

# General Information

## The Catalog

Central Texas College serves military personnel and their family members worldwide. The Central Campus is located in Killeen, Texas. This catalog is an official publication of Central Texas College containing policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to locations outside the state of Texas, which were 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 or federal laws, and tuition or fee changes. CTC also publishes a Texas Campuses Catalog for students attending in the state of Texas or enrolled in distance learning.

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

## Program and Course Availability

Programs of study vary with each location and not all programs are available at every location. Individuals interested in programs that are not locally available should consult with the local Education Services Officer (ESO), Navy College Office Representative (NCO), Education Specialist, or Central Texas College representative.

Programs of study displayed in this Catalog are offered when sufficient interest indicates a level of enrollment required for program continuation and when authorized under the military contract or memorandum of understanding for the specific C&I site or campus. CTC reserves the right to adjust course scheduling, including class cancellation, when enrollment or other circumstances require this action. There is no guarantee that a specific course will be offered at any given time. It is the student's responsibility to complete the required courses when offered.

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 Mr. Jim Yeonopolus, Deputy Chancellor for International and Navy Campus Operations/Dean, Navy Campus (254) 526-1781; 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 CTC official representative or the Campus Dean at your location. Refer to your student handbook for additional information.

## 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 your CTC official representative or Campus Dean at your location.

## 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 appropriate Campus Dean. Faculty and staff should contact the Human Resources Department at (254) 526-1128.

## Approvals and Authorization

Central Texas College is approved to offer specific programs and courses at military installations around the world according to the contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding for that campus or location.

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. 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.

Central Texas College is authorized by the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree Authorization Act. This authorization is valid until July 25, 2008, and authorizes Central Texas College to offer the following degree program: Associate of General Studies. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the Act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the HECB office at P.O. Box 43430; Olympia, WA 98504-3430. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has certified Central Texas College to operate in Virginia at 961 Bishop Loop, Bldg 8035, Fort Lee, Virginia. In addition, Central Texas College is authorized to offer college programs in Alaska, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

Central Texas College is currently licensed by the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana. Licenses are renewed by the State Board of Regents every two years. Licensed institutions have met minimal operational standards set forth by the state, but licensure does not constitute accreditation, guarantee the transferability of credit, nor signify that programs are certifiable by any professional agency or organization.

Central Texas College's programs are approved for individuals who wish to attend and receive benefits under the Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966, Post-Vietnam Veterans Educational Assistance Program, the Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 1984, Chapter 106-Reservists Education Bill, Chapter 30-VA Education Bill of 1986, and family members qualified for VA Educational Benefits, Chapter 35.

## Distance Education

In addition to classes offered at CTC locations around the world, Central Texas College offers a wide range of learning opportunities for distant learners from single courses to complete certificates and degrees. In fact, Central Texas College is one of the largest community colleges in the United States when it comes to distance education. Distance education courses are transferable as face-to-face courses because they are taught by the same faculty, use the same textbooks, and require the same standards as face-to-face courses. 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. 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.

Distance learning courses are a viable alternative for students whose work schedules, family responsibilities, and/or physical location may not allow for them to enroll in traditional CTC classroom courses. Tuition and fees for distance learning classes vary according to the contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding at the CTC location and/or to the residency status of the student.

Distance education courses are designed to be equivalent to the same course taught in a classroom. They have the same course descriptions, course objectives, and learning outcomes of a traditional classroom course.

Distance learning course offerings generally start on a monthly basis with varying course lengths. Distance learning course offerings are available for view on the CTC Distance Learning website and through WebAdvisor accessed through the official CTC web site.

Officially enrolled distance learning students receive a welcome confirmation email, instructions for accessing the course, along with username and password

## **Student Services**

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

## **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 web site.

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

Central Texas College holds 2 plus 2 agreements with several colleges and universities in the state of Texas. These agreements allow CTC students to "lock in" to a four-year degree at the time they register at CTC. Students are guaranteed that every course they take at CTC will transfer to the four-year college or university, and that degree requirements will not change once their 2 plus 2 degree plans are signed. These agreements are available to students who plan to relocate to Texas and continue their education beyond an associate degree through traditional instruction. Students must meet the state's residency requirements for tuition purposes, meet admissions requirements of the four-year college or university, and meet Texas Success Initiative requirements unless exempt or waived.

## **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.

Ashford University  
Baker College  
Bellvue University  
Capella University  
Columbia College of Missouri – Extended Studies  
Excelsior College  
Governors State University  
Franklin University

Kaplan College  
Kansas State University  
Northcentral University  
Saint Joseph's College of Maine  
Strayer University  
United States Open University  
University of Maryland University College  
Upper Iowa University – Extended University

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