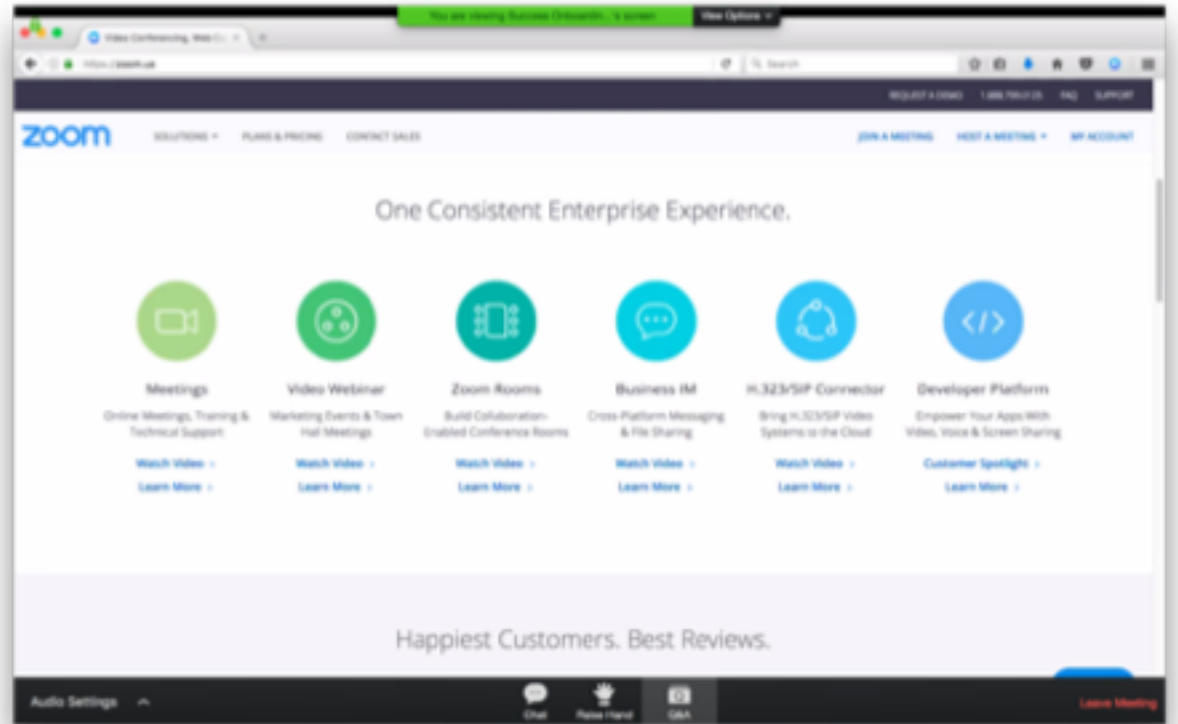


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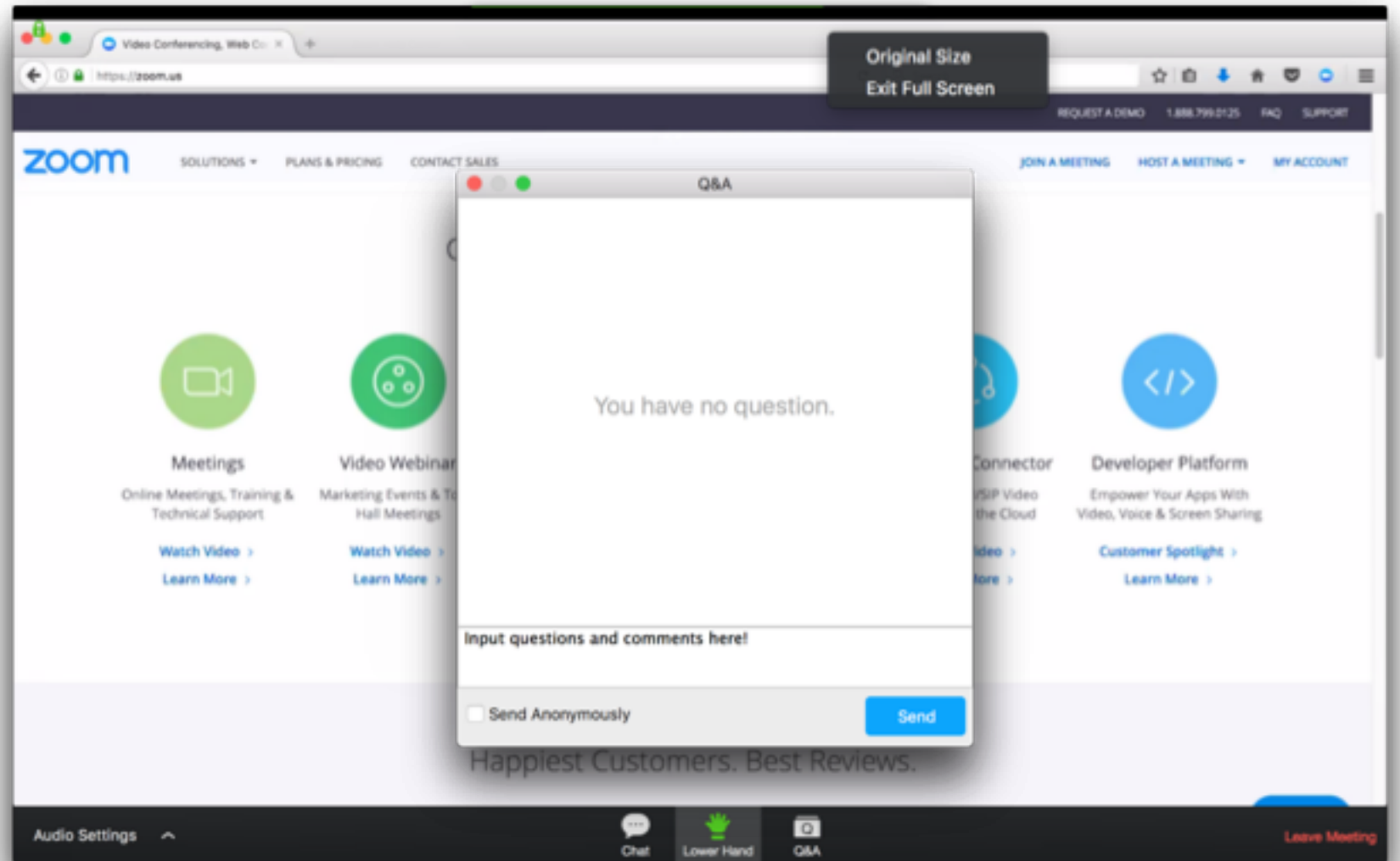
While we wait for everyone to get started...

- Use the chat box to say hello and tell us your name!
- Next, in the spirit of our recent snow here in central Texas, **what is your favorite activity to do on a snow day?**

We will start at 10:00 a.m.!



# Participation and Interaction

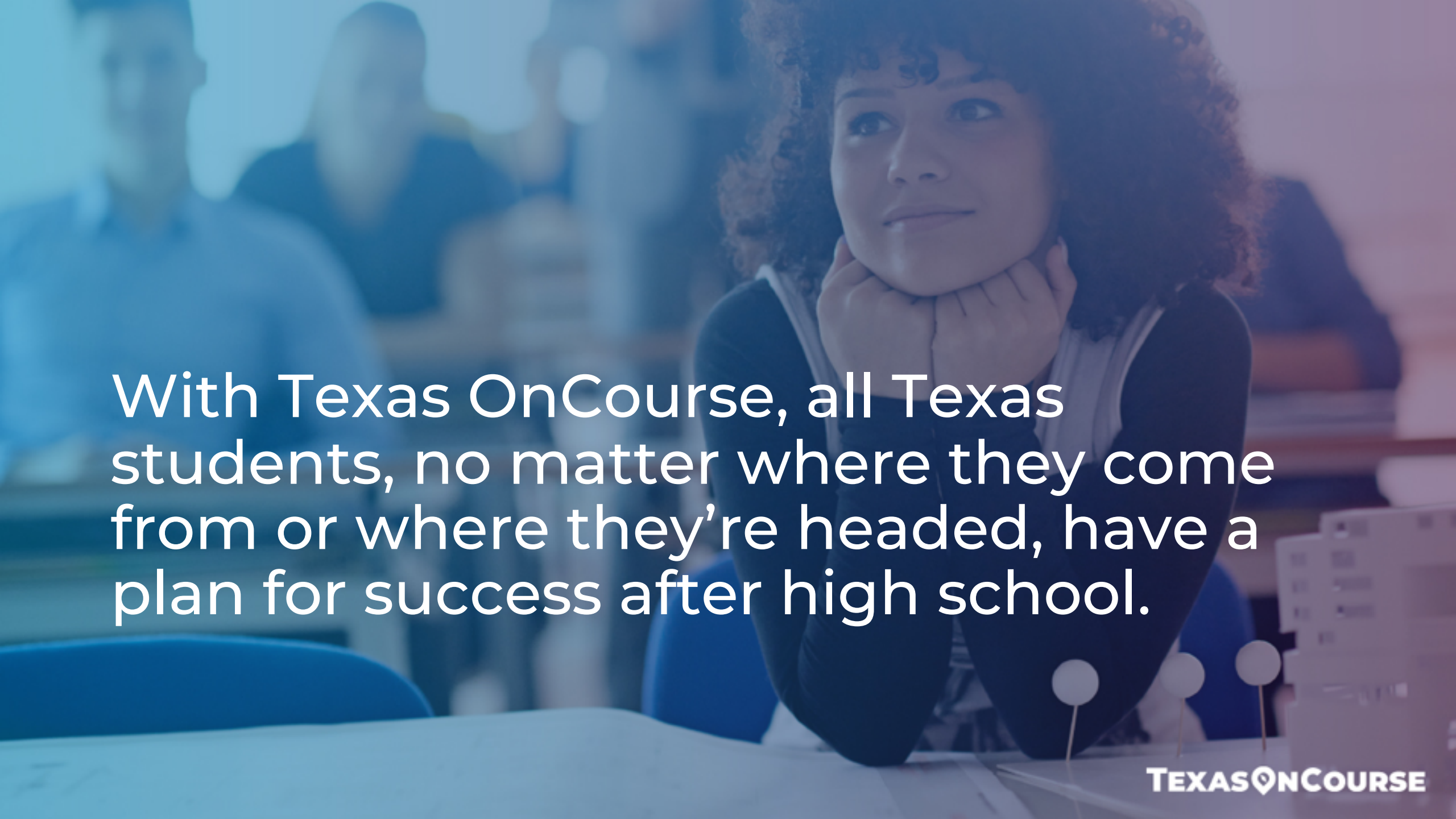




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## Alternatives to Four-Year Degree Programs



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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Texas OnCourse Resource Spotlight
  - Samantha Gonzalez, Content and Resources
- Future Focused Texas
  - Danielle Gunder, GetSchooled
- Texas Certification Programs
  - Jarrad Toussant, Texas Education Agency
- Community College Programs
  - Estrella Barrera, Austin Community College
- District Perspectives
  - Crystal Castaneda, Harlingen Consolidated ISD
- Questions and Discussion

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A group of diverse students are sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. They are holding papers and looking at them, some smiling. The image has a blue and purple color overlay.

# **What comes to mind when you think of alternatives to four-year degree programs?**

**Please type your responses in the chat box.**





# Resources Spotlight

Resources that Support Exploring Alternative Opportunities

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

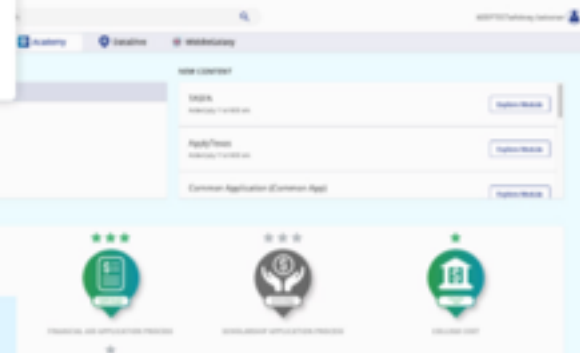
# Texas OnCourse Academy

by Texas OnCourse

[Educators: register or login](#)[All Tools](#)[COVID-19 Support: Resources for Educators](#)[COVID-19 Support: Resources for Your Students](#)[Texas OnCourse Academy](#)[College and Career Readiness Curriculum](#)[MapMyGrad](#)[MiddleGalaxy](#)[Middle School Family Guide](#)[Share Your Road](#)[Roadtrip Texas](#)[DataDive](#)[Webinars](#)

## Free online professional development

Become the go-to source for career and college planning. The Academy has over 30 learning modules on endorsements, graduation plans,



# Academy Dashboard

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Dashboard

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BASIC PRINCIPLES OF POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Additional Resources

CONTINUE

NEW CONTENT

There are no updated modules

MY PROGRESS

Financial Aid

Postsecondary Pathways

Specialties

Career Pathways

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

ENTRANCE AND PLACEMENT EXAMS

POSTSECONDARY RESEARCH

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS: FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

VIEW MY BADGES AND CERTIFICATES



# Basic Principles of Postsecondary Pathways

The screenshot displays the TexasOnCourse website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for 'Academy', 'MiddleGalaxy', and 'DataDive'. Below these are four main categories: 'Financial Aid', 'Postsecondary Pathways', 'Specialties', and 'Career Pathways'. The 'Postsecondary Pathways' category is selected, showing four sub-modules: 'Admission and Application Process' (7 stars), 'Entrance and Placement Exams' (4 stars), 'Postsecondary Pathways: Foundational Knowledge' (2 stars, highlighted with a blue background), and 'Postsecondary Research' (1 star). Below the category selection, a 'MODULE' section shows '01' selected and '02' next to it. The main content area for Module 01 is titled 'Basic Principles of Postsecondary Pathways' and includes a list of units: 'Introduction and COVID-19 Updates', 'Preassessment', '01 UNIT Research', '02 UNIT Entrance and Placement Exams', '03 UNIT College Applications', and '04 UNIT Student-Athlete Eligibility'. The 'Research' unit is expanded, showing sub-topics like 'Career Pathways', 'Types of Institutions', and 'Test Your Mastery'. A sidebar on the left contains links to 'Dashboard', 'Explore Modules', 'Module Directory', 'Where are my badges?', 'Support & Feedback', 'Web Accessibility', and 'Glossary'.

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Academy MiddleGalaxy DataDive

Financial Aid Postsecondary Pathways Specialties Career Pathways

Admission and Application Process Entrance and Placement Exams Postsecondary Pathways: Foundational Knowledge Postsecondary Research

MODULE 01 02

★ Basic Principles of Postsecondary Pathways

Introduction and COVID-19 Updates +

Preassessment >

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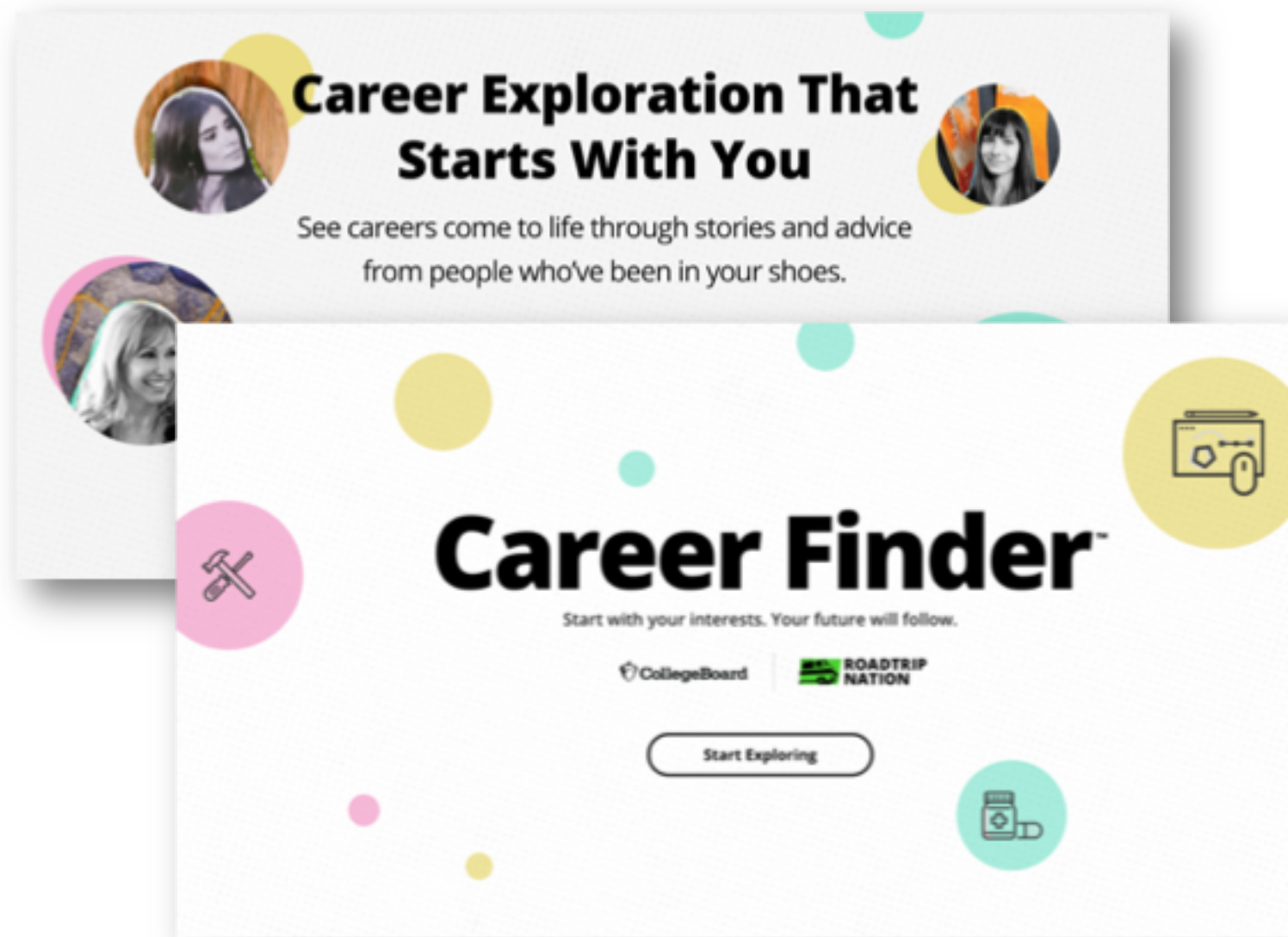
# Academy Learning Resource: Career Possibilities

- **Unit 1** of Basic Principles of Postsecondary Pathways module
- Connecting interests to careers



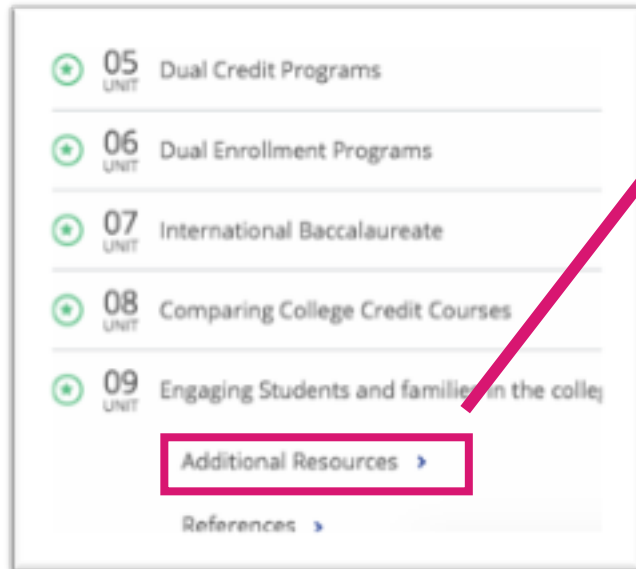
# Additional Resource: Roadtrip Nation Career Finder

- Recommends careers and majors based on interests
- Provides a summary of top majors and careers
- Links to BigFuture for further exploration

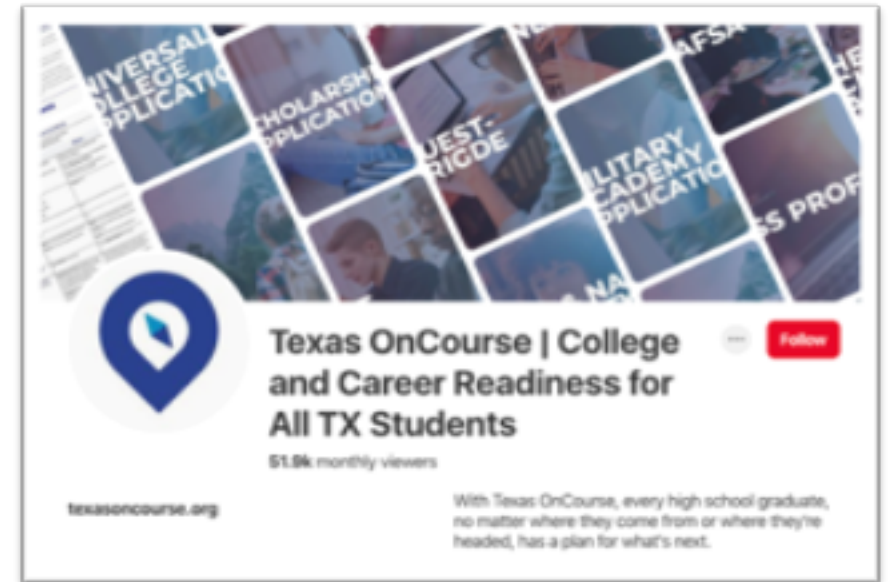


# Texas OnCourse Academy Modules

## Additional Resources













[Pinterest.com/TexasOnCourse](https://www.pinterest.com/TexasOnCourse)





# New Learning Resource: Postsecondary and Career Opportunities

- Resource is a part of the parent and guardian project
- Illustrates education and experience that students can pursue

Postsecondary and Career Opportunities			
Texas Career Cluster	Examples of Postsecondary Opportunities		
	Education Opportunities	Career Opportunities	
     <b>Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</b> This career cluster focuses on the essential elements of life – food, water, land, and air. 	<b>High School Industry Certification:</b> Certified Veterinary Assistant <b>Certificate/License:</b> Certified Professional Public Buyer <b>Associate Degree:</b> Welding Technology/Welder <b>Bachelor's Degree:</b> Food Science and Nutrition <b>Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree:</b> Agronomy and Crop Science	• Welder • Soil and Plant Scientists • Production and Operations Supervisors • Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	
<b>Architecture and Construction</b> This career cluster focuses on designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment. 	<b>High School Industry Certification:</b> Autodesk Certified Professional or User in AutoCAD <b>Certificate/License:</b> Certified Professional Estimator <b>Associate Degree:</b> Electrician <b>Bachelor's Degree:</b> Mechanical Engineering <b>Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree:</b> Construction Management	• Architects • Telecommunication Line Installers and Repairers • Cost Estimators • Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	
<b>Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications</b> This career cluster focuses on careers in designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content, including visual and performing arts and design, journalism, and entertainment services. 	<b>High School Industry Certification:</b> Apple Logic Pro X <b>Certificate/License:</b> Commercial Audio Technician <b>Associate Degree:</b> Graphic Design <b>Bachelor's Degree:</b> Radio and Television <b>Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree:</b> Cinematography and Film or Video Production	• Film and Video Editors • Sound Engineering Technicians • Graphic Designers • Multimedia Artists and Animators	
			
<b>Energy</b> This career cluster focuses on the production, transmission, and distribution of traditional and alternative energy. 	<b>Associate Degree:</b> Chemical Engineering <b>Bachelor's Degree:</b> Business Administration and Management, General <b>Master's/Doctoral Professional Degree:</b> Petroleum Engineering	• Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	



# Danielle Gunder

GetSchooled/Future Focused TX





**FUTURE**  
FOCUSED  
 **TX**

# Supporting College Enrollment in Texas During COVID-19



**TxCAN**

an INITIATIVE of EDUCATE TEXAS

**60x30TX**

Texas Higher Education  
Coordinating Board







# CAMPAIGN MISSION

**FUTURE**  
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The Future Focused Texas Campaign's mission is to **support college enrollment in Texas for the Classes of 2020 & 2021**. The Campaign aims to maintain college enrollment rates in Texas despite the effects of COVID-19. Through a statewide engagement and social media campaign providing research-based content and resources the campaign will support Texas students persist in their educational journeys.

## Registration

Officially register for campaign to receive content and communications



Youth-friendly

Videos

## How to Practice Self-Care When You Return to School

Last updated September 13, 2020

It's important to remember the time you spend on and with yourself is valuable and essential to your overall well-being. This could be as simple as finding ways to mentally check in with yourself every day. If you're not sure how to get that one-on-one connection with yourself on a daily basis, consider these helpful tips:

### Start and end your day with meditation

A simple two to five-minute meditation will improve your mind, body and spirit. Meditation helps reduce anxiety and stress, improve concentration, increase focus, balance your emotions, and has several proven health benefits like lowering blood pressure, reducing pain, strengthening your immune system, and improving self-esteem. Check out "[How to Meditate for Beginners](#)".

### Ask yourself these questions every day

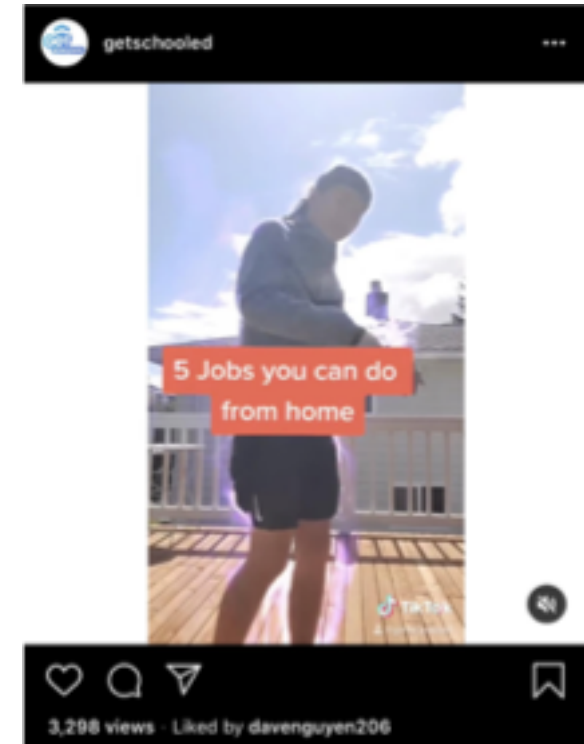
1. What is my purpose today? Think about what drives you and what ignites your passion. What makes you feel focused, valuable and impactful? Take a few minutes to think about your goals and adjust your path accordingly to reach them.

Meaningful

+ Content +

Powerful

Social



Informed by Research, Data & Best Practices



# Alternative Pathways

 Get to College



## Alternative Pathways

Explore other options after high school. Learn about community college, joining the military, going to trade school, or taking a gap year.

## Community and Technical Colleges

### 5 Reasons To Consider Community College

Thinking about applying to community college?

### Community College Can Be A Great Option

Getting started at a 2-year college - Detroit College Challenge

### How to Be Successful in Community

### Transferring From A Community College



## VIDEOS

 Get to College

### Alternative Pathways

- [What is an Apprenticeship and How Do They Work?](#)
- [Enlisting in the U.S. Military](#)
- [Branches of the U.S. Military](#)

See the whole series 

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## Top 10 Trade Jobs Right Now



Last updated January 5, 2021

You might hear a lot of people telling you college is the only way to have a successful life and career. That is just not true. For all of you who would prefer to explore other paths after high school, we want to give you the inside scoop on trade jobs that pay really well! Check out our list of the top 10 trade jobs right now.

**Dental Assistants** - Assist the dentist. They clean teeth and take x-rays. Dental Assistants will be there to prep the patient before the Dentist takes a look at your teeth. They also prep the medical instruments and equipment. You would be good as a Dental Assistant if you are: Interested in medicine and dentistry, have a strong grasp of English, active listening skills, and are customer service oriented. Median Pay: \$35,000 to \$54,999 Projected Number of Jobs: 50,000 or more

**Hairdressers/ Cosmetologist** - Can shampoo, cut, and color hair. They can also apply makeup or provide nail and skin care services. You would be good as a Hairdresser/Cosmetologist if you: have great hand dexterity to manipulate scissors, hair, and brushes, are interested in sales and marketing for promoting products and services, and like to solve problems. Median Pay: Less than \$25,000 Projected Number of Jobs: 50,000 or more

## ARTICLES







# Jarrad Toussant

Texas Education Agency





# Industry- Based Certifications



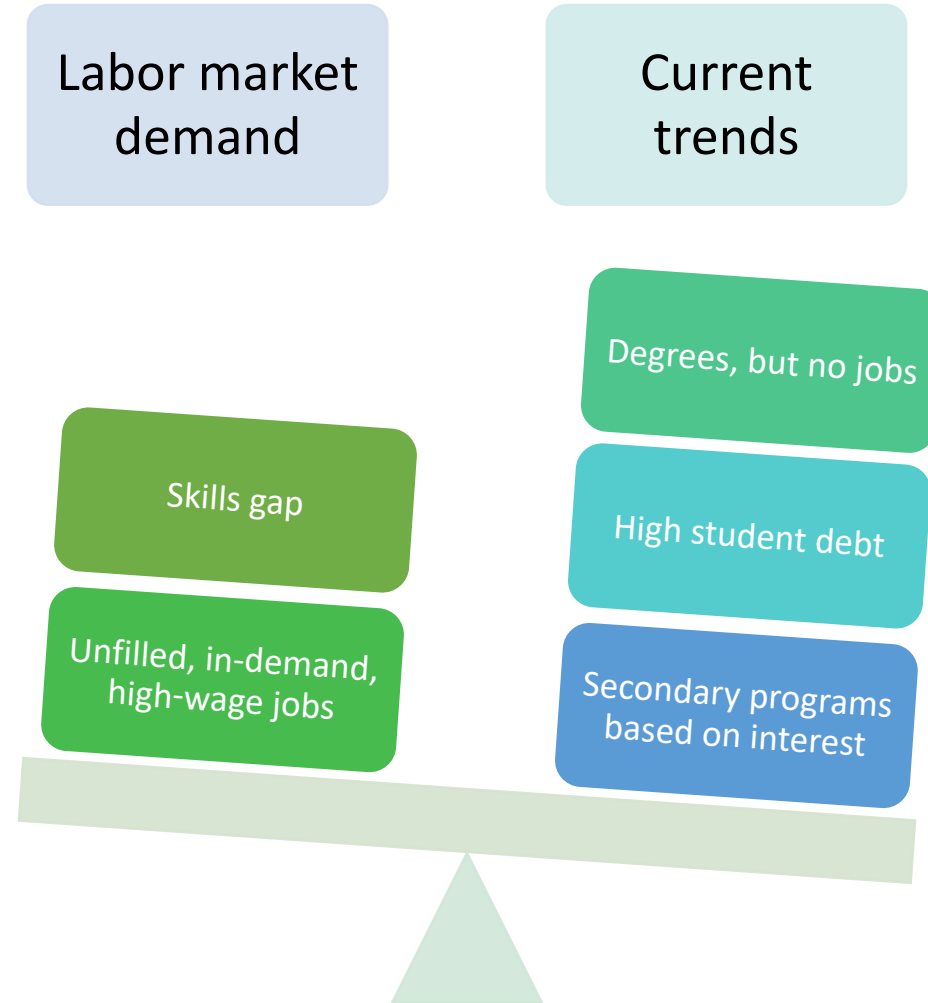
# Connect High School to Career and College: Division of CCMP

*Aligning Texas's Educational Goals with Its Diverse Industry Needs and Opportunities*

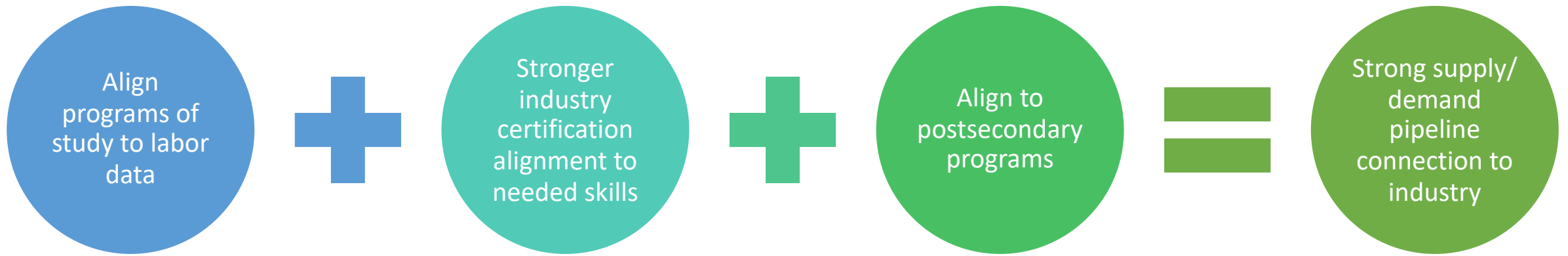




# Mismatch Between Labor Supply Pipeline and Demand



# What can we do as a state to address the gap?



# Background: Industry-based certifications for public school accountability

House Bill 2804 (84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 2015) requires the state to include the percentage of students who earn an industry certification in Domain IV (College and Career Readiness) of the state's accountability system.

House Bill 22 (85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 2017) requires the state to adopt a set of indicators to measure and evaluate school districts and campuses with respect to ensuring students attain the appropriate skills and learning to ensure their preparedness for success in subsequent grade levels and in entering the workforce, the military, or postsecondary education.

- Initial List of 73 certifications



# Background: Industry-based certifications for public school accountability

House Bill 2729 (85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, 2017)

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Workforce Commission were tasked with developing an inventory of industry certifications as a part of House Bill 2729, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session.

The certifications reflect the current list of industry certifications recognized in Domain 1 of TEA's accountability system.

- Initial List of 73 certifications



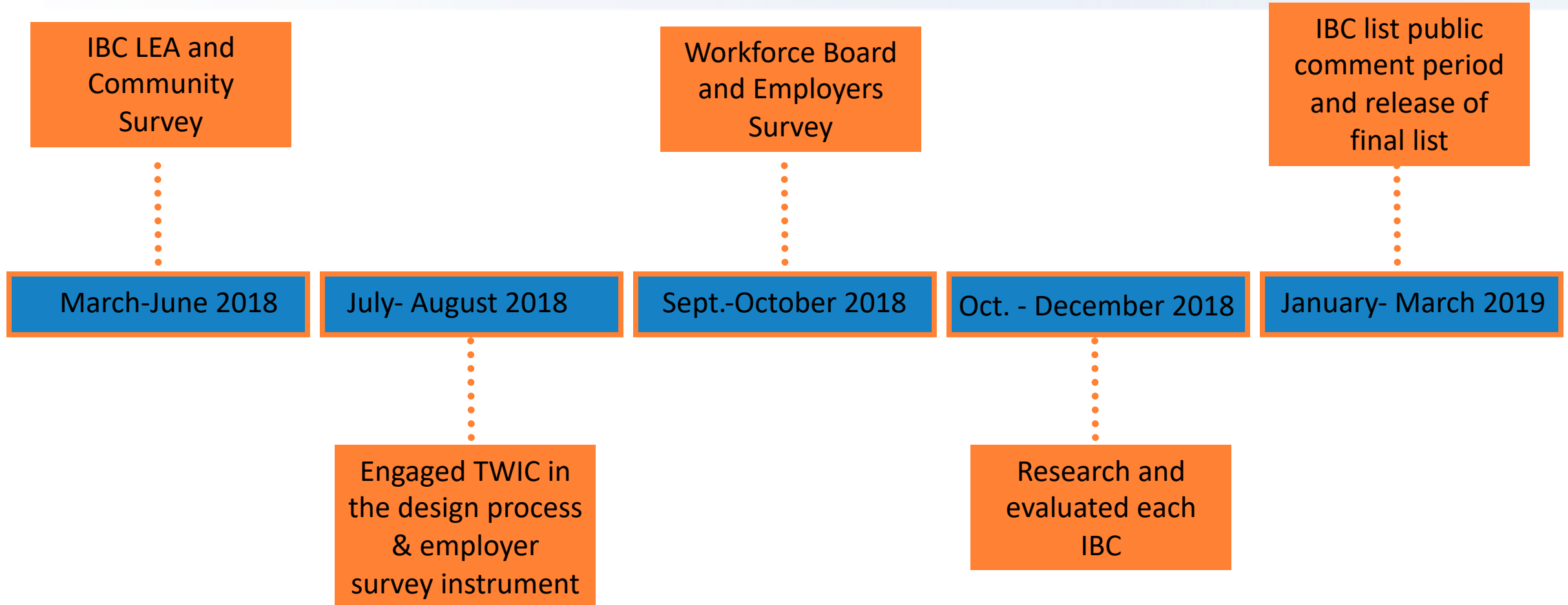


2017-2018 IBC  
List (*version 1*)

2021-2022 IBC  
List (*version 3*)

2019-2020 IBC  
List (*version 2*)

# Background: 2019-2020 Industry-based certifications for public school accountability

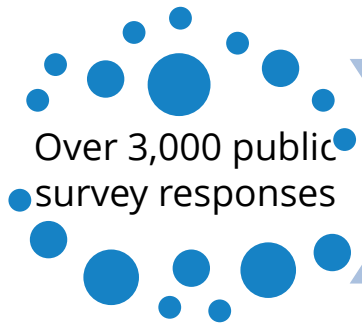


# Identify & Verify IBCs: Timeline

Industry certification survey (March)

Process creation for vetting  
certifications with Texas Association  
of Workforce Boards (TAWB) and  
Regional WDA Boards (June)

Review vetted list with TAWB, TWIC,  
TWC, and WDA Advisory Board to  
finalize (September)



4,000  
certifications  
submitted

1,100  
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2016-17 IBC  
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List



Draft 2019-20 IBC  
Accountability List



# Industry-Based Certifications Criteria



## Industry Recognized

- National or international businesses, industries, professional organizations, state agencies, government entities, or state-based industry associations are familiar with the certification and know of it.



## Attainable by HS students

- All eligibility requirements (e.g., age and experience) are met and the certification is awarded before or within the summer after a student's high school graduation.



## Industry Valued

- Employers within an industry sector signal the value of the occupation-specific certification by: (a) including the certification in job postings as required or highly recommended; (b) using the certification as a factor in selecting candidates for an interview and/or hire; and/or (c) offering higher pay for those who possess the certification.



## Transferable

- Stackable and portable as evidenced by: (a) transferring seamlessly to postsecondary work through acceptance for credit or hours in core program courses at an institution of higher education; (b) counting toward hours in an aligned apprenticeship program; (c) being a part of a prescribed coherent sequence of industry recognized credentials to show progressive skills development and/or (d) fostering mobility across employers within the same industry.



## Third-party provider

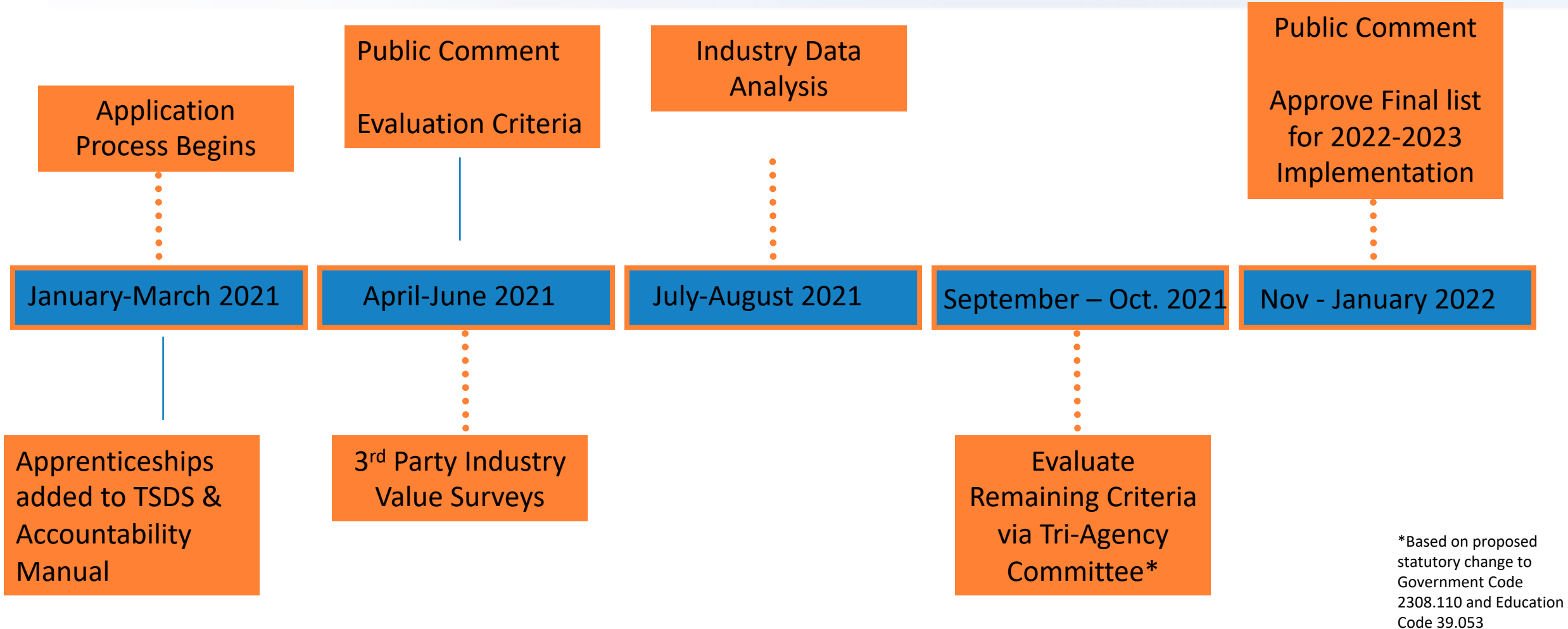
- The assessment of the certification is provided by/signed off by an independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and competencies.



## Capstone

- Certification is offered at the conclusion of an aligned course, and/or at the conclusion of a student's successful completion of a program of study in a secondary career and technical education program.

# 2021-2022 IBC Evaluation Timeline



# Industry-Based Certification Resources

- 1-page document for each certification
- Information included:
  - Helpful Links
  - Certification Price
  - Study Materials & Resources
- Industry-Based Certification 1 page resources
- Industry-Based Certification Reimbursement FAQ

## Certified Cardiographic Technician


INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATION DESCRIPTION


The Certified Cardiographic Technician examination content is based on the findings of a job task analysis which describes the overall tasks that a CCT is expected to perform on the job and general areas of knowledge that are needed to perform the tasks. Examination content was developed by subject matter experts in the cardiovascular profession.

The CCT ECG, Holter Monitoring, and Stress Testing Certification exam measures the following general areas of knowledge: Heart size, location, layers, chambers and valves. Additional knowledge needed relates to blood flow, cardiac value function, the cardiac cycle, and the relationship of cardiac output to heart rate and stroke volume.

Specific duties and tasks relating to ECG and Stress Tests include performing a resting ECG, both 12 and 15 lead, performing ambulatory monitoring and performing rhythm analysis and analyzing the data obtained.

Additional duties, tasks and areas of knowledge can be found on the Cardiovascular Credentialing International website at the following link: <http://www.cci-online.org>.



CERTIFYING ENTITY	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Cardiovascular Credentialing International   919-861-4539   <a href="http://www.cci-online.org/">http://www.cci-online.org/</a>	<p>Exam Name: Certified Cardiographic Technician</p> <p>Exam Website: <a href="http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspx">http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspx</a></p> <p>Number of Questions: 130 questions (110 scored, 20 unscored)</p> <p>Questions Type: Multiple Choice</p> <p>Exam Time: 2 hours</p>	<p>Exam Site: Pearson Professional Center or PearsonVUE authorized testing center</p> <p>Exam Price: \$175 (\$100 non-refundable)</p> <p>Candidate Requirements: <a href="http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspxNew_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=1#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon">http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspxNew_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=1#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon</a></p> <p>Study Materials &amp; Resources: <a href="http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspxNew_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=3#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon">http://www.cci-online.org/CCI/Certifications/CCT.aspxNew_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=3#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon</a></p>

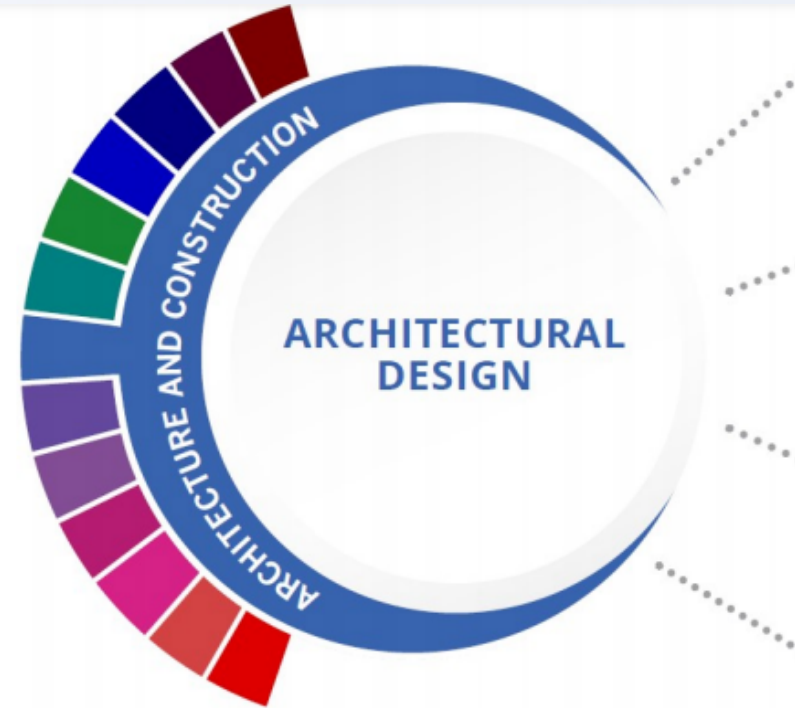
Texas Education Agency | Division of College, Career and Military Preparation | May 2019





# Industry-Based Certification and CTE Programs of Study

IBCs aligned to each CTE Secondary Program of Study are listed on the Programs of Study Framework Resources



Principles of Architecture	
<b>Level 1</b>	
Architectural Design I Interior Design I Computer Aided Drafting for Architecture	
<b>Level 2</b>	
Architectural Design II Interior Design II Civil Engineering and Architecture (PLTW)	
<b>Level 3</b>	
Practicum in Architectural Design Career Preparation I	
<b>Level 4</b>	

HIGH SCHOOL/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATE/LICENSE*	ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S/DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
Autodesk Certified Professional or User in AutoCAD	Certified Photogrammetric Technologist	Architecture	Architecture	Architecture
Autodesk Certified Professional or User in AutoCAD Civil 3D	Certified Development, Design & Construction Professional	Interior Design	Interior Design	Interior Architecture
Autodesk Certified Professional or User in Autodesk Revit Architecture	National Council Certified Interior Designer	Civil Engineering, General	Civil Engineering, General	Civil Engineering, General
Autodesk Certified Professional or User in Autodesk Revit MEP Electrical	LEED AP Building Design & Construction	Geographic Information Science and Cartography	Geographic Information Science and Cartography	Geographic Information Science and Cartography

Additional industry-based certification information is available on the TEA CTE website. For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit [TXCTE.org](http://TXCTE.org).

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Architects	\$77,043	808	16%
Geographic Information Analysts and Surveyors	\$58,926	162	27%
Architectural/ Civil Drafters	\$50,170	1,068	9%
Construction Managers	\$87,402	2,401	14%

## WORK BASED LEARNING AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Exploration Activities:	Work Based Learning Activities:
Shadow an architect, interior designer, or civil engineer. SkillsUSA	Intern at an architecture firm.

# Industry-Based Certifications - Accountability

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CTE Coherent Sequence Coursework Transition	Accountability Years	
CCMR Indicator	2019 and 2020	2021 and Beyond
CTE coherent sequence graduates who complete and receive credit for at least one aligned CTE course	½ point	
Earn an industry-based certification	1 point	1 point

# Industry-Based Certifications – HB3

The CCMR bonus uses a more rigorous standard for CCMR than the academic accountability system:

➤ **College:**

- ✓ Texas Success Initiative (TSI) score on SAT/ACT/TSI Assessment (TSIA) **and**
- ✓ Earned an associate degree prior to graduation *or* enrolled in college by the fall immediately after high school graduation

➤ **Career:**

- ✓ TSI score on SAT/ACT/TSIA **and**
- ✓ Received an industry-based certification / Level I / Level II certificate

➤ **Military:**

- ✓ Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) passing score **and**
- ✓ Enlisted in U.S. Armed Forces after graduation



# Austin Community College District

- Start Here. Get There.



# Areas of Study

- More than 100 programs in 10 areas of study:
  - Arts, Digital Media & Communication
  - Business
  - Computer Science & Information Technology
  - Culinary, Hospitality & Tourism
  - Design, Manufacturing, Construction & Applied Technologies
  - Education
  - Health Sciences
  - Liberal Arts
  - Public & Social Services
  - Science, Engineering & Math

<https://www.austincc.edu/academic-and-career-programs>



# Awards

Associate degrees  
Certificates

<https://www.austincc.edu/academic-and-career-programs>



# Labor Market Information

Program	Hourly Wage	Currently Employed	4-year Growth Projections
Dental Hygienists	\$36.42	1,282	11.7%
Sonographers	34.02	547	11.9%
Physical Therapist Assistants	32.46	437	14.2%
Registered Nurse	32.27	15,512	10.3%
Occupational Therapy Assistants	30.73	168	16.7%
Radiologic Technicians	26.58	1,123	8.6%
Surgical Technologists	22.48	653	9.8%
Licensed Vocational Nurse	22.01	4,099	8.2%
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Tech	19.68	746	11.7%
Emergency Medical Tech & Paramedics	19.17	1,284	11.5%
Health Information Technology	16.05	1,431	9.0%
Pharmacy Technician	15.12	2,413	8.5%
Veterinary Technologist	13.62	1,112	9.3%

1-Source: Emsi (Economic Modeling Specialists International), a CareerBuilder company

# Highlight: Health Sciences

<https://www.austincc.edu/academic-and-career-programs/areas-of-study/health-sciences>

Program	Associate Degree	Certificate
Associate Degree Nursing	2	
Dental Hygiene	1	
Radiology	1	4
Sonography	2	2
Emergency Medical Professions	1	3*
Health Information Technology	1	
Medical Lab Technology	1	2*
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	
Pharmacy Technician	1	1*
Physical Therapist Assistant	1	
Surgical Technology	1	1
Vocational Nursing		1

\*Part of the ACC Health Science Academy program (EMT, Phlebotomy and Pharmacy Tech)



# Courses required in most Health Science programs

- ENG 1301
- MATH 1314 or MATH 1342
- BIOL 2401 A&P I and BIOL 2402 A&P II or some programs will accept BIOL 2404 (Intro to A&P)
- PHIL 2306 Ethics
- PSYC 2301
- SPCH 1311 or some program will require SPCH 1318



# Highlight: Health Science Programs with Certificates

- PHARMACY TECHNICIAN LEVEL 1
- PHARMACY TECHNICIAN LEVEL 2
  - 30-32 credit hours
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATE
  - 6 credit hours (certification earned is required for Level 1)
- ADVANCED EMT LEVEL 1
  - 19 credit hours
- EMT PARAMEDIC LEVEL 2
  - 44 credit hours

# HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY

- Health Science Academy with local high schools
  - Phlebotomy
    - Start as Juniors (finish in Spring of Senior Year)
  - Pharmacy Tech
    - Start as Seniors (finish in Summer after Senior Year)
  - EMT
    - Start as Seniors (finish in Spring of Senior Year)

<https://www.austincc.edu/academic-and-career-programs/dual-credit-programs/career-programs/career-academies/health-sciences-academy>



# Contact for High School Programs

Leticia Gonzales, Coordinator  
High School Programs Career & Job Readiness  
[lgonzal4@austinctc.edu](mailto:lgonzal4@austinctc.edu)  
512-223-7066



# Additional Information

- If interested in health science programs get a copy of immunization documentation from school nurse--this is documentation that many students find difficult to get if they haven't had a consistent healthcare provider.
- Health Sciences Virtual Open House coming soon.

# Start Here Get There

“There’s something for everyone at Austin Community College. Credentials earned at ACC include associate degrees, university transfer credits and career-technical certificates. Follow a clear program map to ensure you take the right classes to reach your unique goal.”





# District Practices

Crystal Castaneda, Harlingen Consolidated ISD

# HCISD Partnerships

- Texas State Technical College-Harlingen
  - TSTC Application Drives, presentations and field trips
- Texas Southmost College
  - HCISD partners with Texas Southmost College to provide college credit courses to Harlingen High School and Harlingen High School South students. By participating in our Dual Enrollment Program, students save money and become prepared for college-level courses.
- The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
  - Under the guidance of UTRGV professors, ECHS students earn up to 60 hours of college credit by the time they graduate high school.





# Building relationships with TSTC-Harlingen

- Texas State Technical College programs offered
  - High interest programs for our students: Welding, HVAC, mechanics, dental hygiene
  - Examples of programs at TSTC: Cybersecurity, Education and Training, Robotics Technology
  - Discussing entry level salaries of certificate programs
- TSTC application drives and presentations in CTE classes



# HCISD and certification programs



- Firefighter program
  - Working side by side with the Harlingen Fire Department, students in the Firefighters Academy will earn 468 hours of credit towards two certifications.
  - Starting salary for firefighters in our area is \$48,000 per year
  - Certifications: Firefighter 1 & 11 Training and EMT certificate
- CMA program
  - Working along side physicians/students take practicum senior year off campus
  - Starting salary \$29,000 per year
- Law Enforcement
  - Certifications: 911 Emergency Communicator
  - Salary can range from \$20-\$30 an hour as students work their way up
  - Various job opportunities once students complete police academy

**What best practices have you used to help students prepare for alternative opportunities to four-year degree programs?**



# Additional Questions

Feel free to type your questions in the chat box.

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# Thank You

**Stay tuned for our email follow-up with all of this information.**

**Take care and stay healthy and safe!**