

# General Information

## The Catalog

This Catalog is an official publication of Central Texas College containing policies, regulations, procedures, tuition and fees in effect at the time the Catalog was published. Central Texas College reserves the right to make changes at any time to reflect current Board policies, administrative regulations and procedures, amendments required by state law and tuition or fee changes. The Catalog serves two purposes. First, to provide general policy for all Central Texas College operations and second, to provide specific information, policy and directives for the Texas Campuses. Rules, regulations and procedures for the Continental and International Campuses are found in the Central Texas College Continental and International Campuses Catalog, the Pacific Far East Campus Catalog or the Europe Campus Catalog.

***Study the contents of this Catalog carefully; you are responsible for observing the regulations contained herein.***

Other official publications published by Central Texas College include the Continental and International Campuses Catalog, the Pacific Far East Catalog and the Europe Campus Catalog describing policies, procedures, regulations and fees for campuses outside the state of Texas; the Student Handbook, which includes the Institution's policies and regulations relating to student conduct and student activities at the Central Campus; and semester schedule bulletins.

## Program and Course Availability

Programs of study displayed in this Catalog are offered when sufficient interest indicates a level of enrollment required for program continuation. To enter specific programs of study, students should seek confirmation of program availability. Central Texas College further reserves the right to adjust course scheduling, including class cancellation, when enrollment or other circumstances require this action.

CTC is a participant of the GoArmyEd program, which allows active duty soldiers to request Army Tuition Assistance online and apply for admissions and register for classes through the GoArmyEd portal. With over 150 locations worldwide with classroom offerings, ten degree and five certificate programs online and CD-ROM courses available for soldiers deployed at remote locations, you can choose the option that's right for you. CTC currently offers 100 degree and certificate programs through GoArmyEd and six online associate degree programs and three online certificate programs through eArmyU.

## Equal Opportunity Policy

Central Texas College District is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. We are unequivocally committed to a policy of equal access and equal opportunity in employment practices, admissions, educational programs, and all other college activities. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability or veteran status. Accordingly, it is the policy of the college to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination and harassment in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local statutes and regulations.

The designated coordinator for compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act relating to students is Ismael Rodriguez-Espiricueta, Director of Student Support Services (254) 526-1291; the designated coordinator for employment of faculty and staff is Holly Jordan, Director of Human Resource Management (254) 526-1128.

Central Texas College has established programs to ensure that a lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

Existing administrative procedures of Central Texas College are used to handle student grievances. If you believe a condition or employee of Central Texas College is unfair or discriminatory, you can appeal to the administrator in charge of that area. If you need assistance pursuing a grievance matter, contact the Director of Student Life, Central Texas College, Room 100, Roy J. Smith Student Center, (254) 526-1258. Refer to your student handbook for additional information.

## Statement on Harassment and Discrimination

Central Texas College is committed to providing an educational and work climate that is conducive to the personal and professional development of each individual. Faculty, staff, and students should be aware that discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status of individuals or any other sub groups stereotyping or grouping within the college community is unacceptable. Central Texas College also strives to protect the rights and privileges and to enhance the self-esteem of all its members.

If you believe you have experienced harassment or discrimination, contact the appropriate office where you attend. Students should contact the Director of Student Life at (254) 526-1258. Faculty and staff should contact the Human Resources Department at (254) 526-1128.

## Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. This legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides equal access to all programs and services. If you have a documented disability, please contact either the Disability Support Services Office at (254) 526-1195, in Building 111, Room 205 or contact the Physical Disability Support Services Office in Building 111, Rooms 207 and 209 at (254) 526-1339 or (254) 526-1450. TDD: (254) 526-1378.

## Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act

In compliance with federal law, Central Texas College publishes annual crime statistics three times a year in the Central Campus schedule bulletins and/or on the college website. Originally enacted in 1990, the federal law was amended in 1998 and renamed the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. These statistics are provided for students' and employees' information.

Central Texas College is committed to providing a safe environment and minimizing risk for students to enter campus and pursue their academic studies and personal development. You are expected to share in the responsibility alongside employees to provide a safe campus by reporting unsafe conditions, potential safety/health hazards, and accidents/injuries to your instructors or directly to the Risk Management Office at (254) 526-1347. Central Texas College is considered a public school under Texas law, and is therefore immune to liability for personal injury and/or property damage that students may sustain while on campus. You enter campus (to include parking your vehicle) at your own risk and responsibility.

## Fort Hood Campus

The Fort Hood Campus offers five eight-week terms and three three-week mini terms per year. Most courses are offered in the evenings, but noon “brown bag” and Saturday courses are also available. Fort Hood Campus college classes are open to active duty personnel and their family members, retirees and civilians. The Fort Hood Campus Student Services Office has full-time staff to provide academic advisement to meet the educational needs of the Fort Hood community. Students may register at Fort Hood for courses taught on post as well as most courses offered at the Central Campus. For more information, visit the CTC Fort Hood website by clicking the “Campuses” link on the CTC website, and then clicking “Fort Hood and Service Area Campus.”

Financial aid students and students using Veterans Administration benefits should contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at the Central Campus prior to enrolling for courses at Fort Hood. Students attending courses through the Military Tuition Assistance Program should meet with a military education counselor prior to enrollment.

In addition to college programs, the Fort Hood Campus also has contractual agreements to provide the programs and services listed below. Check with the Ft. Hood Campus Student Services office for more information and to determine your eligibility to attend.

NCO Lead Program  
Computer Skills Program  
Basic Skills Education Program  
College Preparatory Program  
Hospitality Programs

Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator  
Academic Learning Centers  
MOS Libraries  
Troop School—Military Skills Enhancement Program  
Testing Services

## **Service Area Campus**

The CTC Service Area Campus provides college credit and noncredit classes to the citizens of Central Texas in the following counties: Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Mills, San Saba and Williamson. These classes are offered on a semester basis. CTC Community Coordinators are located in Brady, Burnet, Gatesville, Hamilton, Lampasas, Marble Falls and San Saba. CTC Community Coordinators can assist you with testing, financial aid, registration and other college-related activities. Please contact your CTC Community Coordinator for an appointment.

## **Distance Learning Programs and Courses**

Central Texas College offers a wide range of learning opportunities for distant learners from single courses to complete certificates and degrees. The distance learning programs and courses adhere to the rules and regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Education Agency and the SACS Principles as stated in the Distance Education: Definition and Principles: A Policy by the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The distance learning programs are guided by the principles developed by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) and the Principles of Good Practice developed by the American Council on Education. Both DANTES and the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges have approved CTC as a provider of distance learning courses. CTC is an educational provider of distance learning through the SLOAN consortium. Faculty teaching distance learning classes must meet the academic and professional preparation criteria of regional accreditation, the standards established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules and regulations and licensure and approval requirements of applicable regulatory boards.

### **Student Services**

Distant learners have access to the same support services as campus-based students. These services may be obtained by email or by phone or through any of the CTC campus locations. Services provided to distant learners include but are not limited to, financial aid, veterans' benefits, career planning, career advisement, library, bookstore and special assistance. The Distance Learning web site contains web-based tools as well as points of contact for all student services. Technical support for online students is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A Distant Learner Handbook is located on the CTC distance learning website.

### **Academic Policies**

In addition to the standard academic policies of the College as outlined in the applicable sections of this Catalog, CTC has established academic policies specific to distance learning. These policies cover courseware use, plagiarism and academic honesty, course participation, rights and privacy and others. All academic policies are presented at the College and Distance Learning web sites.

### **Degrees and Certificates**

Students may choose to complete entire degrees and certificates or individual courses by distance. CTC continuously adds to the degrees, certificates and courses available through distance learning. All distance learning courses

- May be used to satisfy resident credit requirements.
- Contain the same content, outcomes and requirements as campus-based courses.
- Use the same texts and materials as campus-based courses.
- Require proctored examinations.
- Involve continuous communication with faculty and collaboration with other students in the class.

For a complete listing of programs, certificates and courses offered through distance learning at CTC, go to the CTC Distance Learning web site.

## **Continuing Education**

Continuing Education provides opportunities for people to pursue lifelong learning. Personal enrichment and professional development noncredit courses are developed in response to individual requests and trends in community interests. Instructors come from all walks of life bringing rich and varied experiences to the classroom. Noncredit courses are an excellent alternative to credit courses for individuals seeking nontraditional educational experiences.

### **Workforce Education and Training**

Continuing Education also offers workforce education and training programs. Workforce Education and Training programs are designed to meet the special needs of business and industry. Several curriculum options are available for those students who wish to learn a new skill or enhance their existing talents. Central Texas College also offers programs sanctioned by appropriate state and national associations and state licensure boards. Such programs keep interested persons informed regarding new developments in their fields or areas of interest.

Workforce Education offers customized business training programs that are tailored in content, schedule and location to meet a client's needs. This cost-effective training increases employee productivity and efficiency and improves customer satisfaction. Some Workforce Education courses may be taken for college credit.

### ***General Information***

Online instruction is also an option offered for some noncredit courses. We hope you find a program of interest on our web pages. Please visit our web site: [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu) under Continuing Education. We welcome suggestions from the community for Continuing Education classes. To request a schedule or for additional information, please call (254) 526-1586 or come by the Continuing Education Office located in the Student Services Building 119, Room 208.

## **2 Plus 2 Articulation Agreements Leading to Bachelor Degrees**

2 plus 2 articulations are agreements between Central Texas College and senior institutions that permit CTC students to “lock in” to a four-year degree when they register at CTC. Students are guaranteed that every course they take at CTC will transfer to the senior institution and that the degree requirements will not change once their 2 Plus 2 degree plans are signed. Examples of programs of study include liberal arts, teacher certification programs, business administration, computer science, criminal justice, nursing and industrial technology programs. CTC has 2 plus 2 degree plans with the senior colleges and universities listed below. Contact a CTC counselor for more information or visit the CTC website.

Tarleton State University – Central Texas  
Tarleton State University – Stephenville, Texas  
The University of Texas at Arlington

## **Articulation Agreements, Distance Learning Programs**

Central Texas College holds articulation agreements with several educational institutions that offer online bachelor degree programs. These agreements allow the eligible CTC student a seamless transition into an online bachelor's degree program.

Baker College  
Bellvue University  
Capella University  
Columbia College of Missouri – Extended Studies  
Franklin University  
Governors State University  
Kaplan College  
Northcentral University  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
United States Open University  
Upper Iowa University – Extended University

Additional information may be found at the CTC web site or obtained through an academic advisor.

## **Uniform Application of Standards**

The standards of Central Texas College's academic and student policies are uniform at all locations served by CTC. Central Texas College provides services at nine Texas locations which include:

- Central Campus, located between Killeen and Copperas Cove, Texas.
- Fort Hood Campus, located within the Central Texas College District at Fort Hood, Texas.
- Service Area Campus, which operates satellite offices strategically located in eleven counties with offices in Brady, Burnet, Gatesville, Hamilton, Killeen, Lampasas, Marble Falls and San Saba.