stick to a schedule.

### You can communicate well in writing.

In an online course, discussion boards and email typically replaces face-to-face conversation, so you must be able to express yourself in writing. Being able to effectively communicate with your instructor and your classmates when needed is a key part of taking online courses.

*Sound like you? A number of health careers courses are available online anytime through Texarkana College's Community & Business Education Center. Learn more at [texarkanacollege.edu/continuing-education](http://texarkanacollege.edu/continuing-education).*



# Manufacturing & Technology

Maybe you never thought school was right for you. Maybe you never saw the point in memorizing dates or Shakespearean quotations. Maybe quoting Shakespeare won't pay the bills. This will.



## Air Conditioning/ Heating & Refrigeration Technology (HVAC)

There's nothing better than the first blast of crisp air conditioning on hot skin—or stepping into your warm home on a frigid day. Setting up and maintaining heating and air systems is *always* in demand. This program will provide you with HVAC knowledge, customer service and sales training, and EPA certification.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- HVAC 1-Year Certificate
- HVAC Technician 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Electricity for HVAC
- HVAC shop practices & tools
- Refrigeration principles
- Air conditioning installation
- Heat pumps
- Air conditioning control principles
- Air conditioning troubleshooting
- HVAC zone controls
- Gas & electric heating

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Heating & Air Conditioning Mechanic & Installer
- Refrigeration Mechanic & Installer
- Home Appliance Repairer

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$39,320** per year for heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Heating, air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics and installers job opportunities are expected to grow by **14%** over the next 10 years.

## Construction Technology

Getting a college education is kind of like building a house. One class on its own doesn't look like much, but when all the pieces come together and you step back, you see something that you can be proud of. If you're interested in building things and working with your hands, this program will lay the foundation that will help keep your future secure.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- Construction Technology 1-Year Certificate
- Construction Helper 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Construction industry basics
- Mechanic systems in construction
- Construction management
- Carpentry methods & materials
- Construction tools & techniques
- Building codes & inspections
- Construction estimating
- Construction engineering
- Mechanical, plumbing & electrical systems

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Construction Manager
- Pipelayer
- Construction & Building Inspector
- Plumber
- Plasterer & Stucco Mason
- Roofer
- Insulation Worker
- Construction Carpenter

### MEDIAN PAY

**\$80,050** per year for construction managers in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Construction manager job opportunities are expected to grow by **5%** over the next 10 years.

## Electrical Technology

What do all of our homes, businesses and industries have in common? They all require electricity! In the Electrical Technology program, you'll be trained to wire, troubleshoot and repair electrical systems in residential, commercial and industrial buildings. If you're looking for a solid career that will remain in demand, consider studying electrical technology at Texarkana College.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
1-Year Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Layout & installation of electrical wiring, equipment or fixtures
- Connect wires to circuit breakers, transformers & components
- Test electrical systems, circuits & fixtures using digital multi-meters
- Identify hazards, defects or need of repair in electrical systems, equipment & components

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Apprentice Electrician
- Journeyman Electrician
- Industrial Electrician
- Inside Wireman
- Journey Wireman
- Maintenance Electrician

### MEDIAN PAY

\$42,850 per year for electricians in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Electrician job opportunities are expected to grow by **14%** over the next 10 years.



## Electronics Technology/ Instrumentation

This diverse program will teach you the skills and abilities you need to pursue jobs in computer technology, medical equipment technology, industrial electronics, and more. Employees with the knowledge needed to operate, maintain and repair industrial equipment are in high demand. TC's labs have up-to-date equipment that will prep you for a number of high-paying jobs.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate of Applied Science  
1-Year Certificate  
2-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Solid state devices & circuits
- Linear integrated circuits
- AC & DC circuits
- Digital fundamentals & systems
- Principles of automatic control
- Instrumentation calibration
- Programmable logic controllers

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Electronics Engineering Technician
- Electronics Instrumentation Technologist
- Electrical and Electronics Repairer
- Commercial and Industrial Equipment
- Avionics Technician
- Biomedical Electronics Technician
- Consumer Electronics Technician
- Communication Electronic Technician

### MEDIAN PAY

\$70,390 per year for electrical and electronics engineering technicians in the Texarkana area.



## Industrial Maintenance/ Multi-Craft

In the Industrial Maintenance program, you get a wide range of industrial skills in one package. You'll train in six different trades, giving yourself a diverse skillset that qualifies you to fill a number of industrial jobs, and you'll train on state-of-the-art equipment donated by local industries such as Cooper Tire.

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- 1.5-Year Advanced Certificate
- 2-Semester Basic Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Industry standard safety procedures
- Mechanical & electrical skills
- Diagnostic techniques
- Read & interpret schematics
- Work with motors, pumps, pneumatic, hydraulics and programmable logic control systems
- Machining skills

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

- Industrial Production Manager
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- Machinery, Maintenance & Repair Workers
- General, Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians
- Electro-Mechanical Technicians
- Commercial & Industrial Equipment Repair

### MEDIAN PAY

\$62,310 per year for industrial machinery mechanics in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Industrial machinery mechanic job opportunities are expected to grow by **16%** over the next 10 years.



## Welding

You've always felt a spark to push boundaries, to do something different, and you like working with your hands. Ready to start fusing your talents with the type of job you want?

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Associate of Applied Science
- 1-Year Certificate
- 1-Semester Certificate

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Welding fundamentals
- Welding metallurgy
- Workforce development & critical thinking
- Blueprint reading
- Shielded metal arc welding
- Gas metal arc welding
- Gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW)
- Pipe welding

### TYPICAL JOBS AFTER COMPLETION

*(Varies based on degree/certificate chosen)*

- Welder, Cutter & Welder Fitter
- Solderer & Brazer
- Pipe Fitter & Steamfitter
- Structural Iron & Steel Worker
- Structural Metal Fabricator & Fitter

### MEDIAN PAY

\$31,840 per year for welders in the Texarkana area.

### JOB OUTLOOK

Welding job opportunities are expected to grow by **4%** over the next 10 years. Some data sources even project that welding jobs could grow **15%** by 2020.

# Getting started at Texarkana College

Ready to apply to TC? This checklist will help guide you through the process!

## ▶ APPLY

Like most public colleges in Texas, TC uses the ApplyTexas higher education application. Go to [applytexas.org](http://applytexas.org) to complete your application.

## ▶ SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS

When applying to TC, you'll need to submit a copy of your final high school/GED transcripts (along with official college transcripts if you've earned credit at any other higher ed institutions). Mail or hand-deliver sealed official transcripts to: Office of Admissions, Texarkana College, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX 75599.

## ▶ IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Students under the age of 22 must provide proof of a current bacterial meningitis vaccination before registering. Learn more at [texarkanacollege.edu/checklist](http://texarkanacollege.edu/checklist).

## ▶ FINANCIAL AID

Once you've received an acceptance letter from TC, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to submit the Free Application for Federal Student aid. The code for TC is 003628.

## ▶ ADVISING

Meet with an advisor to discuss class selection and any disability needs. You may see an advisor any time during business hours (Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.). You may also schedule an appointment in advance by calling (903) 823-3012.



# Paying for college

You can afford college! Did you know that most full-time students receive some type of financial aid to help pay for their college education? Check out these resources that can help you navigate the challenge of paying for college.

## FINANCIAL AID

All students are encouraged to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to see if they qualify for federal grants, loans and/or work-study jobs to help pay for college. Many of our students receive federal Pell grants that pay for most of their education at TC—and grants don't have to be repaid. Now, Pell dollars go further at TC! Year-round Pell grants are now available for full-time students who want to continue taking courses in the summer. For more information or to find out if you are eligible for Pell grants, contact TC's financial aid team at (903) 823-3267. These funds can also help pay for supplies, textbooks and kits required for many of the programs listed in this magazine.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduating high school seniors who meet stringent academic criteria may be eligible for the TC Presidential Scholarship, which pays full tuition and fees for up to two years. Several program-specific workforce program scholarships are also available each semester. Learn more about TC scholarship opportunities at [texarkanacollege.edu/scholarships](http://texarkanacollege.edu/scholarships).

## PAYMENT PLANS

Students paying out of pocket for tuition and fees may set up payment plans online. Learn more at [texarkanacollege.edu/student-accounts](http://texarkanacollege.edu/student-accounts).

# Program Guide

Wherever you're going, Texarkana College can help you get there. This at-a-glance chart shows you the wide range of programs TC offers, including what type of credential you can earn in each area.

### Want more in-depth information about a specific program?

Visit [texarkanacollege.edu/study/](http://texarkanacollege.edu/study/) to see degree plans, career data, and more.

### Take a closer look at Texarkana College.

Go to [texarkanacollege.edu/tour](http://texarkanacollege.edu/tour) or call (903) 823-3012 to schedule a campus tour!

#### Associate of Applied Science

Technical degree pairing career training with general education courses.

#### Certificate

Intensive career training to prepare students for entry-level jobs in their chosen industry.

#### Associate of Arts & Associate of Science

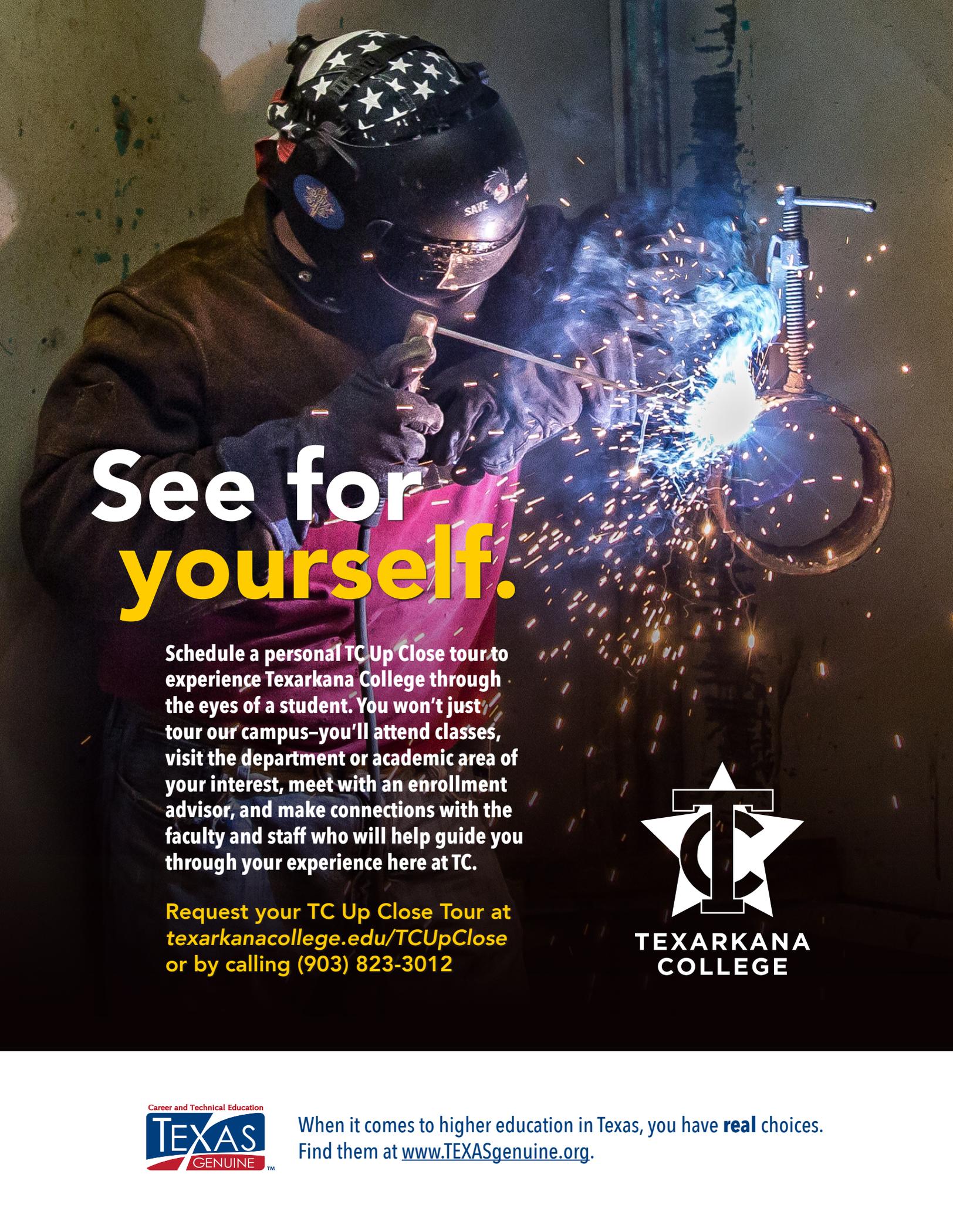
2-year academic degrees that allow students to transfer to a 4-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree.

#### Noncredit Training

Career training that preps students for a specific career or certification exam.

Program	Associate of Applied Science	Certificate	Associate of Arts	Associate of Science	Noncredit Training
A+		✓			
Air Conditioning/Heating & Refrigeration Technology	✓	✓			
Auto Body Technology	✓	✓			
Automated Office Personnel		✓			
Automotive Technology	✓	✓			
Behavioral Science			✓		
Biology				✓	
Business Administration			✓		
Certified Nurse Aide					✓
Chemistry				✓	
Child Development	✓	✓			
CISCO Networking		✓			
Clinical Medical Assistant					✓
Computer Networking	✓	✓			
Computer Operator/Programmer		✓			
Computer Technology & Information Systems	✓	✓			
Construction Technology	✓	✓			
Cosmetology	✓	✓			

Program	Associate of Applied Science	Certificate	Associate of Arts	Associate of Science	Noncredit Training
Cosmetology Instructor		✓			
Criminal Justice Administration			✓		
Culinary Arts	✓	✓			
Dental Assisting					✓
Diesel Technology	✓	✓			
Drama			✓		
Drug & Alcohol Abuse Counseling	✓	✓			
EKG Technician					✓
Electrical Technology	✓	✓			
Electronics Technology/Instrumentation	✓	✓			
Emergency Medical Technology	✓				✓
Engineering/Physics				✓	
Fine & Studio Arts			✓		
Fire Academy					✓
General Studies			✓		
General Studies EC-6 Generalist (Teaching)			✓		
Industrial Maintenance/Multi-Craft	✓	✓			
Math				✓	
Medical Billing & Coding					✓
Medication Aide					✓
Music			✓		
Nursing	✓				
Office Careers	✓	✓			
Paramedic		✓			
Pharmacy Technician		✓			✓
Phlebotomy Technician					✓
Professional Driving Academy					✓
Social Science Studies			✓		
Vocational Nursing		✓			
Welding	✓	✓			



# See for yourself.

Schedule a personal TC Up Close tour to experience Texarkana College through the eyes of a student. You won't just tour our campus—you'll attend classes, visit the department or academic area of your interest, meet with an enrollment advisor, and make connections with the faculty and staff who will help guide you through your experience here at TC.

Request your TC Up Close Tour at [texarkanacollege.edu/TCUpClose](http://texarkanacollege.edu/TCUpClose) or by calling (903) 823-3012



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