

Admissions and Registration

General Admission Information

Students wishing to attend Central Texas College should visit with the Education Center or Navy College Office representative to discuss their educational goals. Military facilities provide diagnostic, aptitude, and placement testing to assist students in selecting programs of study. Once students have identified and chosen an appropriate program of study, the admissions and registration process may begin.

Central Texas College is a comprehensive community college that maintains an open-door admissions policy to ensure that all persons who may benefit from postsecondary education have the opportunity to enroll. New students will be admitted to Central Texas College providing all admission requirements are met. Admission to Central Texas College does not guarantee admissions to specific programs and courses. Departmental approval is required to register for certain courses as published in the college catalog and schedule bulletins.

Only personnel sponsored in the overseas command by the U.S. Armed Services are normally permitted to attend Central Texas College classes. Other applicants may attend classes if local policy permits, but they must receive approval from the local ESO or NCO personnel for necessary military and governmental approval before being permitted to file an application for admission. Active duty personnel will have priority when enrolling for all classes.

General Admission Requirements For All Students in Credit Programs

An individual who has graduated from a high school to include an accredited public or private school; who has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education program in a nonaccredited private school setting to include a home school; or who has earned a General Educational Development (GED) certificate will be admitted to Central Texas College. All individuals will be required to follow the regular admissions process.

Adults, veterans and military personnel 18 years or older who have not completed a high school program may be admitted on an “Individual Approval” basis if the individual can demonstrate the ability to benefit from instruction. Applicants wishing to be admitted under individual approval must complete a “Request for Waiver” form available through the Student Services office of the appropriate CTC campus. The applicant must show evidence of successful experiences which reasonably predict his or her ability to make satisfactory progress at the college. The Dean of Student Developmental Services will review the request with the appropriate department chair/faculty or the Campus Dean and then make a recommendation to the Systems Registrar for final approval.

Early admission offers the opportunity for high school students to earn college credits while concurrently enrolled in high school or during the summer. Early admission is open to high school students who are classified as juniors or seniors and are in good academic standing. Permission to enroll in CTC must be granted by the student’s parent or legal guardian and endorsed by the high school principal, counselor, or designated representative. Concurrently enrolled high school students must adhere to the requirements of CTC and their high school. High school students may take two courses per semester. In no case will the student be allowed to take more than six courses in a year. An early admission form signed by the designated school official and parent or legal guardian must be submitted each semester of enrollment. Independent school districts may have additional requirements.

NOTE Central Texas College assumes no responsibility for loss of Interscholastic League eligibility of high school students enrolled in the early admissions program. Credits earned before high school graduation may not transfer to some colleges.

Students applying for Financial Aid must have a high school diploma or GED. Non-high school graduates should contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at (254) 526-1508 for further details.

Admission Procedures, College Credit Programs

Visit the CTC representative at your location for information on admissions, registration, and program and course selection. If you are interested in distance learning courses and there is not a CTC representative at your location, contact online.mentors@ctcd.edu. Listed below are general admission requirements for students located outside of Texas. All students who do not meet the prerequisites for English and mathematics courses must take placement exams in writing and mathematics to determine eligibility. Special conditions apply to students with active duty/prior military status and earned degrees.

New CTC Students, First-Time Students

All new college students seeking a degree or certificate from CTC are required to:

1. Complete a CTC Application for Admission form.
2. Submit an official high school transcript or General Educational Development (GED) scores demonstrating high school graduation or equivalency.
3. Meet with the designated CTC representative at your location to discuss program of study and course selections.

All first-time new students are encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they may be eligible for student financial assistance.

Transfer Students

Students who have previously attended another college or university prior to applying for admission to CTC are required to:

1. Complete a CTC Application for Admission form.
2. Submit an official high school transcript or General Educational Development (GED) scores demonstrating high school graduation or equivalency.
3. Submit official transcripts from each accredited college or university previously attended.
4. Meet with the designated CTC representative at your location to discuss program of study and course selections.

Students on academic probation or suspension at the transfer institution will be admitted on probation to Central Texas College and must earn a grade point average of 2.0 during their first semester in attendance at CTC. Students in this category who do not achieve a grade point average of 2.0 will be suspended for one long semester.

Former CTC Students, Readmissions

If it has been at least one year since you attended CTC, follow the steps below.

1. Complete a new CTC Application for Admission form.
2. If you have attended other colleges or universities since last enrolled with CTC, request that official transcripts be sent to CTC.
3. Meet with the designated CTC representative at your location to discuss program of study and course selections.

Transient Students

If your intent is to attend CTC to earn credits to transfer into a degree program at another college or university, you do not need to submit education records from previously attended colleges or universities unless required for Veterans Services, Financial Aid, TSI, or to document earned requirements. Records will be required if you later elect to seek a certificate, degree, or award of credit. You are required to:

1. Complete a CTC Application for Admission.
2. Contact the advisor at your college or university to ensure course transferability. If your school is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC), SOC handbooks that include transfer guarantee articulations are available at local Education Centers, Navy College Offices, and CTC locations. Handbooks are also available online at www.soc.aascu.org.
3. Meet with the CTC representative to determine any course prerequisites or placement requirements.

Distant Learners

Students enrolling in distance learning programs must meet general institutional admission requirements. Distant learners in Texas and out-of-state distant learners who are bona fide Texas residents receiving in-state tuition rates must meet TSI requirements unless TSI exempt or waived; and submit substantiating documents for residency purposes. In addition, students should possess the computer and technical skills as well as learning skills needed to succeed in distance learning. Students are encouraged to complete the distant learning orientation at the CTC Distance Learning website at online.ctcd.edu.

Students enrolled in online courses must provide their own computers, or have access to computers, have Internet access and email accounts. Please refer to the Academic Policies section for information on course loads.

Distant learners should contact their local CTC representative to determine eligibility to register online through WebAdvisor or by phone (254) 526-1717. If you cannot register at a local CTC office, contact the online.mentors@ctcd.edu. An online mentor will assist you with admissions, registration, and advisement.

Early Admissions, High School Students

Early admissions is available to selected high school students who are in good academic standing and classified as juniors or seniors. To apply for early admission:

1. Complete the Early Admissions Application signed by the high school principal or counselor and parent or legal guardian. Application must be re-submitted for each semester of enrollment.
2. Complete CTC's Application for Admission.
3. Provide an official high school transcript.
4. Accepted high school students are limited to two courses per semester (fall, spring, summer). A student may not take more than six courses in a year.

Out-of-State CTC Students Who Move to Texas

If you move to Texas and continue your studies with Central Texas College, you are required to meet certain in-state requirements as follows:

1. Complete a CTC Application for Admission if you have not enrolled with CTC for at least 12 months.
2. Nonresident active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces assigned to duty in Texas and their spouse and dependent children are entitled to pay resident tuition rates. To qualify, the student must submit a completed military verification form during his or her first semester of enrollment which he or she will be using the waiver and a valid military I.D. card.
3. Take the ACT ASSET or Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) test unless student is exempt or waived from the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. Refer to the Texas Campuses Catalog or contact an online counselor for more information.
4. Verify that your high school transcript, GED scores, and/or official transcripts from accredited colleges or universities previously attended are on file. If not, request that official transcripts from each school be sent to CTC.
5. Meet with an academic advisor.
6. Make arrangement to attend the new student orientation.

NOTE Official transcripts and TSI state-approved test scores must be sent directly to CTC from the issuing educational institution. You may be conditionally admitted pending receipt of official high school and college or university transcripts. Falsification of information will result in disciplinary action and may result in dismissal from Central Texas College.

International Students

Local and third country national students are not permitted to attend Central Texas College C&I locations without permission from the Education Center or Navy College Office representative and the appropriate Military Command. Local nationals who receive permission are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of 520 on the paper-based test or 190 on the computer-based test is required for admission into the college credit program. Students native to countries whose official language is English, and whose education has been in English, are not required to take the TOEFL.

Transfer Credits

Transfer of credit from regionally accredited colleges and universities may be accepted when the grade earned was "C" or higher, courses are lower division (unless approved SOC transfer guarantees), and the coursework applies to your program of study. Passing grades lower than "C" may be considered for transfer in accordance with current evaluation procedures and program requirements. Grades other than "A," "B," "C," or "CR" will not be accepted in transfer in major degree requirements.

Because of the rapid changes occurring in vocational/technical fields today, coursework taken in a major field of study or vocational/technical courses directly related to that major field may not be accepted in transfer to satisfy specific Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificate of Completion program requirements. The appropriate Department Chair or Central Texas College official must approve the acceptance of course credit in transfer when the coursework was completed over five years before you entered the Central Texas College program of study. This also applies to returning students when vocational/technical courses that are applicable to your degree or certificate programs were taken at Central Texas College.

Records Required

Transcripts

Degree or certificate seeking students must ensure that all records of previous education are on file with the Records Office in order to fulfill admission requirements of Central Texas College. CTC must receive all transcripts before the end of the first regular semester or second eight-week term of enrollment.

You are responsible for requesting that all official records be forwarded directly from the issuing institution to the Central Texas College campus serving your location. Addresses are listed in the front of the Catalog. Transcripts must bear original seal or mark and signature of the registrar to be acceptable. Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as amended, CTC will not release copies of transcripts from other institutions.

If transcripts of previous education are issued to Central Texas College in your former name and without a social security number, CTC cannot be responsible for properly identifying the document.

Registration

Typically, Central Texas College assigns a representative to each Education Center or CTC office where a program is conducted. Information on registration, term dates, evaluations, programs offered and related questions should be directed to the local Central Texas College representative at the Education Center, Navy College Office, or to the local Central Texas College office.

Check with your local CTC representative to determine if online (WebAdvisor at www.ctcd.edu) or telephone registration (254-526-1717) is available at your location. Distant learners should contact online.mentors@ctcd.edu if there is not a CTC representative in your area.

Registration Schedules

CTC conducts an academic year starting and ending in August. Courses are usually offered through five, eight-week terms but start/end dates and course lengths may vary at different locations to meet military schedules. Consult your local schedule for times and dates of registration and classes.

Because tuition and fees vary by military contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding, contact your local CTC representative to determine costs.

Registration Procedures

Upon completion of the admissions requirements, the following must be completed before you will be officially registered and permitted to start your course:

1. Complete the C&I Class Registration form each time you register.
2. Pay tuition and fees in full by the first class day of the term or semester. Students are responsible for submitting approved military tuition assistance forms and other third-party sponsorship forms before the official start date of the course.

Admission and registration forms are available from the Central Texas College representative at your location and online at the CTC web site.

Late Registration

Late registration for classroom courses is permitted for a limited time after class begins. Consult local schedules for exact dates. Late registration is not permitted for distance learning courses. Students who complete registration after classes begin are not excused from meeting attendance or academic requirements and must arrange with the instructor to make up missed classes.

Adding or Dropping Classes

During the official add/drop period, you may add and drop courses based upon institutional and military guidelines. You may not add a distance learning course without special permission. Classes missed will be counted as absences, and you will be required to make up any assignments.

Financial Aid/VA Students

If you are a financial aid student you should contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance prior to making a schedule change. It is your responsibility to consult with a CTC financial aid advisor prior to dropping a course. VA students must have schedule changes approved at the CTC VA office.

Official Enrollment

To gain admission to classes, you must complete the published registration procedure each term, including payment of all tuition and fees. No one is officially enrolled until all tuition and fees have been paid in full. Students who withdraw are not entitled to remain in class on an unofficial basis. Only those students who are officially enrolled may attend classes.

Uniform Application of Standards

The standards of Central Texas College's academic and student policies are uniform at all locations served by CTC. The subsequent sections of this Catalog provide information required and unique to Continental and International Campuses.