

## Bookstore

The CTC Bookstore, located in the Student Center on the Central Campus, carries new and used textbooks, supplies, trade books, and general merchandise. Distant learners may purchase textbooks online. Students enrolled in traditional classroom courses taught outside of Texas will generally purchase their textbooks through their local CTC representative, and should check with the CTC representative for the appropriate campus refund policy.

## Refund Policy, Textbooks Purchased Through the CTC Bookstore

**You are responsible for checking to ensure that you have the correct book and correct edition. Check the course syllabus or contact the department or instructor to verify that you have the correct course materials.**

A receipt is required to initiate a return, refund or exchange and is subject to the following guidelines:

## Grace Period

Starts on the first day of the semester or term and ends according to the schedule below:

- 12 business days for 12-week and 16-week courses
- 5 business days for 8-week, mini-term, or self-pace courses
- 1 business day for mini-term courses

## Book Condition

To obtain a full refund, all items must be in their original state and/or packaging. Shrink-wrapped materials must remain sealed. Items must be clean. Items may not contain any markings or highlights. A student will receive a 50 percent refund if he or she writes in a new textbook.

## Non-Returnable Items

No returns, refunds or exchanges are given on optional books, study guides, manuals, workbooks, or trade books. Do not purchase books unless you are certain you want them, regardless of their "required" status. No returns, refunds or exchanges will be given on supplies, Skill Center books, spiral-bound books, modules, gifts, software, or clothing.

Buybacks are held three times a year, at the end of each Central Campus fall and spring semesters. Several factors affect the price you receive. Books that have no wholesale or resale value will not be bought.

## Library Services

The Central Campus library serves the Continental and International campus students through the library's web page at [www.ctcd.edu/pg-lib.htm](http://www.ctcd.edu/pg-lib.htm). Students can access periodical citation indexes, full-text periodical articles, reference resources, legal documents, ebooks, and the online card catalog. Students can check out books, request photocopies of periodical articles from the library's holdings, consult a Reference Librarian, and participate in how-to use the library tutorials. In addition, library services are available at on-site libraries at most locations.

# Academic Policies

## Academic Load

A normal academic load is 15 to 18 semester hours per long semester. Central Texas College reserves the right to limit the course load carried by any student. Typical course loads are listed below.

- Full Time
  - 12 or more semester credit hours during the 16-week fall or spring semester.
  - 8 or more semester credit hours during the 10-week summer session.
  - 6 semester credit hours per 8-week term.
  - 4 or more semester credit hours per 5 ½-weeks summer semester.
- Three-Quarter Time
  - 9 to 11 semester credit hours during the 16-week fall or spring semester.
  - 5 semester credit hours per 8-week term.
- Half Time
  - 6 to 8 credit hours during the 16-weeks fall or spring semester.
  - 3 to 4 semester credit hours per 8-week term.

**NOTE** Students attending college with financial aid or veterans benefits assistance may be required to meet academic course load standards other than those noted above. Contact the CTC Office of Student Financial Assistance or the CTC Veteran Services Office before registering for courses.

## Maximum Load

Except as stipulated in the program of study, a student will not be permitted to enroll in more than six academic courses or more than 18 semester hours during any combination of terms within a 16-week semester. The maximum load for a 5 1/2 week summer semester is eight semester hours. The maximum credit a student can earn during the entire summer session is 14 semester hours. A student wishing to enroll in more than the maximum load must receive approval from the campus dean or his or her designee.

## Satisfactory Progress Standards

Each student has the responsibility for attending class and pursuing the objectives of the each course that the student is officially enrolled.

## Class Attendance and Course Progress

Regular and punctual class attendance at all scheduled classes is expected. Each faculty member will inform students of the attendance policy and the course objectives at the initial class meeting.

- Students are required to be in class on time. Instructors may choose to lower a student's grade because of tardiness. Excessive tardiness is disruptive to the educational process and may result in disciplinary action. Due process and the right to appeal will be provided to students subject to disciplinary action.

- Only instructors can authorize an excused absence. Regardless of the reason for the absence, the student is responsible for completing all coursework covered during any absence.
- Failure to meet the attendance requirements in a course may result in a lower grade or failure in the course.
- An instructor may initiate an administrative withdrawal if a student fails to meet the attendance requirements or is not making satisfactory progress toward the course objectives. The instructor may assign a grade of “FN” or “XN” at the time of the administrative withdrawal.
- Students enrolled in distance learning courses are expected to maintain constant progress throughout the course. Failure to do so may result in the student being administratively withdrawn by the instructor.

## Excessive Absences

Students who have not attended class by the 12th class day of a 16-week course or the 6th class day of an 8-week term may be administratively dropped by the instructor. Students may also be administratively withdrawn from any class when their absences exceed a total of four class meetings for a 16-week course or three class meetings for less than 16-week courses and; in the opinion of the instructor, the student cannot satisfactorily complete the course.

## Failure to Maintain Satisfactory Progress

Readmissions or enrollment may be denied at any time a student fails to maintain satisfactory progress following an academic review by the appropriate Campus Dean. If a student is determined to be ineligible for continued enrollment or re-enrollment at Central Texas College, the student will be notified in writing of the action taken. A student denied enrollment may appeal the decision of the Campus Dean. The appeal must be submitted in writing within seven (7) working days of notification. The appeal must be submitted to the office of the Deputy Chancellor responsible for the campus. The decision of the Deputy Chancellor will be final.

## Withdrawal From Classes

It is the student’s responsibility to officially drop a class if circumstances prevent attendance. An instructor cannot initiate a withdrawal based on the student’s request. GoArmyEd students should contact their ACES counselor before withdrawing and withdraw through the GoArmyEd portal. All other students who desire to or must officially withdraw from a course on or after the first scheduled class meeting must file an Application for Withdrawal with the local CTC representative by the last date to withdraw. Students enrolled in distance learning courses and who do not have access to a local CTC representative should submit a withdrawal form to online. [mentors@ctcd.edu](mailto:mentors@ctcd.edu) or the CTC Records Office in Killeen, Texas.

- Applications for Withdrawal will be accepted at any time before the completion of the 12th week of classes for 16-week courses, the sixth week of classes for eight-week courses, or the fourth week of classes for six-week courses.
- For non-GoArmyEd active military students, the effective date of withdrawal is the filing date with the Education Center. For all other students, the effective date of withdrawal is the date that the withdrawal application is received by the Central Texas College representative.
- Students who used financial aid, military tuition assistance, VA benefits, or other non-personal funds may be required to repay tuition and fees to the funding agency. For specific repayment requirements, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid or Veterans Services

Office before withdrawing. Military tuition assistance students should visit their military Education Center or Navy College Office.

- Students may not withdraw from a class for which the instructor has previously issued a grade of “F,” “FI,” “FN,” “IP,” or “XN.”

## Instructor Initiated Withdrawals

Faculty are authorized to withdraw students who are not making satisfactory course progress as outlined in the section of the Catalog entitled “Satisfactory Progress Standards.”

## Administrative Initiated Withdrawals

A student may be administratively withdrawn by a designated member of the administrative staff of the College under the following conditions:

- The student has been placed on Academic Suspension or Disciplinary Suspension;
- The student has an outstanding financial obligation owed to the college; or
- The student registered for a course without the required prerequisite or departmental permission.

The college is under no obligation to refund tuition and fees, or other costs associated with a student who is administratively withdrawn.

## Student Classification

<b>Freshman</b>	Less than 30 semester hours of college-level credit recorded on your permanent record.
<b>Sophomore</b>	At least 30 semester hours, but no more than 72 semester hours of college-level credit recorded on your permanent record.
<b>Unclassified</b>	More than 72 hours with no associate of higher degree earned.

## Credit Transfer To Central Texas College

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 course applies to the student’s CTC program of study. Passing grades lower than “C” may be considered for transfer in accordance with departmental requirements and current evaluation procedures. Grades lower than a C grade will not be accepted in transfer toward major degree requirements. Official transcripts from each college or university previously attended are required.

Due to the rapid changes occurring in the vocational/technical fields, courses taken in a major field of study or vocational/technical courses directly related to that major field may not be accepted in transfer if courses were completed over five years before entering the CTC program of study. This also applies to returning students when vocational/technical courses applicable to your CTC program of study were taken at Central Texas College.

## To Other Colleges and Universities

Central Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees and certificates of completion. Credits earned at CTC are transferable to other institutions in accordance with policies of the receiving institutions.

Students who enroll in courses for transfer to another college or university should consult with their advisor at the receiving school to ensure coursework will be accepted in their program of study. Although CTC advisors can assist with general academic advisement, it is the student's responsibility to ensure courses will meet degree requirements at their college or university.

As a general rule, senior colleges and universities will accept a maximum of 66 hours of academic (not workforce education) lower-division coursework in transfer toward a bachelor's degree.

## Grading Policy

### Grading System

The grading system at Central Texas College is as follows:

Grades	Grade Points	
A	Superior	4
B	Above Average	3
C	Average	2
D	Passing, but Unsatisfactory	1
F	Failure	0
FN	Nonattendance	0
FI	Failure, nonremoval of incomplete	0
IP	Incomplete, in progress (except developmental)	Not Computed
N	No Credit	Not Computed
P	Completed	Not Computed
W	Withdrawal	Not Computed
XN	Nonattendance, Incomplete for developmental and designated modular courses	Not Computed

### Grade Designations

#### "D"

Students receiving a "D" grade in prerequisite courses are advised not to enroll in succeeding courses until they complete prerequisite coursework with at least a "C" grade. A "D" grade will not be acceptable toward graduation for any course in the major in the Associate of Arts, Science, Applied Science degree, or certificate programs.

#### "F"

Failure may be awarded for lack of academic progress (F), failure due to non-attendance (FN), or failure to complete remaining course requirements (FI). "F" grades may not be overridden with "W" or "I" grades. If you elect to repeat a course for which you have received an "F," you must re-register, pay full tuition and fees, and repeat the entire course.

#### "IP" Incomplete, Course in Progress (for non-developmental courses)

An "IP" grade may be assigned by an instructor if a student has made satisfactory progress in a course with the exception of a major quiz, final exam, or other project. The "IP" grade may also be assigned for extenuating circumstances beyond a student's control such as personal illness, death in the immediate family, or military orders. Notice of absences with supporting documentation may be required by the instructor. The instructor makes the final decision concerning the granting of the incomplete grade. The instructor may set a deadline for completing the remaining course requirements. In no case will the deadline exceed 110 days after the scheduled end of the course. An "IP" grade cannot be replaced by the grade of "W." If a student elects to repeat the course, the student must register, pay full tuition and fees and repeat the entire course.

At the end of the 110 calendar days if the student has not completed the remaining coursework as required by the instructor, the "IP" will be converted to an "FI" and appear as an "F" on the student's official transcript.

#### "N"- No Credit

The grade of "N" is reserved for use with some developmental and designated nontraditional, modular courses and will be assigned to students who have made satisfactory progress, but lack the successful completion of certain modules required for course completion. The grade of "N" indicates that the student must enroll the following semester and complete those modules for a final grade in the course. Re-enrollment requires the payment of usual tuition and fees for the course.

#### "P"- Completed

The grade of "P" is reserved for use with designated nontraditional, modular courses and will be assigned to students who have satisfactorily mastered all the course requirements. When used with credit-granting courses, earned credit hours will be displayed on the transcript. Quality points and grade point calculation are not computed.

#### "XN"- Non-Attendance

The grade of "XN" is reserved for use with developmental and designated nontraditional, modular courses and will be assigned to students who have failed to make satisfactory progress due to failure to attend.

#### "W"- Withdrawal

Students who officially withdraw will receive the grade of "W," provided attendance and academic performance are satisfactory at the time of official withdrawal. Students must file a withdrawal application with Central Texas College before they may be considered for withdrawal.

### Grade Point Average (GPA)

Students are responsible for knowing their grade point average and when their grade point average affects their academic standing. Grades and unofficial transcripts are available online through WebAdvisor.

#### Calculating Grade Point Average

Course	Grade	Grade	Credit	Calculation
		Points	Hours	
BUSI 1301	A	4	3	4 x 3 = 12
ENGL 1301	B	3	3	3 x 3 = 9
ITSC 1409	C	2	4	2 x 4 = 8
CJLE 1211	D	1	2	1 x 2 = 2
			12 crs.	31 gp.
				31/12 = 2.583 GPA

Multiply the number of grade points for each grade by the number of credit hours for the course. Add the totals. Divide the total grade points by the number of hours attempted. Grades of IP, W, N, XN, or P and grades in developmental courses are not included in the grade point averaging.

### Change of Grades

Students who believe that a computational error occurred in grading should immediately contact the instructor of the course in question. Students must bring this matter to the attention of the instructor involved no later than 180 days after the end of the course in order for a grade change to be considered. Administrative personnel of Central Texas College are not authorized to change an instructor's grade.

## Grades and Financial Assistance/ Tuition Assistance/VA Benefits

Special conditions may apply to students enrolled in courses paid through the military tuition assistance program; financial aid, scholarships, and VA benefits; or other third-party contractual agreements due to agency requirements. Students should contact the appropriate agency for specific requirements and possible obligations, particularly for grades of “F,” “IP,” “W,” “N,” or “XN.”

### Repeating a Course

The total hours earned toward a certificate/degree are not increased if you repeat a course in which a passing grade has already been earned. When you repeat a course, both grades remain on the transcript but only the last grade earned is used in computing your CTC GPA. Other colleges may compute the GPA in a manner different from Central Texas College. Repeating a course with a C or lower does not clear you to graduate with honors. Honors designation at graduation considers all grades of courses repeated.

## Academic Standards Dean’s Honor Roll

Students whose scholastic achievement is outstanding are notified by letter of the “Dean’s Honor Roll.” The Honor Roll includes the names of all students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 in 12 or more semester hours of college-level credit taken concurrently during the regular semester or eight semester hours of college-level credit taken during the summer semester. Students completing 12 or more semester hours of college-level credit during two consecutive eight-week terms that start and end within a fall or spring semester and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher receive Honor Roll status.

## Academic Probation, Suspension and Dismissal

Academic standards of progress are monitored by the College to identify students who are having academic difficulty. To increase the likelihood that a student will succeed at CTC, the Guidance and Counseling advisors will limit a student’s enrollment and course selection. Students are responsible for knowing their academic status at all times.

1. Students who fail to maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) during their initial seven semester hours will be notified of their Unsatisfactory Academic Progress status and provided a list of student support services available to them.
2. Students who fail to (a) maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA after the first seven semester hours or (b) fail to achieve a 2.0 GPA during any term after the first seven semester hours and have less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA will be placed on Academic Probation during the next term in which they register. Students will be notified of their status and referred to Guidance and Counseling for academic advisement and assistance. Once students raise their cumulative GPA to 2.0, their status will be changed to Academic Good Standing. Students who fail to achieve a 2.0 GPA during their semester of probation and whose cumulative GPA is less than 2.0 will be placed on Academic Suspension. The mandatory suspension period is one sixteen-week semester, two eight-week terms, or both summer semesters.
3. Suspended students who return after the required suspension period or who have successfully appealed suspension through a college appeals process, will be readmitted on academic probationary status. Students will be required to regularly report to an academic advisor for assessment and advisement during the

semester for which readmitted. Students readmitted after academic suspension who fail to achieve a 2.0 GPA during their semester of probation will be placed on Academic Dismissal for two long semesters or one long semester (Spring) and the following summer sessions (both). Warning: Students who earn a 2.0 GPA during their re-entry semester but whose cumulative CTC GPA is still below 2.0 will not be able to graduate with a certificate or degree until they raise their overall CTC GPA to at least a 2.0. (Students may contact their campus Student Services representative for information on the college appeals process.)

Students on Academic Dismissal may petition for readmission only after they have been out the required dismissal period. Students readmitted must consult with an academic advisor on a regular basis and participate in assessment and student support services. Students must also comply with registration restrictions established as a condition of readmission.

4. Students readmitted after Academic Dismissal who fail to maintain a term GPA of 2.0 or receive a “F,” “N,” or “XN,” will again be placed on Academic Dismissal for two long semesters or one long semester and both summer sessions. The same procedures for re-entry apply to repeated periods of Academic Dismissal.

## Scholastic Honesty

All students are required and expected to maintain the highest standards of scholastic honesty in the preparation of all coursework and during examinations. The following are considered examples of scholastic dishonesty:

<b>Plagiarism</b>	The taking of passages from the writing of others without giving proper credit to the sources.
<b>Collusion</b>	Using another’s work as one’s own, or working together with another person in the preparation of work, unless such joint preparation is specifically approved in advance by the instructor.
<b>Cheating</b>	Giving or receiving information on examinations.

Students guilty of scholastic dishonesty will be administratively dropped from the course with a grade of “F” and subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and expulsion.

## Student Discipline

Students are admitted to Central Texas College for the purpose of educational, social and personal enhancement. Each student has rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities, as prescribed by State and Federal Constitutions and statutes and policies of the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

For those few students who fail to understand and accept their role in an educational institution, Central Texas College has prescribed procedures for counseling and disciplinary action, which are designed to help the students in every way possible. Disciplinary action may be an oral or written reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion from Central Texas College. Students on disciplinary probation may receive no honors from Central Texas College. The probation status is permanent unless the student earned the privilege of being released from disciplinary probation.

You may request further information concerning disciplinary procedures from your campus Student Services official.

## Hazing and Disruptive Activities

Central Texas College enforces the Texas state laws prohibiting hazing, disruptive activities, or disruption of lawful assemblies on CTC property. Information regarding these prohibited activities appears in the official Student Handbook, available to regularly enrolled students at orientation sessions or in the Office of Student Life.

## Falsification of Records

Students who knowingly falsify Central Texas College records, or who knowingly submit any falsified records to CTC, are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension and expulsion from CTC.

## Obligations to the College

A student may be blocked from future registrations, not permitted to graduate and/or administratively withdrawn from a class until the student's obligations to the College are met. CTC is authorized to place holds on a student's record under the following conditions, which include but are not limited to:

1. Debt to the college, left unpaid.
2. Failure to make good on a returned check.
3. Failure to make payment on a promissory note or a financial aid overpayment.
4. Failure to pay library or traffic fines.
5. Failure to return materials from Project PASS or other departments.
6. Ineligibility for aid, for which student registered; overdue loans; and failure to complete records.
7. Failure to file required documents; enrolling under false pretenses.
8. Failure to meet placement or assessment requirements.
9. Rejected charges to a credit card.

## Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

In recognition of the problems associated with alcohol and other drug abuse, Central Texas College has developed a college-wide drug policy. The policy addresses not only disciplinary sanctions associated with substance and alcohol abuse but also education, prevention, intervention and treatment activities necessary to help eliminate problems that substance and alcohol abuse pose to the college community.

Possession, use, sale, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or having alcoholic beverage containers in any Central Texas College owned facility or at any CTC-sponsored event is prohibited except when specifically designated by the Board of Trustees of Central Texas College. The use, sale or possession of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia is illegal and is strictly prohibited on campuses.

Central Texas College will provide educational support programs which will assist in activities to prevent alcohol and other drug abuse. Information regarding drug and alcohol abuse at Central Texas College locations outside of Texas will be provided at individual campus sites.

To ensure compliance with applicable institutional, state and federal guidelines relating to the illegal use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, Central Texas College annually distributes an information flyer to all employees and students which addresses standards of conduct, counseling options, legal sanctions, disciplinary actions and health risks.

Those individuals seeking further information should contact the Substance Abuse Resource Center or the Central Texas College site representative.

## Academic Fresh Start

Texas residents who apply for admission (or readmission) to a Texas public college or university and enroll as an undergraduate student may be able to begin a new course of study with a clear academic record.

Section 51.931 of the Texas Education Code "Right to an Academic Fresh Start" allows a Texas resident who has credits for college courses taken 10 or more years prior to the planned enrollment date to have those credits ignored for enrollment purposes.

To take advantage of this option, applicants must request it prior to their first enrollment at CTC or prior to readmissions if returning after 10 years. Applicants must submit an Application for Fresh Start to the Office of the Dean of Student Developmental Services at the time of their admissions or readmissions.

Additional information is available in the "Academic Fresh Start" section of the online Texas Campus Catalog at [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu).

## Student Responsibilities Address Changes

All correspondence from Central Texas College to the student will be mailed or sent electronically to the appropriate address provided on the Application for Admission. Any address changes must be made in writing to the CTC Site Office or emailed to the CTC Admissions Office in Killeen, Texas at [admissions@ctcd.edu](mailto:admissions@ctcd.edu). Students should include their CTC assigned student identification number and date of birth on the request. Students are responsible for all communication mailed to the last address on file.

## Name Changes

Provide your legal name on your Application for Admission because this is the name that will appear on your official student record. To change a legal name to a new legal name, submit a copy of the signed court order showing the authorized new legal name. To change a last name after marriage, present a copy of the marriage certificate. A female student who wishes to discontinue the use of her married name and resume the use of her maiden name or a different name must present a divorce decree or signed court order showing restoration of the maiden name or other names. Other documents that may be used include a U.S. Government issued military I.D. card or Social Security Administration card. An affidavit must be provided before the name change will be processed. Submit name change documents and affidavits to CTC Records and Registration, Central Campus, Killeen, Texas.

## Classroom Visitors

Permission to visit a class may be granted by the Campus Dean. Such permission carries with it permission to listen and observe, but not to enter into class discussion or laboratory work. Permission to visit is not to be considered auditing on a full-time basis, nor will permission be granted to allow children in class. Parents must make arrangements for the care of their children during class meetings. Central Texas College policy does not permit a student to audit courses. Some classes are available as noncredit, continuing education courses.

## Student Records

The Systems Registrar is the custodian of all student records except those specifically relating to financial aid. "Student Records" as defined by CTC is any information collected, assembled, or maintained by the college, and includes documents, writings, letters, memoranda, computer tapes, and

other materials written or otherwise that directly or indirectly contain the identity of the student. Student records are confidential. Any student, regardless of age, has access to his or her records and is entitled to receive copies at a designated duplication rate. Students do not have access to the parent's confidential financial statement. Student records include:

- Applications for admission
- Financial aid
- Veterans' training
- Scores on standardized tests
- Scores on standardized achievement tests
- Specialized testing results
- Transcripts of grades
- Family background information

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended (FERPA)

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 1974, as amended, information classified as "directory information" may be disclosed to the general public without prior written consent from a student unless the Central Texas College Records Office is notified in writing by the student before the 12th class day of the fall and spring semesters, the 6th class day of eight-week terms and the 4th class day of summer semesters. Your request may be accepted after these deadlines, but CTC will not be responsible for the release of Directory Information prior to receiving the request to withhold directory. This statement of nondisclosure will remain on your records unless you cancel your request to withhold directory information. You may request on an item-by-item basis (such as a transcript release for employment purposes) the release of directory or non-directory information.

### Directory Information

Student's name  
Local address  
Home address  
Electronic mail address  
Telephone number  
Date and place of birth  
Major field of study  
Dates of enrollment  
Degrees, awards and honors received  
Most recent previous educational agency or institution attended  
Photographs  
Classification (freshman, sophomore or unclassified)  
Participation in officially recognized activities and sports  
Date of graduation

Access to any other records by persons other than the student will be limited to those persons specified in the statute. Records will be maintained of persons granted such access.

Students may inspect and review their educational records upon request to the appropriate record custodian. For more information, contact the Central Texas College Systems Registrar at the Central Campus in Killeen, Texas.

## Graduation Requirements

Central Texas College confers the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Associate of Applied Science, the Associate of General Studies and certificates of completions. To graduate from Central Texas College, the student must:

- Apply for graduation and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date.
- Successfully complete all courses required in the program of study.
- Complete at least 25 percent of the degree or certificate semester credit hours at CTC (to fulfill residency requirements).

- Earn at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale on all CTC coursework. All courses completed at the time the degree or certificate requirements were met are calculated in the CTC GPA, even if the courses were not used to meet specific degree or certificate requirements.
- Earn at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale, which includes transfer credits applied to the degree and CTC coursework.
- Meet state, institutional, licensure and other agency rules as applicable.
- TSI-obligated students seeking an associate degree or a certificate level 2 must be TSI complete or exempt in reading, writing, and mathematics.

## Catalog Program in Effect and Completion

Students may graduate in the program listed in the catalog that was in effect at the time they enrolled or subsequent catalogs if (1) the catalog is not more than five years old and (2) the program has not been discontinued. Students whose programs of study are discontinued have two years to complete the degree or certificate before the program is officially deactivated.

## Graduation with Honors

Candidates for degrees conferred by Central Texas College may be eligible to graduate with highest honors or honors. Certificates of completion do not qualify for honors. To graduate with honors or highest honors from CTC, the student must:

- Have a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with no grades below "B" on all coursework taken, which includes all CTC courses and transfer credits. Repeating a CTC credit course in which a "C" or lower grade was earned does not clear a student to graduate with honors.
- Must have a minimum of 30 semester hours of traditional study with Central Texas College. Courses with grades of "P" or developmental coursework are not considered when determining the minimum 30 semester hour residency requirement.

In any graduating class, the student with the highest GPA and who meets all other requirements above will be designated as graduating with highest honors.

## Second Associate Degree

To be eligible for a second associate's degree, a student must complete an additional 25 percent residency from Central Texas College and meet all other degree requirements above.

## Applying for Graduation

Students who have reached the final semester of their degree or certificate program should apply for graduation. Degrees and certificates are conferred at the end of each semester. Students should submit a completed Application for Degree/Certificate and the appropriate nonrefundable graduation fee to their local CTC site representative by the dates listed below.

Semester of Graduation	Deadline
Fall	October 1
Spring	February 1
August	June 10

Graduation applications received after the deadline will be processed the next semester. Final course grades, official high school transcripts or GED scores, and official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges or universities previously attended must be on file before issuance of the degree or certificate.

Students who do not complete remaining degree or certificate requirements on or about the graduation date will be declared nongraduates and are required to reapply for graduation in a following semester and repay the graduation fee.

## Commencement

Many CTC sites conduct an annual graduation ceremony in conjunction with their local Education Center or Navy College office. Students should contact their local CTC representative for more information.

Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas, holds one consolidated graduation ceremony in May. Students must complete certificate or degree requirements by the end of the spring semester in order to participate in the ceremony. Candidates for graduation who attend CTC at its worldwide locations or complete degree requirements through distance learning may participate in the consolidated graduation ceremony. Caps and gowns are purchased directly through the CTC Bookstore in Killeen, Texas.

## Replacing a Lost Certificate or Degree

If a certificate or degree has been lost, stolen, or damaged, a replacement may be obtained through the Student Services Graduation office in Killeen, Texas. An appropriate fee is required to replace a diploma.

# Degrees and Certificates

Central Texas College offers the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Associate of Applied Science, the Associate of General Studies, and certificates of completions.

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degree programs are designed to allow for the transfer of credits earned at Central Texas College to the bachelor degree requirements at most four-year public colleges and universities. In addition, completion of the 42 semester hours of core curriculum in each degree guarantees transferability of the minimum 42 semester credit hours of state-mandated core curricula toward the general education requirements of a bachelor's degree program at state supported colleges and universities in Texas.

The Associate of Applied Science degrees, offered in technical programs, are designed to prepare students for employment upon graduation. Within many of the associate of applied science degrees, there are certificates of completion that can be completed in less than two years.

The Associate of General Studies degree provides students with a foundation in general education courses, which are appropriate for transfer to a four-year college or university and allows students to structure a program based on their interests and educational goals.

## Developmental Studies

Developmental studies courses offered by Central Texas College are designed to provide a means for students to remove specific deficiencies or provide refresher coursework before enrolling in academic, occupational, or technical programs.

Students on academic probation or suspension may be required to complete developmental studies courses to satisfy probation or suspension readmission requirements.

**NOTE** Developmental studies courses may not be used to satisfy degree requirements, cannot be used to meet the 25 percent residency toward the degree and cannot be counted in the grade point average at Central Texas College.

## Core Curriculum

The *Core Curriculum* is the set of courses in liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social and cultural history that undergraduates of a public higher education institution in Texas are required to complete before receiving a bachelor's degree (Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter S, Rule 5.400). Students seeking a CTC Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree are required to complete a 42-hour core curriculum. Students who successfully complete the core curriculum may transfer the block of courses to another Texas public institution of higher education and substitute the block for the receiving institution's core curriculum. Students who do not complete the 42-hour core curriculum may still transfer those courses successfully completed to another public college or university in Texas. They will generally be required to complete the remainder of the courses in the receiving institution's core curriculum. For a list of the courses in the core curriculum, refer to the *Programs of Study* section of this Catalog.

To facilitate transfer of freshman- and sophomore-level core courses, a Texas Common Core Numbering System (TCCNS) exists. These lower-division courses have a TCCNS number and are listed in the *Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual*, an official publication of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Community and Technical Colleges Division.

It is important to know what courses are recognized as common at the school to which you plan to transfer. You should declare a major before attaining sophomore standing at CTC. Each Texas public community college or university will accept TCCNS courses, provided such credits are within the approved transfer curriculum of the student's declared major field of study at the receiving institution. A change of major may result in loss of credits earned in a previous program.

## Program Listings

Curriculum plans for various degrees, certificates, and courses offered at the C&I Campuses are on the following pages. Please refer to the current Texas Campuses catalog and the CTC Distance Learning website for additional programs of study and courses that may be available through distance learning. Course descriptions for all courses offered are listed in alpha-numeric order by course prefix. It is the student's responsibility to monitor program offerings and follow the published degree plan requirements. Any deviations from listed courses must be approved in writing by the department.

**NOTE** Although academic counseling is available, it remains your responsibility to determine the major area of study to verify the required courses and their prerequisites, and to select the senior college or university to which you wish to transfer.

## Semester Credit Hours

The three numbers following (to the right of) the course title indicate the: (a) hours per week the class meets for lectures, (b) number of laboratory hours required per week and (c) credit hours awarded for successful completion of the course. One semester hour of credit represents one hour of lecture time per week for 16 weeks; one semester hour of credit also represents two to four hours of laboratory time per week for 16 weeks. Lecture and lab proportions may vary depending on the nature of the course.