MISSION STATEMENT

AND CORE VALUES

Texas College, a historical black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, which continues to embodies the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced, intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work. (Recast and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting, April 15, 2011).

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

- Academic Excellence - developing a culture of curios cities and creativity, that will challenge the students of learning/team training; stimulate research; and provide the kind of analytical reasoning capability; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills.
- Integrity - instilling the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College faculty and students are anchored.
- Perseverance - instilling diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.
- Social Responsibility - promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.
- Tolerance - emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.
- Community Service - emphasizing self-sacrifice in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Division of Education prepares students to become highly qualified classroom teachers serving diverse educational communities. Students have the opportunity to become involved in two teacher educational organizations on campus: the campus chapter of the Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) and the Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society for those students who qualify. Throughout the academic year, teacher candidates are able to meet and learn from superintendents, principals, and renowned public and private school teachers. Texas College offers the Bachelor of Science degree, the Associate in Arts degree, and the post-baccalaureate alternative teacher certification program. To earn the associate’s or bachelor’s degree, students must complete the required hours in the general education core, the institutional core requirements, and the content (major program) area requirements. A minimum of 63 program credit hours for the Associate in Arts degree and 120 program credit hours for the Bachelor of Science degrees are needed to satisfy the major.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Although a student may have been admitted to the college, there is a separate admissions requirement to the Educator Preparation Program. A student must:
- Take and pass the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) with a minimum score of (READING 230), (WRITING 230), and (MATH 230), or the COMPASS Test with a comparable score to the THEA.
- Interview with Texas College Educator Preparation Program Interview Committee.
- Complete an application for admission to the Texas College Educator Preparation Program.

The application must be accompanied by the following items:

- An official college transcript(s) for each college the student has attended
- Three letters of recommendation from college professors/work supervisors
- Criminal background check and state color photo ID
- Signed degree plan, autobiography, and statement of philosophy of education
- Comparable score to the THEA

These items must be completed and submitted prior to admission to the program.

Undergraduate and Post Baccalaureate Routes to Teacher Certification

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Impact the Future - Become A Teacher

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

-NELSON MANDELA
Texas College has been providing a liberal arts education since 1894 and exists to help people succeed by assisting them in developing their academic skills and self-confidence, as well as enlarging their perspectives on life. We are dedicated to providing citizens of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds with the opportunity for life-long learning through engaging an academic program.

Texas College believes in motivating our students, urging them to be active in setting and achieving their goals. Students are encouraged to utilize all of our facilities, to seek extra help from our faculty, and to converse with our advisors and other dedicated staff members.

Texas College awards baccalaureate degrees in the arts and the sciences to students in one of its four major divisions: General Studies and Humanities, Business and Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Computation Sciences and Education.

The College also awards associate degrees in Early Childhood Education and General Studies. Attention is given to a common base of general knowledge in the liberal arts, upon which a program of generalization can be built. This effort, a common core of academic foundation courses must be completed satisfactorily by all students regardless of degree plans.

The College has computer laboratories throughout the campus and in residence facilities. The D.R. Glass Library contains the Teacher Education Distance Learning Technology Center, over 73,500 print volumes, 151 online databases, as well as, digital audio and video support for the academic program. Tutorial services and electronic learning options are provided as well to assist students to meet the demands of the job market. Students majoring or minoring in one of the programs in the School of Business, Computer Science, and Mathematics are required to complete satisfactorily all coursework in their major.

Academic programs at Texas College are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The College is fully accredited by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to award degrees from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Association of Accredited School, Colleges and Institutions (AASCM). The College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Career and Professional Schools (ACCPS) and is a participant in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Texas College, through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Science Foundation, is a participant in the Minority Science Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP), which is designed to increase the number of minority students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) at institutions of higher education.

Texas College ST.EM Program

The courses in biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and Mathematics make up the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) majors at Texas College. The Division of Natural and Computational Sciences offers these courses. With continued support from the Department of Education through Minority Science Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) grant, the Science laboratories have been upgraded to train and prepare students to meet the demands of the job market. Science students majoring or minoring in one of the STEM areas will be mentored and instructed by faculty who have extensive experience in their respective fields. Science students will be exposed to new opportunities that you never thought possible and help you realize your dreams.

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The inaugural cohort of the STEM program included 48 students, the program has seen an increase to more than 300 students in 2018. The College has implemented an aggressive plan to provide more qualified students with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in STEM fields.

For more information, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (903) 593-8311, ext. 2209, or at admissions@texascollege.edu.