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For information concerning the other three Lamar-named schools in the area, consult those schools’ respective catalogs.

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Inquiries concerning application of these regulations should be referred to Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs: by phone: (409) 984-6209 or (800) 477-5872 ext. 6209 by electronic mail: Gary.Stretcher@lamarpa.edu by mail to: P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310.

Any person who needs information about filing a grievance based on conditions set forth by Title IX as indicated above should go the Student Handbook published on the college website (www.lamarpa.edu) and follow the procedures also provided under the heading of “Academic Grievance Procedures.”

If further assistance is required, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the address and/or phone number listed above.
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Port Arthur
Home of the 2011 Champions
of Region XIV, NJCAA
Men's Basketball Team

Madison Monroe Building
Lamar State College-Port Arthur

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Lamar State College Port Arthur

Mission
Lamar State College-Port Arthur, a member of The Texas State University System, is an open-access, comprehensive public two-year college offering quality and affordable instruction leading to associate degrees and a variety of certificates. The College embraces the premise that education is an ongoing process that enhances career potential, broadens intellectual horizons, and enriches life.

Core Values
- Shared commitment by faculty, staff and administration to a mission characterized by student learning, diversity, and community involvement
- General education/core curriculum that develops the values and concepts that allow the student to make a meaningful contribution in the workplace or community
- Academic and technical programs designed to fulfill our commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds, using a variety of delivery methods, on and off campus
- Technical education programs that provide for the acquisition of the knowledge, skills and behavior necessary for initial and continued employment
- Student achievement characterized by attainment of individual goals and measured by successful accomplishments and completion of curriculum
- Co-curricular opportunities that develop social, financial and civic acuity

Principles
Lamar State College-Port Arthur operates in the belief that all individuals should be:

- treated with dignity and respect;
- afforded equal opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience;
- given an opportunity to discover and develop their special aptitudes and insights; and,
- provided an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.
**Campus Map**

1. Madison Monroe Building (MMED)
2. Student Center (SC)
3. Faculty Offices / Bookstore (FOB)
4. Ruby Fuller Building (RF)
5. Gates Memorial Library
6. Cosmetology Annex (COSA)
7. Cosmetology Center (COS)
8. Allied Health Annex (AHA)
9. Business Office
10. Automotive Technology Center (PAME)
11. Process Technology Building (PTAC)
12. Educational Annex (EDUC)
13. Instrumentation Building (INTC)
14. Allied Health (AH)
15. Vuylsteke Home
16. Physical Plant Office/Supply Center
17. Music Hall (MUS)
18. Woodrow Wilson Middle School (currently closed)
19. Armory/Welding Building (AMRY)
20. Bandstand
21. Student Success Center (SCC)
22. Small Business Development Center
23. Physical Plant Garage
24. Carl A. Parker Multi-Purpose Center (PMPC)
25. Faculty Office Pavilion (POP)
26. Performing Arts Center (PAC)
27. Stilwell Plaza
28. Martin Field softball field
   A. Historic radio tower
   B. Statue of Liberty replica
   C. Seaman’s Sun Dial memorial
   D. “Music of the Sea” sculpture
2011-2012 Calendar

Fall Semester 2011

July 2011
15 New student orientation

August 2011
9 Payment deadline for early enrollment students
4 New student orientation
12 Summer Commencement
19 Final day of Fall Semester general registration (without late fee)
22 Classes begin – schedule revisions, late registration with penalty fee
25 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
30 Applications for December 2011 graduation begin

September 2011
5 Labor Day – no classes, offices closed
7 Twelfth class day
27 First tuition and fee installment payment due

October 2011
4 Final day to drop or withdraw from classes without academic penalty
27 Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans
27 Fall Semester is 60 percent completed – critical date for financial aid students*
28 Distribution of 2012 Spring Semester class schedule
31 Advising for 2012 Spring Semester begins

November 2011
1 Second and final tuition and fee installment payment due
7 2012 Spring Semester registration begins
8 Final day to drop or withdraw from all courses (a grade will be recorded)
9 Final day to apply for December graduation
Final day to pay for diploma, cap, and gown
23 Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 5 p.m. No evening classes
24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes, offices closed
28 Fall Semester classes resume

December 2011
6 Final class day of Fall Semester
7 Final examinations begin at 5 p.m.
15 Final Grades for Graduating Student due by 8:30 A.M.
15 All other Student Grades due by 4:00 P.M.
16 Fall Commencement
22 Holiday Break begins
Spring Semester 2012

January 2012

3 Offices reopen
5 Payment deadline for early enrollment students
13 Final day of Spring Semester general registration (without late fee)
16 Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, offices closed
17 Spring Semester classes begin
20 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
24 Applications for May graduation begin

February 2012

1 Twelfth Class Day
28 First tuition and fee payment installment due
28 Final day to drop or withdraw without academic penalty

March 2012

12-16 Spring Break
19 Spring Semester classes resume
26 Distribution of Summer/Fall class schedule
26 Advising for Summer I, Summer II and Fall Semester begins
29 Second tuition and fee installment payment due
29 Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Spring Semester

April 2012

2 Spring Semester is 60 percent complete – critical date for financial aid students*
2 Summer I & II and Fall Semester registration begins
4 Final day to drop or withdraw from all courses (a grade will be recorded)
5 Maundy Thurs day (Faculty Development Day) – no classes, offices open
6 Easter Holiday – no classes, offices open
11 Final day to apply for May graduation
Final day to pay for diploma, cap, and gown

May 2012

9 Final day of Spring Semester
Final examinations begin at 5 p.m.
17 Final Grades for Graduating Student due by 8:30 A.M.
17 All other Student Grades due by 4:00 P.M.
17 Spring Mini-Semester begins
18 Spring Commencement
28 Memorial Day – no classes, offices closed
23 Payment deadline for Summer I early enrollment students
31 Spring Mini-Semester ends
Summer Session 2012

First Term – Summer I

June 2012

1  Final day of Summer I registration
4  Summer I day classes begin
5  Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
   Application for August graduation begins
7  Fourth class day
15  Final day to drop or withdraw without academic penalty
25  Summer I is 60 percent complete – critical date for financial aid students*
28  Final day to drop or withdraw from Summer I courses (a grade will be recorded)
28  Payment deadline for Summer II early enrollment students

July 2012

3  Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Summer I
4  Independence Day Holiday – no classes, offices closed
9-10  Summer I Final examinations
10  All Student Grades due by 4:00 P.M
12  Final day to apply for August graduation
12  Final day to apply for diploma, cap and gown

Second Term – Summer II

July 2012

11  Summer II classes begin
11  Schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
12  Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
16  Fourth Class Day
19  New Student Orientation
25  Final day to drop or withdraw from all classes without academic penalty

August 2012

1  Summer II is 60 percent complete – critical date for financial aid students*
6  Final day to drop or withdraw from all courses (a grade will be recorded)
9  New Student Orientation
9  Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Summer II
15  Summer II final examinations
16  Final Grades for Graduating Student due by 8:00 A.M.
16  All other Student Grades due by 4:00 P.M.
17  Summer Commencement
24  Final day of Fall Semester general registration (without late fee)
27  Fall Semester classes begin

NOTE: * The 60-percent date is extremely important for financial aid students who withdraw during a semester. It determines what reimbursements they may have to make to grant or loan programs. For details, see the “Financial Aid” section.

General Note: Information above subject to change with notification on a rare basis.

My.Lamarpa.edu Account

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS: Lamar State College-Port

Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your My.Lamarpa.edu account DAILY. If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.
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General Information

Location

Lamar State College-Port Arthur (LSC-PA) is a two-year, state-supported institution located in Port Arthur, an industrial and cultural center of Southeast Texas. The College offers freshman- and sophomore-level work in numerous academic and technical/vocational fields. The campus sits between the 1000 and 1800 blocks of Procter Street and Lakeshore Drive.

Port Arthur has modern public schools, churches, shopping districts and recreation areas serving a community of approximately 70,000 persons. Principal industries in the area are oil refining, chemical production, shipping and shipbuilding.

The metropolitan area, known as the Golden Triangle, includes Port Arthur and the cities of Beaumont, Bridge City, Groves, Orange, Port Neches, Nederland and Vidor, all of which are located within 25 miles of Port Arthur and form the heart of the upper Texas Gulf Coast where approximately 385,000 people live.

History

John W. Gates of New York City, one of the founders of Texaco, established Port Arthur Business College in 1909, to train people for the petrochemical industry, then in its infancy. The College became Port Arthur Collegiate Institute in 1911, when the school was presented to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, a forerunner of the present United Methodist Temple.

The church operated the growing campus until 1918, when it was turned over to a non-profit Texas corporation, which had no capital stock and was overseen by a self-perpetuating board of trustees. The name of the school was changed back to Port Arthur Business College and finally, in 1932, to Port Arthur College.

Another milestone in the school’s history was reached July 31, 1974, when W. Sam Monroe, President of Port Arthur College and a Lamar University regent, presented a resolution to merge the College into Lamar University. The 21 trustees agreed that a merger would be in the best interests of both institutions and their constituencies.

The 64th Texas Legislature authorized the merger and appropriated $600,000 for creation of the Lamar University Center at Port Arthur. On Aug. 21, 1975, the trustees presented the deed for Port Arthur College to the Lamar University Board of Regents. Classes began on the Port Arthur campus on Aug. 28, 1975.
In the years following the merger, enrollment increased from 151 students to a peak of more than 3,000 and the curriculum expanded to more than 50 areas of study.

In 1977, the 65th Legislature approved House Bill 1134 renaming the school Lamar University-Port Arthur and dropping the “Extension Center” designation.

In 1983, the 68th Legislature passed three bills that directly affected the College:

1. Senate Bill 409 deleted the restrictive language of HB 130 (passed in 1971 by the 63rd Legislature), making Lamar University-Port Arthur eligible, on an equal basis with other state institutions, for state funds to be used to buy land and/or buildings.

2. Senate Bill 410 provided Lamar University regents with the authority to levy a fixed student fee and the authority to bond against said fee for construction of a Student Center on the Port Arthur campus. This legislation was validated by a majority vote of the Lamar University-Port Arthur student body in November 1983.

3. Senate Bill 620 created the Lamar University System. Lamar University-Port Arthur thus became a component institution of that system on Aug. 29, 1983.

In 1985, two bills affected the school:

1. Senate Bill 578 in 1985 provided that Lamar University-Port Arthur be a beneficiary institution and receive money from the Higher Education Assistance Fund.

2. The General Appropriations Act of 1985 directed that a formula be developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide operational funding to Lamar University-Port Arthur on the same basis as other state-supported institutions of higher education.

Senate Bill 78 in 1989 removed restrictions imposed by earlier legislation on the acquisition of real estate and the construction of facilities on campus.

Senate Bill 843 in 1991 clarified the degree-granting authority by allowing Lamar University-Port Arthur to issue associate degrees in its own name.

On Sept. 1, 1995, the Texas Legislature dissolved the Lamar University System, and Lamar University-Port Arthur and its three sister institutions in Orange and Beaumont joined the Texas State University System, which is headquartered in Austin and also includes Sam Houston State University, Texas State University-San Marcos and Sul Ross State University.

House Bill 1297, signed June 1999, changed the name of the school to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Accreditation - (see page 186 for update)

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The College is approved by the Texas Education Agency for training veterans under all classifications. The College also is a member of, approved by, or accredited by the American Bar Association, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education...
Programs (CAAHEP), the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Department of Human Services, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Board of Nursing, the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/SSTSA), the U.S. Department of Education and the Veterans Administration.

Facilities

The campus contains 26 buildings situated on approximately 40 acres. Most of these facilities were donated for the creation of the institution, including contributions from Port Arthur College, the City of Port Arthur, the Port Arthur College Foundation, Southern Union Gas, the First United Methodist Church of Port Arthur and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Academic and Technical Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees. Courses for transfer to four-year institutions are offered in accounting, economics, anthropology, art, government, home economics, kinesiology, physics, history, speech, computer science, health, mathematics, psychology, biology, chemistry, geography, geology, sociology, criminal justice, music, drama, English, teaching and Spanish.

A student can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor’s degree.

A student can complete freshman and sophomore course work at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and be prepared to move into junior- and senior-level course work at a four-year institution.

The LSC-PA technical education curriculum includes programs in administrative assistant, commercial music: performance (session musician) commercial music: sound engineer, cosmetology, instrumentation technology, paralegal, medical office administration, process technology, network specialist, software developer, surgical technology, vocational nursing and upward mobility (registered) nursing.

These are two-year programs leading to associate of applied science degrees. Certificates of completion are also available to those students completing one-semester and one-year programs of study in most of these fields.

Entering Dates

Courses and schedules are arranged so students can enter the College at least four times each year. The calendar contains information on registration periods and starting dates.

Evening Classes

Classes offered after 4:30 p.m. are considered evening classes. Day and evening classes are taught by faculty with comparable credentials, and educational facilities are the same. Persons employed during the day may attend evening classes and study to obtain a degree or to expand their knowledge in a special field of interest.
Continuing Education

Lamar State College-Port Arthur recognizes that providing lifelong learning opportunities is an integral part of its primary mission of teaching and community service. Continuing Education courses and programs are an extension of the traditional college learning process, available to community residents in appropriate subject areas where there is sufficient interest.

Non-credit, continuing education courses are generally open to anyone who is 18 or older, with provision for enrolling younger students under certain conditions.

Courses may be offered where there are qualified instructors, suitable facilities on or off campus, and sufficient demand. Various instructional methods and techniques are used to accomplish the objectives of the courses, including lecture, laboratory practice, seminars, workshops, conferences, and presentation via the Internet.

The College welcomes suggestions and requests for non-credit courses. Contact the Dean of Academic Programs & Continuing Education, Room 121A MM (Madison Monroe) Building.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center provides help for students needing assistance with study skills or remediation in the areas of math, English and reading. Computer-aided tutorial programs and peer tutors are available to students.

The Center administers the THEA, COMPASS, the ASSET test battery, the ASE exam and other diagnostic tests.

Students are strongly encouraged NOT to bring cell phones to the Student Success Center. Cell phones are NOT ALLOWED in any of the testing facilities of the Student Success Center. Students who bring cell phones and wish to test MUST lock their cell phones in the cell phone cabinet provided for this purpose. Students not adhering to this policy will be asked to leave and test scores will be canceled. (This policy also applies to any other prohibited digital or electronic device.)
Gates Memorial Library

The Gates Memorial Library is one of the most attractive academic library buildings in Texas. The two-story Classical Revival building was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

After a major $2.1 million addition and renovation completed in 2004, the library now includes a 50-station open student computer lab, a quiet study carrel area, group study areas, a periodical reading room, extensive stack areas, individual audio-visual rooms, a multi-purpose conference room and expanded reference and access services areas. Plenty of soft seating inside the library complements an idyllic outside fountain garden surrounded by year-around patio seating.

The on-line public access catalog is available 24 hours a day on or off campus and is part of a system that automates the major library components.

The library is open 58 hours and five days per week during regular semesters.

Collections are developed in support of all of the college’s educational programs.

Materials are accessible in many formats, including paper, DVDs, CD-ROMs, videotapes and on-line. Through password authentication, students and faculty have continuous access to the library’s electronic holdings, from anywhere on or off campus.

The total volume count numbers more than 55,000. An e-book collection provides an additional 29,000 titles. The total periodical count numbers more than 38,000 subscriptions in both paper and electronic formats. Special areas feature a law collection, a textbook collection, a career collection, a children’s collection, a Texana collection, a rare book collection and a best-seller collection.
The Gates Library is a member of AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, which provides inter-library loan services to more than 400 libraries statewide and 20,000 libraries worldwide. Other affiliations included the Consortium of Academic Libraries and Learning Resources and TexShare, which provides on-site borrowing services for LSC-PA students and faculty at most academic libraries statewide. Students also may use their student ID to check out materials at Lamar University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College-Orange and the Port Arthur Public Library.

**The Museum of the Gulf Coast**

The Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St. in historic downtown Port Arthur, uses creative approaches and outstanding programs to tell the history of the Upper Gulf Coast and its rich cultural heritage.

The museum has grown into one of the most significant educational and tourist attractions in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Among its permanent exhibits are features on the geology and prehistory of the region, its earliest inhabitants, the first European contacts and the establishment of the oil industry.

The museum also features the Snell Gallery, which is dedicated to the decorative arts. Popular culture exhibits focus on figures such as Janis Joplin and the Big Bopper in the music world and Coach Jimmy Johnson and Babe Zaharias in sports.

A rotating exhibit gallery hosts several special exhibits each year.
The museum, which opened July 2, 1994, after seven years of fund-raising and planning, traces its origins to the chartering of the Port Arthur Museum in 1964.

In response to public interest and support the museum expanded its mission and collections over the years, outgrowing several locations in the process.

The three-story, 39,000-square-foot museum is operated by the Port Arthur Historical Society and is funded by the society, Lamar State College-Port Arthur and the City of Port Arthur.

**Small Business Development Center**

The Small Business Development Center supports economic development in Port Arthur, Groves, Nederland and Port Neches by providing counseling, training and technical assistance to owners and managers of new and existing small businesses.

The center offers confidential consulting on a variety of topics, including business plan preparation, finance sources, marketing, personnel actions, taxes and regulations. The center’s library provides additional information about many business fields.

During the past fiscal year, the center helped entrepreneurs start 11 new businesses, presented 47 seminars and saw 136 new clients. Nearly all SBDC services are free of charge.

The SBDC, 1401 Procter St., works in association with Lamar State College-Port Arthur, the University of Houston and the U.S. Small Business Administration.
Alumni Association

The Alumni Association, which includes former students, current and former employees and friends of the College, supports the school and provides six student scholarships every academic year. The group’s activities include an annual picnic with college employees and an annual banquet meeting in October.

The association traces its beginning to the Port Arthur College Alumni Association organized in 1917 and active until the early 1950s. In 1986, with the encouragement of Lamar-Port Arthur President Sam Monroe, former PACAA members, faculty and staff reactivated the group as the Lamar University-Port Arthur Alumni Association. The organization changed its name in 2000 to reflect the change of the institution’s name.

Alumni Association member and LSCPA supporter, Juliette “Dodo” George, welcomes New 2010-11 Seahawk Basketball team members.
Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation

Far-sighted leaders formed the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1973. Its purpose is to promote the arts, sciences and programs of Port Arthur College, which later became Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The foundation’s early role included assisting the College in acquiring property surrounding the campus and in making special contributions, such as providing $125,000 to purchase books for the Gates Memorial Library after city voters donated the library to the College.

The foundation’s current primary purpose is to administer more than $5 million in permanently endowed scholarships for Lamar State College-Port Arthur students. The awards bear the names of longtime community members, celebrities and local social and civic clubs, including Robert Rauschenberg, H.S. and Bernice B. Anderson, Lloyd and Joe Hayes, Sydalise Fredeman, G.W. Bailey and the Port Arthur Rotary Club.

A 15-member board of directors comprised of community and education leaders administers the foundation according to established by-laws. Lamar State College-Port Arthur receives applications for the foundation’s scholarships, which may be awarded based on academic merit, financial need or both.
Admission
Admission

Applicants seeking admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur must satisfy the admission requirements of the program of study they desire to enter. Applicants should be aware that there are different admission requirements for degree and certificate programs. Requests for application forms or admission information may be directed to: The Office of Admission and Records, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310. Academic policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and are updated. They may change during the course of an academic year. For further policy information or updates, see the Student Handbook or go to the Lamar State College-Port Arthur website (www.lamarpa.edu).

Prospective students may apply online via the Texas Common Application (www.applytexas.org), download an application at (My.Lamarpa.edu) or pick up forms during business hours on the third floor or the lobby information desk of the Student Center, 1600 Procter St.

Where to Apply for Admission

Go to www.ApplyTexas.org to apply online for admission and select Lamar State College-Port Arthur. Admission forms should be addressed to: Admission Office, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310.

How to Apply for Admission

1. Submit an application for admission on the official form. Go to www.ApplyTexas.org to apply online for admission and select Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
2. Have your complete high school transcript sent to the Admission & Records Office immediately after graduation. Partial transcripts before graduation may be submitted, but final certification of graduation is necessary. Credentials and documents should be addressed to: Admission Office, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310
3. See Admission Requirements for more information.

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Admission Requirements

Lamar State College-Port Arthur welcomes any student interested in education and personal improvement. As a two-year, lower-division component of The Texas State University System, the College offers educational opportunity to all citizens through an open-door policy that admits all students who can benefit from post-secondary education.

The College believes each individual student is important and welcomes students with diverse backgrounds and needs.

Beginning Freshmen

Students enrolling in college for the first time who fit one of these categories may apply for admission:

1. Graduates from an accredited high school;
2. Those who have earned a GED certificate;
3. Those who are at least 18 years of age and do not have a high school diploma or GED may be admitted upon individual approval of the appropriate Dean if it can be determined there is an ability to benefit for the students in the course of study they propose to enter;
4. Those younger than 18 who do not have a diploma or GED may be admitted upon the written recommendation of the principal or superintendent of their last high school.

Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to a particular degree or certificate program. Check the appropriate section of this bulletin to see if a particular program has special requirements. Beginning freshmen must submit a completed “Application for Admission” form, an official high school transcript or GED certificate and appropriate placement scores.

All beginning students must comply with requirements relating to the Texas Success Initiative (TSI).
– Transfer Students

Transfer applicants are considered for admission on the basis of their previous college records. Applicants must submit a completed “Application for Admission” form and official transcripts from all colleges previously attended. Transfer applicants must be in good standing with all institutions previously attended, regardless of the length of time in attendance and regardless of whether credit was earned. Students who transfer less than 18 college hours also must submit and meet the entrance requirements of a first-time in-college student.

Students on scholastic or disciplinary suspension from another institution must petition the appropriate Dean or the Vice President for Academic Affairs for individual approval. Contact the Admission Office for further information.

Students transferring from a Texas public college or university are subject to the same Texas Success Initiative requirements that apply to current students. (See the special TSI section for details). Therefore, transfer students from Texas public colleges and universities who began their college careers in the 1989 fall semester or later must have THEA or ASSET scores on file. Otherwise, enrollment will be limited to remedial and/or other courses which will not count toward graduation.

Students transferring from a non-Texas public college or university who began their college career in the 1989 fall semester or later and have not attended college since then must take the THEA or ASSET test prior to enrollment at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Credit earned at other accredited institutions will be considered for credit at Lamar State College-Port Arthur according to the following guidelines:

1. All general education transfer courses, whether passed, failed or repeated, are used in calculating the cumulative grade point average.
2. Acceptance to Lamar State College-Port Arthur does not constitute acceptance to a particular degree or certificate program.

Placement scores and developmental courses transferred by students from other regionally accredited Texas public institutions of higher education (IHE) will be honored for initial placement.

NOTE: Students who transfer from a regionally accredited private or independent IHE in Texas, or from a regionally accredited out-of-state IHE, and who satisfactorily completed (with a grade of “C” or better) college-level, non-remedial coursework, as determined by the College, are exempt from developmental education requirements.

– Former Students

Former students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur or its predecessors, who are not currently enrolled or who were not enrolled during the last calendar year, must submit a new application for admission. Students with unsettled financial debts to any Lamar-named school or incomplete records will not be allowed to register until the problems are resolved.

Students currently enrolled should follow the procedures for pre-registration as described by their advisors or instructors.

Proof of Residency and Texas Domicile

The Admission Office determines the residence status of students for the purpose of tuition as set forth by the Texas Education Code and the Rules and Regulations for Determining Status of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and college regulations. Students classified as Texas residents must provide documentation showing the applicant’s name (or parent’s name if residency is based on a parent) with a Texas residency and dated one year prior to registration, such as:

Chart I

Documentation to Support Establishing and Maintaining Domicile in Texas

The following documentation may be requested by the institution regarding a person’s responses to the Core Residency Questions. Documents that may be used as proof that:

1. The person or the dependent’s parent established domicile in Texas, and

2. The person or the dependent’s parent has maintained domicile in Texas continuously for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls, include but are not limited to the following:

A person to qualify for residency under this title shall provide the institution with a completed set of Core Residency Questions.
Chart II
Documentation to Support Establishing and Maintaining Domicile in Texas

The following documentation may be requested by the institution regarding a person’s responses to the Core Residency Questions. Documents that may be used as proof that:

(1) The person or the dependent’s parent established domicile in Texas, and

(2) The person or the dependent’s parent has maintained domicile in Texas continuously for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls, include but are not limited to the following:

Part A

Documents that may Support the Establishment of a Domicile in Texas and Maintenance of Domicile in Texas

1. SIGNIFICANT GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT
   a. An employer’s statement of dates of employment in Texas (beginning and current or ending dates) that encompass at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls.
   b. Other documents that show the person or the dependent’s parent, for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls:
      1) has been engaged in employment intended to provide an income to the person or allow the person to avoid the expense of paying another to perform tasks (as in child care) that is sufficient to provide at least one-half of the individual’s tuition and living expenses or represents an average of at least 20 hours per week; or
      2) is self-employed in Texas or is living off his/her earnings; or
      3) is primarily supported by public assistance in Texas.
   c. For a homeless person, written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies located in Texas that attest to the provision of services to the homeless person for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls.

2. SOLE OR JOINT MARITAL OWNERSHIP OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY
   Title to residential real property in Texas with documentation to verify 12 consecutive months of ownership immediately preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls, such as a Warranty Deed, with the person or the dependent’s parent having established and maintained domicile at that residence.

3. MARRIAGE TO A PERSON WHO HAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED DOMICILE IN TEXAS
   Marriage Certificate or Declaration of Registration of Informal Marriage with documentation to support that spouse has established and maintained domicile in Texas for the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date of the term in which the person enrolls.

4. OWNERSHIP OF A BUSINESS ENTITY
   Documents that evidence the organization of the business in Texas that reflect the ownership interest of the person or dependent’s parent, and the customary management of the business by the person or dependent’s parent without the intention of liquidation for the foreseeable future.
Part B

Documents that May Provide Support to a Claim of Residence in Texas for the 12 Consecutive Months Immediately Preceding the Census Date of the Term in which the Person Enrolls

1. Utility bills for the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date.
2. A Texas high school transcript for full senior year immediately preceding the census date.
3. A transcript from a Texas institution showing presence in the state for the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date.
4. A Texas driver’s license or Texas ID card that has not expired and, if it reflects an origination date, shows an origination date at least 12 months prior to the census date.
5. Cancelled checks that reflect a Texas residence for the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date.
6. A current credit report that documents the length and place of residence of the person or the dependent’s parent to be in Texas and the length of residence to be at least 12 consecutive months preceding the census date.
7. Texas voter registration card that was issued at least 12 months prior to the census date.
8. Pay stubs for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date, reflecting significant gainful employment in Texas.
9. Bank statements reflecting a Texas address for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date.
10. Written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies, attesting to the provision of services for at least the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date.
11. Lease or rental of residential real property in the name of the person or the dependent’s parent for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the census date.

Part C

Other Documents that May be Used to Lend Support To or Clarify an Individual’s Claim of Domicile or Residence, as Appropriate, in Texas

Among other documents that may be used to lend support to or clarify an individual’s claim of having established and maintained domicile or residence, as appropriate, in Texas are the following:

1. Tax return of the student or parent(s).
2. Visa, passport or other pertinent immigration documents.
3. Leave and Earnings Statements (LES).
4. Documents or statements to clarify answers to Core Residency Questions.
5. A Texas high school transcript to verify thirty-six months’ presence in the state and graduation from a Texas high school.
6. State or local licenses to conduct a business or practice a profession in this state.
International Student Admission

Students from other countries holding a visa other than a permanent resident visa are considered “International Students.” Applicants may be accepted for admission and a Form I-20 issued when all of these requirements are met:

a) application for admission;
b) official secondary school record and official college transcript (if applicable);
c) evidence of sufficient financial support for the academic year by submitting an I-134 (affidavit of support), an Immigration and Naturalization Services document; and
d) adequate proof of competency in English or a score of 500 or better on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, PO Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, U.S.A. Scores must be received directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS). Photocopies or student copies of test scores will not be accepted.

Transfer students who are out of status must file reinstatement for F-1 status with the Immigration and Naturalization Service before they can enroll. Students denied reinstatement will be administratively withdrawn from classes and will be subject to the refund policy in effect at the time of withdrawal.

In fulfillment of immigration regulations, a student must enroll in a full-time course of study that will lead to the attainment of specific educational objectives.

A full-time course load is defined as “a minimum of 12 semester hours.”

Application deadlines for students requiring I-20s are:
- Fall Semester – April 15
- Spring Semester – September 1
- Summer Sessions – January 15

International students must also present proof of adequate health insurance.
Internationals who plan to drive an automobile in the state of Texas must have liability insurance.

Special application forms and details on admission procedures at Lamar State College-Port Arthur may be secured by writing to the Office of Admission and Records.

High School Co-Enrollment

A student who has completed the sophomore year of high school may enroll in college-level courses upon the recommendation of the high school principal.

The per semester class load of such a student is limited. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may grant exceptions to the rule under special circumstances that indicate a student is capable of college-level work, based on factors such as grade-point average, ACT or SAT scores and other assessment indicators.

Students must comply with TSI requirements.

Tech Prep and Articulation

A student who earned college credit while in high school under Tech Prep or Articulation agreements may petition for the credit through the Dean of Technical Programs in Room 119A of the Madison Monroe Building.

Special Admission

A person age 18 or older may be exempt from the admission requirements and be admitted on “individual approval,” provided the admitting officer is convinced the applicant’s record shows ability to carry the College work assigned.

Students admitted on this condition are subject to the same policies and rules as all other students.

Senior 55+ Program

The Senior 55+ Program offers special financial incentives to people age 55 or older, who would like to take a course or courses for personal enrichment. The College may offer class sections that are specifically designed for participants in the program.

Seniors may also take other courses listed in the class schedule; registration for these classes will be contingent upon space available, with priority given to students seeking a certificate or degree.

Texas Higher Education Assessment Test

The Texas State Education Code requires that all students “...who enter public institutions of higher education in the fall of 1989 and thereafter must be tested for reading, writing and mathematics skills.” In response to this mandate, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency jointly developed the Texas Higher Education Assessment Test (THEA).

The Texas Success Initiative is an instructional program designed to ensure all students attending public institutions of higher education in Texas have the reading, mathematics and writing skills needed to perform effectively in college-level coursework. The program was developed in response to growing evidence in Texas and other states that significant numbers of college students and graduates lack some of these basic academic skills. THEA’s five components – diagnostic testing, advisement, placement, remediation and program
evaluation – are used to identify under-prepared students and assist them in attaining the skills necessary for success in college study.

– Additional THEA Information
Lamar State College-Port Arthur will evaluate all of developmental work completed by students transferring from other public institutions. It is the college's prerogative to accept or reject previous developmental work for the purposes of THEA remediation.

The THEA Test Registration Bulletin, which contains detailed information about the test, test dates and cost, is available in the Student Services Office and the Student Success Center.

The College is an authorized test center for the THEA Test.

Contact the Admission Advising Office for the latest THEA information.

A limited number of test fee waiver vouchers are available each year for people who have financial need. For information on eligibility, call the Financial Aid Office.

Assessment and Placement Requirements
Texas law requires that a student entering LSC-PA or any state college or university must take the THEA exam or an approved alternative test (such as COMPASS), for assessment and placement before registering for college-level classes. THEA, ASSET and COMPASS are given on the LSC-PA campus.

A student who does not pass one or more sections of THEA or an approved alternative is required to enroll in at least one of the corresponding developmental courses based upon placement scores.

Exceptions to the requirement to take THEA or approved alternative include a student who:
• has an ACT (taken within the last five years) composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on both the English and the mathematics tests;
• has an SAT score (taken within the last five years) with a combined and mathematics score of 1070 and a minimum of 500 on both the verbal and the mathematics tests;
• has an SAT score (taken within the last 5 years) with a combined math and verbal score of 1070, OR a minimum of 500 on EITHER the math OR verbal part of the test;
• has a TAKS (exit level) score of 2200 in math and/or 2200 in English/Language Arts (ELA) with a writing subscore of at least 3:
• achieved an exit-level score on the COMPASS or an approved alternative test;
• graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from a Texas public institution of higher education;
• transferred from an institution of higher education, from a private or independent institution of higher education or from an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and has satisfactorily completed college-level work as determined by the receiving institution;
• previously attended any Texas public institution and was determined to meet college-readiness standards by that institution;
• is enrolled in a Level-One Certificate program;
• is enrolled in a dual or concurrent credit course based on 10th-grade TAKS scores;
• is on active duty in the Armed Forces or Texas National Guard;
• currently serves, and has served for at least the three-year period preceding enrollment, as a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces;
• on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or the Texas National Guard;
• on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from service in a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces; or
• is non-degree or non-certificate seeking.

NOTE: All students, even those exempt from THEA as listed above, are subject to assessment and placement requirements before enrolling at LSC-PA.

Specific Course and Program Placement Policies

– Math and English Placement
All students intending to enroll in a college-level math and/or English composition course who are not TSI complete OR who are TSI complete but do not meet the course prerequisites are required to take a placement test. Students who do not achieve minimum placement scores on these exams must enroll in and pass appropriate developmental coursework in order to progress into college-level math and/or English composition courses. This requirement is subject to being waived [is subject to review] under special circumstances, such as the unavailability of appropriate developmental courses.
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230+ passed

**TAKS TEST**

2200+ For Placement assessment; placement tests other than TAKS are required.

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* Successful completion of MATH 0332, ENGL 0317, and ENGL 0302 qualifies the student for completion of the Texas Success Initiative. Placement into a remedial class is automatic unless appealed to the Programs Division Dean, who may authorize alternative remediation methods.

Placement into a math course above the College Algebra level may require additional testing.

**LSC-PA Developmental Education Plan**

Providing higher education opportunities to populations previously underserved is a distinguishing characteristic of two-year institutions. Lamar State College-Port Arthur exhibits this commitment through an open-door admissions policy. As a result, a wide range of pre-college level courses exists for those students who, for whatever reason, are not prepared for college-level work.

Students enrolled in developmental education courses are a diverse group. They vary in formal education, age, socio-economic status, cultural background and academic skills. They may also be at a disadvantage because of unrealistic career goals, poor self-image and/or previous academic failures.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is dedicated to providing "compensatory education programs designed to fulfill our commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds."

The College makes the following definitions:

1. “Developmental education” is remedial instruction that prepares students to successfully pursue college programs of education or training.

2. Developmental courses deal with knowledge and skills normally acquired at the secondary level.

The Developmental Education Department is a part of the Academic Programs Division. The Developmental Education Department chairperson is responsible for all developmental courses as well as for all activities in the Student Success Center.

**Developmental Education Courses**

The following constitute developmental courses at LSC-PA:

- MATH 0311 Developmental Mathematics
- MATH 0312 Fundamentals of Mathematics
- MATH 0313 Introductory Algebra
- MATH 0332 Intermediate Algebra
- ENGL 0300 Developmental Reading Skills
- ENGL 0301 Basic Reading Skills
- ENGL 0302 College Reading Skills
- ENGL 0309 Developmental Writing Skills
- ENGL 0310 Developmental Writing I
- ENGL 0317 Developmental Writing II
- LC 101 Individualized Instruction (reading)
- LC 102 Individualized Instruction (mathematics)
- LC 103 Individualized Instruction (writing)
- ESEL 0310 Developmental ESL Writing I
- ESEL 0317 Developmental ESL Writing II

**Developmental Education Completion Requirements**

1. A student completes a “required developmental education program” by complying with one of the following provisions.
   a. Passing the relevant section or sections of the THEA Test, a retest or an approved alternative test.
   b. Passing an approved developmental course or courses with a grade of “C” or better. Students who earn a grade of “C” or better will advance to the next level. Students who earn a “D” or “F” must repeat that course subject to all attendant conditions.
2. Students testing into any first-level developmental courses must be in remediation in the Student Success Center. The SSC requirement for any developmental course must be completed concurrently with that course, or a grade of “F” will be issued for the course. See an advisor for details.

3. If a student earns a “D” or “F” in a developmental course once and takes it a second time, the student must be enrolled in EDUC 1300 OR PSYC 1300 concurrently. If a student earns a “D” or “F” in a developmental course the second time, he/she must be in remediation in the Student Success Center. See an advisor for details.

Advising of Students Subject to Developmental Education Requirements

A student who has not completed all requirements of the Texas Success Initiative must receive academic advising from the Advising Office, until all remediation requirements are met.

Students are advised of assessment, placement and advising requirements during recruitment, admissions and the enrollment process. Upon completion of the Texas Success Initiative requirements, a student no longer is required to participate in advising in the Advising Office.

Continuous Remediation Requirement and Temporary Exemption

A student is required to be in continuous remediation until passing the THEA Test or an approved alternative test. This means a student must remain in at least one developmental course until TSI complete.

Exiting Remediation

Students may retake COMPASS with no waiting period with the approval of the testing administrator to determine their readiness to perform college-level academic coursework. However, students who do not score high enough on such a placement test must enroll in and complete the prescribed developmental course or sequence of courses. Students who pass placement tests on this campus during a semester must fulfill the requirements of the course(s) in which they are enrolled.

Students who fail into first-level remediation on the assessment exam must participate in continuous remediation in the Student Success Center, in addition to enrolling in the appropriate developmental course(s).

Developmental Course Repetition

A student who enrolls for a second time in the same developmental course must enroll concurrently in EDUC 1300 and/or the corresponding Student Success Center lab.

If a student earns a “D” or “F” again, but passed EDUC 1300, the student will continue in the SSC lab until both the course and lab are passed concurrently.

After a student exceeds the state’s maximum of 27 semester hours of remedial courses, the College may charge an additional fee for further remedial courses.

A student must place into a college-level course or successfully complete the developmental sequence that precedes the required college-level course before enrolling in that course.

Attendance in Developmental Courses

Students enrolled in developmental courses are expected to follow the attendance requirements outlined in the course syllabus and complete all assignments and testing. Instructors may drop a student with a grade of “F” for failure to follow the attendance policy, failure to complete assigned work and/or failure to complete all required testing.
Distance Education

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers online, blended, and off-campus courses to make the pursuit of degrees and certificates more accessible for students who may find it difficult to attend regular on-campus classes.

Off-campus courses are available in the evening for the general public on area high school campuses, and co-enrollment courses for high school students are offered on some high school campuses.

Blended courses (also called hybrids) are offered partly online and partly on campus. This option provides increased flexibility to expand learning beyond the traditional lecture classes. Students and instructors meet in the traditional classroom format, usually for two hours per week, with the remaining coursework delivered electronically.

Online courses offer the most convenience and flexibility by providing internet delivery of all course content, exams, assignments, activities, and communication with the instructor.

Academic, technical, and developmental courses are available online, but students should be familiar with and have reliable access to the internet before enrolling in online or blended courses.

Students should also be aware that to succeed in these classes they need to be motivated to learn, responsible, and very well organized. If students are unsure or want to learn more about Distance Learning classes, they should contact the Distance Learning Coordinator.

Before signing up for a distance education course, ask yourself if the following descriptions apply to you:

- Self-Starter — no one has to tell me when to do my schoolwork.
- Motivated — I feel a strong desire to accomplish whatever I put my mind to.
- Organized — I am a planner and can schedule things so most get done.
- Goal-Oriented — I like to set goals for myself and follow through.
- Computer-Friendly — I am very comfortable using a computer and have few problems.
- Assertive — If I need help, I’m not afraid to seek out answers.
- Good Writer — I can communicate well in writing.
- Good Reader — I can read with understanding and assimilate large amounts of information.

If most of these describe you, then you probably can succeed in and benefit from taking an on-line course.

Advisement Services

Student advisement is an integral part of the Texas Success Initiative program.

Students are encouraged to discuss the THEA test and compliance with an admission advisor for proper testing referral prior to enrollment and to utilize academic advisement services on campus.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers a number of support services designed to assist students in understanding the TSI and meeting its requirements.

Placement

As noted earlier in this catalog, students should not enroll in courses for which they are not academically prepared.

Students who are deficient in any basic skill will be placed in an appropriate developmental program designed to remedy the deficiency. Until the deficiency is eliminated, students may be prohibited from enrolling in certain credit courses. Students should consult an academic advisor for a list of courses which pre-require a passing score on the THEA or an approved alternative test.

Developmental Education & The Student Success Center

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers developmental courses to assist students with basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.

The Student Success Center also provides tutorial services, web-based learning systems, computers and printers for student use and administers make-up exams for all departments.

Orientation Courses

Students enrolled in a developmental course and who have not completed 15 semester hours of college-level work are required to enroll in and complete EDUC 1100 (Orientation to College) or PSYC 1100 (Learning Framework), which provide an introduction and orientation to college and assist the student in making adequate social and personal adjustments to college life and the factors affecting learning and success.

Opportunities are provided that allow the students to develop educational and career goals, as well as becoming familiar with institutional curricula and policies. Time management, note taking, and preparing for exams also are stressed.

EDUC 1100 also is highly recommended for all students in their first semester.

A grade of “C” must be earned to meet the institutional requirement; otherwise, the course must be repeated. The course counts as elective credit toward a degree or certificate, and the grade earned is computed in the student’s grade point average.
Change of Address or Name

Students are responsible for all communications addressed to them at the address on file in the Office of Admission and Records. Students who move during a semester must immediately register a change of address in the Office of Admission and Records.

Change of name due to marriage, or correction of name because of spelling errors, may be made by completing a name change card at the Admission and Records Office. All name changes must be accompanied by a copy of the legal document making the name change official.

Graduates of Non-Accredited High Schools

Applicants who did not graduate from an accredited high school may be admitted if they (1) graduated in the upper two-thirds of their class, (2) score 700 or above on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and (3) have the recommended high school preparation credits, or by individual approval provided the admitting officer is convinced that the applicant’s record indicates ability to carry the College work assigned.

Ability to Benefit

Students entering Lamar State College-Port Arthur without passing the General Educational Development Test (GED), receiving a high school diploma, or a post-secondary degree must show the ability to benefit from the course of study they are pursuing.

These students must show the ability to benefit from the course of study they are pursuing by passing an independently administered test approved by the Secretary of the Department of Education before enrollment.

The College administers tests approved by the Department of Education to students who have been accepted for admission but have not yet enrolled in classes. The ASSET, COMPASS or other appropriate DOE-approved tests are administered by the Student Success Center to determine placement in classes and the ability to benefit from programs offered by the College.

Contact the Admission Advisors Office for more information on the ASSET test.

Out-of-State Students

Consult the Residency Coordinator in Admission and Records concerning legal requirements for eligibility of tuition at the in-state rate. Louisiana students should inquire in the Records Office concerning the reciprocity agreement.

Freshman Orientation and Registration

A series of freshman orientation and registration programs are scheduled during the summer. These small group sessions are designed to acquaint new students with campus facilities and services, and to give each student an opportunity to confer with key advising staff and departmental faculty/mentors about an academic or technical program.

Participation is optional, but is strongly recommended.

Registration for the fall semester is completed at this time and tuition and fees may be paid. Books may be purchased or reserved.

Attendance at each session is limited, so advance reservations are strongly encouraged.

Details of the program, including available dates and reservation forms, are sent out following issuance of acceptance notices. Reservations should be requested early so a convenient date may be selected. Parents are invited to attend and participate.

Similar programs are available to new students entering the spring semester.

Transfer of Credit

Credit earned at another accredited institution is acceptable for transfer and may be used to meet degree requirements, provided the courses are applicable to the program and curriculum in which the student enrolls. A transcript evaluator is employed by the College and the instructional deans may be consulted to make a final determination in order to ensure the integrity of programs of study. The following sections detail criteria used for acceptance of transfer credit.

In order to graduate, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average on all work in the respective degree plan.

Grades from other institutions are recorded as received. No grade is changed.

Credit for Military Experience

Lamar State College-Port Arthur follows, with limitation, the recommendations of the American Council on Education as published in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces in granting credit for military service schools. Students who completed one year of active duty in the United States Armed Forces may be given academic credit to meet the minimum PE credits in the core curriculum. For consideration of credit for military service schools, applicants may submit the following records to the Office of Admission & Records:
1. a certified original of the DD form 295, or
2. a copy of the DD form 214, or
3. course completion certificates.

**Academic “Fresh Start”**

Applicants seeking transfer admission and who have academic credits or grades earned 10 or more years prior to the semester in which enrollment is sought may elect to seek entry under the terms of Academic “Fresh Start.”

Under this policy the applicant may petition Lamar State College-Port Arthur to not consider, in the admission process, course credits or grades earned 10 years or prior. Applicants seeking entry under this section will not receive any credit for courses taken 10 or more years prior to enrollment.

Applicants applying under Academic “Fresh Start” are subject to all standard admission and testing criteria applicable to persons seeking admission.

**Transfer Dispute Resolution Guidelines**

The following guidelines and definitions are established to clarify and enhance paragraph (6) of Chapter 5, Subchapter S, Section 5.4 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule pertaining to Transfer Curricula and Resolution of Transfer

**Disputes for Lower-Division Courses**

- **General Provisions**

  All lower division academic courses shall be fully transferable to public institutions and must count toward the same degree at any public college or university in Texas.

- **Requirements and Limitations**

  (a) Each institution of higher education shall identify in its undergraduate catalog each lower division course that is substantially equivalent to an academic course listed in the current edition of the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual.”

  (b) Each university must identify at least 45 semester credit hours of academic courses that are substantially equivalent to courses listed in the “Community College General Academic Course Guide Manual” including those that fulfill the lower-division portion of the institution’s Core Curriculum.

  (c) All public colleges and universities must accept transfer of credit for successfully completed courses identified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section as applicable to an associate or baccalaureate degree in the same manner as credit awarded to non-transfer students in that major.

  (d) Each institution must accept in transfer into a baccalaureate degree the number of lower division credit hours in a major which are allowed for non-transfer students in that major; however,

  1. No institution is required to accept in transfer more credit hours in a major than the number set out in the applicable Coordinating Board-approved Transfer Curriculum for that major, as prescribed by the current issue of the Coordinating Board’s guide to transfer curricula and transfer of credit, Transfer of Credit Policies and Curricula.

  2. In any major for which there is no Coordinating Board approved Transfer Curriculum, no institution is required to accept in transfer more lower division course credit in the major applicable to a baccalaureate degree than the institution allows their non-transfer students in that major.

  3. A university may deny the transfer of credit in courses with a grade of “D” as applicable to a student’s field of study courses, core curriculum courses, or major.

  (e) All senior institutions of higher education in Texas must provide support services for transfer students equivalent to those provided to non-transfer students regularly enrolled at the institutions, including an orientation program for transfer students equivalent to that provided for entering freshman enrollees.

  (f) No university is required to accept in transfer or toward a degree, more than sixty-six (66) semester credit hours of academic credits earned by community college student. Universities, however, may choose to accept additional credit hours.

**Penalty for Noncompliance with Transfer Rules**

If the Coordinating Board determines that an institution inappropriately or unnecessarily required a student to retake a course that is substantially equivalent to a course already taken at another institution, in violation of the provisions of Section 5.391 of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules and Regulations (related to Requirements and Limitations), formula funding for credit hours in the repeated course will be deducted from the institution’s appropriations.

**Resolution of Transfer Disputes for Lower-Division Courses**

(a) The following procedures shall be followed by institutions of higher education in the resolution of credit transfer disputes involving lower-division courses:

1. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a student at another institution of higher education, the receiving institution shall give written notice to the student and to the sending institution that transfer of the course credit is denied, and shall include in that notice the reasons for
denying the credit. Attached to the written notice shall be the procedures for resolution of transfer disputes for lower-division courses as outlined in this section, accompanied by clear instructions outlining the procedure for appealing the decision to the Commissioner.

(2) A student who receives notice as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection may dispute the denial of credit by contacting a designated official at either the sending or the receiving institution.

(3) The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the course credit in accordance with Board rules and guidelines.

(4) If the transfer dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student or the sending institution within 45 days after the date the student received written notice of denial, the sending institution may notify the Commissioner in writing of the request for transfer dispute resolution, and the institution that denies the course credit for transfer shall notify the Commissioner in writing of its denial and the reasons for the denial.

(a) The Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall make the final determination about a dispute concerning the transfer of course credit and give written notice of the determination to the involved student and institutions.

(c) Each institution of higher education shall publish in its course catalogs the procedures specified in subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of this section.

(d) The Board shall collect data on the types of transfer disputes that are reported and the disposition of each case that is considered by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee.

(e) If a receiving institution has cause to believe that a course being presented by a student for transfer from another school is not of an acceptable level of quality, it should first contact the sending institution and attempt to resolve the problem. In the event that the two institutions are unable to come to a satisfactory resolution, the receiving institution may notify the Commissioner, who may investigate the course. If its quality is found to be unacceptable, the Board may discontinue funding for the course.

“Disputes vs. Problems”

Problems that occur during the transfer process will not always be categorized as disputes, and will not follow dispute procedures and guidelines. Problems are clearly within the jurisdiction of the receiving institution.

Problems may include, but are not limited to these situations:

- A student may lose credit hours or have to take additional, lower-level credit hours when he or she changes majors.
- Students may not decide which upper-level/senior institution they will attend to complete their degree until after they have completed significant lower-level coursework. Courses taken may not apply or transfer to the institution selected.
- A student may take more than 66 lower-level credit hours.
- A student may have received unsatisfactory grades in lower-level courses.
- The student may take vocational, technical, developmental or remedial courses that are not defined as general academic courses.
- Compliance with external accrediting agencies, newly enacted legislation, and changes in Texas Education Agency or Coordinating Board regulations may invalidate courses students have already completed.
- Students may take more credit hours in a course category than will transfer. Examples include activity hours in physical education, choir, band, etc.
- Institutions may not accept work that is considered too old.
- The student may repeat courses to raise grade point averages. Duplicate credit would not be accepted.

Former Students Returning From Another Institution

Returning students who have not been in attendance for one calendar year must file for readmission by submitting the standard admission application form.

A former student who attended another college must submit a complete transcript of all work done subsequent to the last date of attendance at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and to meet the academic requirements for other transfer students outlined in this bulletin. The regular application for admission must be submitted.

Credit by Examination

Lamar State College-Port Arthur awards college credit for successful performance in these examination programs: College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), ACT, and SAT I tests. Credit through any of the examinations listed in this section is awarded when the student has completed an enrollment term at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and has earned an amount of resident credit equal to the hours earned by examination. By law, students may receive only three semester hours of credit in U.S. history and three semester hours credit in government through credit by examination.

Applicants who wish to receive credit for college-level work completed in high school may do so by submitting their scores on the College Board's Advanced Placement Examinations. Testing arrangement are made by high school counselors.
Subject matter areas and the basis for granting credits for Advanced Placement courses are as follows:

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<td>Biology</td>
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<td>MATH 2312 &amp; 2413, or MATH 1324 and 1325, or MATH 2312 &amp; 2313</td>
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<td>CHEM 1405 &amp; 1407</td>
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<td>CHEM 1411 &amp; 1412</td>
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<td>Economics - Macro</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>ECON 2301</td>
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<td>Economics - Micro</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>ECON 2302</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>ENGL 1301</td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>ENGL 1301 &amp; 1302</td>
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<tr>
<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>6 hours of foreign language</td>
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<td>Foreign Literature</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>12 hours of foreign language</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>GOVT 2301 or 2302</td>
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<tr>
<td>History (U.S.)</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>HIST 1301 or 1302</td>
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Credit is awarded for most CLEP subject examinations. A list of subjects for which credit can be awarded is available from the Admission Office or the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Credit will not be awarded for the CLEP General Examinations.

Credit will be granted in composition, government, history and mathematics for students presenting the following minimum ACT Standard Scores:

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<td>English</td>
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<td>Reading</td>
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Credit earned through the ACT will be recorded on the transcript after a student earns an equal amount of credit at Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The student must petition the Registrar for ACT credit. ACT scores are valid for credit-by-exam for five years.

Credit will be granted in English and Mathematics for student with the following minimum score on the SAT I Reasoning Test:

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<th>SAT Scores</th>
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<th>Semester Hours</th>
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<td>Critical Reading: 590</td>
<td>ENGL 1301</td>
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<td>Math: 600</td>
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<td>Math: 630</td>
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Credit earned for the SAT will be granted in composition and mathematics after a student earns an equal amount of credit at LSCPA. The student must petition the Registrar for SAT credit. SAT scores are valid for credit-by-exam for five years.
Office Administration

A maximum of 18 semester credit hours may be awarded to students pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Administrative Assistant who passed all parts of the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) examination. A student wishing to receive credit must submit an application to the chair of the Business and Technology Department after completing 18 semester hours of college-level work at Lamar State College-Port Arthur that applies to the AAS Degree in Administrative Assistant.

If granted, credit will be awarded for ACNT 1303, POFT 1301, POFT 1313, POFT 2301, POFT 1309 and IITSW 1301. The student must be in good standing and TSI-compliant at the time the credit is posted to the transcript. Credit for coursework awarded through this program will not replace the grades earned in these same courses if they were taken previously at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Cosmetology

A maximum of 20 semester hours may be awarded to a student pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Cosmetology Instructor if the student is a licensed cosmetology instructor in good standing in the State of Texas. Students also must have a minimum of two years teaching experience in the field in an institution accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501).

A student wishing to receive credit must submit an application to the Dean of Technical Programs after completing 12 semester hours of college-level work at Lamar State College-Port Arthur that applies to the A.A.S. degree in Cosmetology Instructor.

If granted, credit must be awarded for CSME 1534, CSME 2514, CSME 2515 and CSME 2544. Credit for coursework awarded through this program will not replace the grades earned in these courses if they were taken previously at the College.

Surgical Technology

Students seeking Associate Degree in Surgical Technology who are certified through the National Board of Surgical Technologists and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) may be awarded credit for certain Surgical Technology courses. A student wishing to receive credit must submit an application to the Allied Health Department after completing 18 semester hours of college-level work at Lamar State College-Port Arthur that applies to the AAS degree in Surgical Technology.

If granted, credit will be awarded for SRGT 1301, SRGT 1505, SRGT 1509 and SRGT 1360. The student must be in good standing and TSI-compliant at the time the credit is posted to the transcript.

International Students

International students are entitled to all student services and programs for which they are eligible according to law and definition. The College reserves the right to establish policies for selected groups of students if the policies are in the students’ and the institution’s best interest. Applicants will be carefully screened for academic excellence, English proficiency, adequate health, and financial self-sufficiency.

International students are encouraged and expected to participate in student activity and organizational programs so as to experience more fully the culture and lifestyles of southeast Texas. It is the student’s responsibility to integrate into the campus environment; however, the College provides an atmosphere conducive to acceptance of internationals and affords them every opportunity to succeed.

Since the presence of international students also entails responsibility for the College in meeting certain distinctive needs, it is imperative that adequate provision be made for doing so. The College recognizes this responsibility by setting entrance and exit standards for its non-native English speakers that take into account the minimum language skills necessary for success in academic work as well as the minimum standards that a diploma from the College represents.

For international students to achieve their educational objectives, certain academic services are essential. The College provides facilities and staff to meet those needs. Moreover, the College recognizes that English language proficiency, and not citizenship or immigration status alone, is a key criterion in determining and meeting the needs of students for whom English is a second language.
LSCPA - Distinguished Lecture Series – Spring 2011 featured the renowned Jack Hanna, Naturalist, Adventurer, and Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo & Host of *Jack Hanna’s Into the Wild*, the Emmy Award Winning Television Series
LSCPA Seahawk tours campus to build school spirit and to remind students to check their “My.Lamarpa.edu” account daily for critical registration, fee, financial aid and other valuable campus notifications.  GO SEAHAWKS!!!!!!!
Fees and Expenses

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is based on the number of hours for which the student registers. It is determined by the student’s classification as a Texas resident, a non-resident U.S. citizen or a non-resident who is a citizen of another country. Students also are responsible for paying several fees that support college services and programs.

The current tuition rate for a Texas resident student is $50 per semester credit hour. The rate for a non-resident student is $340 per semester credit hour.

A designated tuition fee of $44 per semester credit hour is also charged for both resident and non-resident students.

Students are responsible for registering under the proper residency classification.

Questions concerning determination of residency should be directed to the Vice President for Student Services.

A student is not registered until tuition and fees are paid in full. Payment may be made by check, electronic check, money order, currency or credit/debit card (MasterCard or Visa).

Checks and money orders, not in excess of total fees, should be made payable to Lamar State College-Port Arthur and will be accepted subject to final payment unless the student chooses the installment agreement payment plan for the fall and spring semesters or for summer semester students enrolled in 12 hours for the single 12-week summer semester.

Summary of Registration Expenses

Each student must plan a budget carefully. It is possible to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur on a modest sum and yet participate in most of the College programs. To assist in planning expenses, the following estimate is furnished as a guide.

Texas residents taking a 15 semester hour course load:

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Total: $2,752.25 + lab fees

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Total: $1,217.50 + lab fees

Tuition and general use fees vary with the semester hours carried so the total may differ from this estimate.

* Parking fees may be less than $40. See the details under “Summary of Fees” in this section.
My.Lamarpa.edu Account

**NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:**

Lamar State College-Port Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your My.Lamarpa.edu account DAILY. If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.

**Tuition Exemptions for Valedictorians**

The valedictorian in the graduating class of a fully-accredited Texas high school is exempt from tuition for two regular semesters immediately following graduation.

Details may be obtained from the Admission Advising Office.

**Tuition Exemptions for Veterans**

Persons who were citizens of Texas when they entered the U.S. Armed Forces, the armed forces, and who no longer are eligible for educational benefits provided for veterans of the United States, are exempt from tuition and laboratory fees. This applies to those who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War and were honorably discharged.

To obtain this exemption, necessary papers must be presented prior to registration and approval obtained from the Office of Veterans’ Affairs. The above exemption also extends to wives, children and dependents of members of the Armed Forces who were killed in action or died while in the service during World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War.

Students who expect to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur under some veterans benefit plan should contact the office of Veterans’ Affairs 60 to 90 days prior to registration.

The Office of Student Financial Aid advises veterans on program and training opportunities, academic assistance and counseling. Veterans interested in further information should visit this office in the Student Center.

**Tuition Exemptions for Louisiana Residents**

In accordance with H.B. 1836 enacted in 1995 by the Texas Legislature, the Texas non-resident tuition fee will not apply to any resident of Louisiana who registers at Lamar State College-Port Arthur. A Louisiana resident enrolling at the College shall pay tuition and fees equivalent to the amount charged a Texas resident. In no case will the Louisiana resident pay less than the Texas resident tuition and fees. Proof of residency must be provided and approved to be eligible for this exemption.

**Summary of Fees**

LSC-PA students will be charged an Administrative Computer Fee, a Student Service Fee and an Endowed Scholarship Fee in addition to tuition. The amount of these fees varies based on the number of semester hours a student is taking.

Other fees, such as a Student Center Fee, a Recreational Sports Fee, a Transcript Fee and those for student photo identification and late registration, are for fixed amounts. Descriptions of common fees appear below.

The College reserves the right to change fees in keeping with acts of the Texas Legislature and The Texas State University System Board of Regents.

**– Administrative Computer Use Fee**

This fee primarily supports both the administrative mainframe computer and the academic mainframe computer. The current rate is $17 per semester credit hour.

**– Athletics Fee**

This fee supports the College’s intercollegiate athletic programs’ administration, staffing and activities related to participation in NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) competition. The College currently competes in Division I men’s basketball and women’s softball.

The current rate is $8.75 per credit hour in fall and spring semesters and $4.38 per credit hour during summer terms.
- **Endowed Scholarship Fee**
  This fee will establish a Student Endowment Scholarship Fund. The current rate is $1 per semester credit hour.

- **Laboratory Fees**
  A $2 fee is charged each semester for courses with a combined lecture and laboratory credit from one to three semester hours. The laboratory fee is $4 per semester for courses that have four or more credit hours credit.

- **Late Registration Fee**
  A charge of $10 is made for late registration.

- **Library Fee**
  This $4 per credit hour fee is used to support a portion of the operations of the Gates Memorial Library.

- **Matriculation Fee**
  A matriculation fee of $20 will be incurred by students who withdraw prior to the first day of class. This $20 fee will be deducted from refunds.

- **Parking Fees**
  Charges for parking on campus are made at registration. Automobile registration fees are: Fall Semester, $40; Spring Semester, $35; Summer Session I, $30; Summer Session II, $25. Parking fees paid allow the use of designated parking facilities on the Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus only.

- **Property Deposit**
  A one-time fee of $10 is used toward any damaged equipment or property of the College. Students may fill out a form in the Finance Office to petition for refund at the time of formal graduation or withdrawal.

- **Recreational Sports Fee**
  This fee supports the operations of the Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center. The current rate is $24 for each long semester and $12 for each short semester.

- **Reinstatement Fee**
  A student seeking reinstatement to the College after withdrawing without paying the full amount of tuition and fees due, or after having been denied credit for work done for failure to pay an installment payment or late payment fee must pay a $50 reinstatement fee plus the past due installment payments and late payment fees. A $50 fee also will be charged for classes dropped for non-payment. This fee will be applied only to students who re-enroll for that same term.

- **Student Center Fee**
  This fee supports the programs, administration, staffing and services related to the Student Center and its programs. The current rate is $27 per long semester and $13 per summer session.

- **Student Photo Identification**
  All students must buy a student photo identification card. The Student ID fee is $5 and is good for two years. Students must carry their ID cards at all times while on campus. If the Student ID is lost or stolen, a replacement card may be purchased. Student IDs are required for use of college facilities and to attend college functions.

- **Student Returned Check Fees**
  A student is automatically suspended from the College if a check is returned unpaid. The student may re-enter upon redemption of the check plus payment of the returned check fee of $25 and any late fees associated with the payment.

- **Student Service Fee**
  This fee supports student activities such as student organizations, extracurricular activities and other administrative student support services. The current rate is $28 per credit hour.

- **Transcript Fee**
  A $5 Transcript Fee is charged at the beginning of each semester a student attends the College. Upon official request, students will receive copies of their transcript in the future at no charge. Students previously paid $5 for each transcript.
Student Health Insurance

All full-time students enrolled in the College are eligible to purchase health and accident insurance. Coverage may be purchased for an entire year or on a semester basis and is available to students only or students and their dependents. The fees for the year may be paid upon enrollment or during the academic year. A brochure explaining the coverage, cost and benefits is available in the Student Activities Office. Proof of health and accident insurance is required of all foreign students and all participants in intramural/recreational sports programs.

Miscellaneous Fees

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* NOTE: After a student exceeds the state-mandated limit of 27 semester hours of remedial courses, the College may charge an additional fee for further remedial courses.

* NOTE: Students may be charged out-of-state fees for courses repeated more than twice.

Installment Agreement

By law (House Bill 1147), students can pay certain fees in installments during the Fall and Spring semesters only. Options and applicable service charges are:

- Payable upon registration 1/2
- Payable by 6th class week 1/4
- Payable by 11th class week 1/4
- Service Charge $20
- Penalty for each delinquent payment $15

House Bill 1212 allows students the option to pay in installments for a 12-week Summer term. Payment options are:

- Payable upon registration 1/2
- Payable by 5th class week 1/4
- Payable by 9th class week 1/4

The same service charges and delinquent payment penalty will apply as in Fall and Spring semesters.

For more information, call the Finance Office at 984-6127 or 984-6126.

A payment schedule for the optional payment plan is available upon request.

Withdrawal and Student Financial Responsibility

Withdrawing from the College does not relieve a student of financial obligations under the Installment Payment Agreement or for any student loans as these are the student’s legal financial commitments. Refunds will be processed in accordance with the published schedule. Withdrawing from the College must be done with an advisor in order for the student to receive any refund.

Dropping Courses

All students who drop courses during the first 12 class days of the Fall or Spring semester, or within the first four days of a Summer Session, and remain enrolled, will receive a tuition and fees refund for that particular course or courses. The Finance Office will begin processing refunds two weeks after the 12th class day.

Refund of Tuition & Fees

Refund percentages are based on the amount of total fees, not on the amount paid. Any student officially withdrawing will receive a refund on tuition, student service, laboratory, building and general use and private lesson fees paid and/or obligated. The refund process will begin on Tuesday night following the first class day for 100 percent withdrawals and Tuesday night of the second week following the 20th (Spring/Fall) and 6th (Summer) class days down to 25 percent withdrawals.

Percentages are according to the following schedule:

1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent. (less $20 matriculation fee).
2. During the five class days, 80 percent of total fees.
3. During the second five class days, 70 percent of total fees.
4. During the third five class days, 50 percent of total fees.
5. During the fourth five class days, 25 percent of total fees.
6. No refunds after the fourth five class days.

Semester Length – 5 to 8 weeks
1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less $20 matriculation fee).
2. During the first, second or third class day, 80 percent of total fees.
3. During the fourth, fifth or sixth class day, 50 percent of total fees.
4. Seventh class day and after, none.

Semester Length – 4 weeks
1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less $20 matriculation fee).
2. During the first and second class days, 80 percent.
3. During the third and fourth class days, 50 percent.
4. Fifth class day and after, none.

Semester Length – 2-3 weeks
1. Prior to the first class day, 100 percent (less $20 matriculation fee).
2. On the first class day, 80 percent.
3. On the second class day, 50 percent.
4. Third class day and after, none.

Refunds for Students Receiving Federal Financial Aid

Students who withdraw prior to completing 60 percent of the semester and who are receiving or have received financial assistance (grants, loans, scholarships), all or a portion of the aid received will be returned to the appropriate financial aid source.

Students who withdraw before completing 60 percent of a semester must repay unused aid to the federal government and Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Recipients who withdraw before the 60 percent point in the semester will have returns calculated according to the Return of Federal Title IV Guidelines.

During the 2011-12 academic year, 60 percent of the session is complete on:
- Fall 2011 – October 27
- Spring 2012 – April 2
- Summer I 2012 – June 25
- Summer II 2012 – August 1

All other applicable refunds will be calculated according to the Refund Policy as outlined in the above schedule.

In allotting the refunds to specific programs, the College will practice a “Fixed Priority Allocation.” The list below indicates the priority in which programs will be refunded. The full amount received under each program is returned in the priority order until the refund amount is exhausted.

The amount returned to a specific program cannot exceed the amount the student received from that program. The Director of Student Financial Aid may exercise professional judgment in exceptions to the distribution hierarchy policy.
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### Refund Priority
1. Federal Pell Grant
2. SEOG
3. Federal Student loans, other Title IV programs
4. LEAP
5. TPEG short-term loans
6. TPEG
7. Other State FA programs
8. Departmental budgeted funds
9. Restricted scholarship funds

### Tuition Rebates for Students Earning a Bachelor’s Degree
Students who earn a bachelor’s degree from a Texas University may qualify for a tuition rebate of up to $1,000 if they earned no more than three semester hours of credit beyond what is required for their degree.
Although the rebate is not granted to students earning a certificate of completion or associate degree, students may qualify if they later transfer their credits to a university and complete a baccalaureate degree.

To be eligible, all four of the following criteria must be met:

• The student must have enrolled for the first time in a higher education institution in the fall 1997 semester or later.
• The student must request a rebate for work related to a first baccalaureate degree received from a Texas public university.
• The student must have been a resident of Texas, must have attempted all coursework at a Texas public higher education institution and have been entitled to pay resident tuition at all times while pursuing the degree.
• Students must have attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree under the catalog under which they were graduated. Hours attempted include transfer credits, credit by examination, courses dropped after the official census date, for-credit developmental courses, optional internship and cooperative education courses and repeated courses. Courses dropped for reasons determined by the institution to be totally beyond the control of the student will not be counted. Co-enrollment and ROTC course hours do not account against this program.

Students who transfer to a Texas university to complete a bachelor's degree are responsible for providing the university with official transcripts from all institutions attended previously. Rebate request forms and details about the program are available through the university granting the baccalaureate degree.
Financial Aid & Scholarships
Financial Aid and Scholarship Awards

Financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and employment is available to a number of qualified students. Information about available scholarships and eligibility requirements can be obtained from the Admission Advising Office.

Eligibility criteria and information about grants, loans and the college work-study program can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

Both offices are on the third floor of the Student Center, 1600 Procter Street.

Individual student financial aid information is available on-line at the college’s website: My.LamarPA.edu.

When and How to Apply

Lamar State College-Port Arthur requires all students applying for grants, loans or college work-study employment to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the LSC-PA Financial Aid Supplement to determine the degree of need.

Both applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. Processing requires four to six weeks, so students planning to meet the April 1 deadline should file applications by mid-February.

The College considers an applicant’s degree of need before awarding financial aid. Continuing students must meet academic progress criteria according to standards established by federal regulations for continued eligibility.

The amount and type of assistance is determined by the Financial Aid Office. Notification of awards is mailed during late spring and early summer.

The College will continue to award aid as long as funds are available. However, the most desirable types of aid normally are expended early. So, students should make every effort to meet the April 1 deadline.

Students applying for scholarships must complete the Application for Scholarship for Lamar State College-Port Arthur that is available in the Admission Office. High school seniors should meet the April 1 deadline to be given first priority. All other scholarship applicants should meet the June 15 deadline for the following academic year.

Minimum Qualifications

Scholarship awards to entering freshmen are determined by the applicant’s high school class rank and/or financial need. Scholarship awards for upperclassmen are determined by their cumulative grade point average at the college level. Scholarship applicants must have at least a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible for a college administered scholarship.

Those applying for need-based grants, loans or work-study employment must have their eligibility established by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Freshmen may be able to obtain required forms from their high school counselors or directly from the Financial Aid Office, 1600 Procter Street.

Students currently enrolled at Lamar State College-Port Arthur may obtain the forms from the Admission Advisors Office in the Student Center. Students must re-apply each year for consideration for continued assistance.

Grants

The Federal Pell Grant is the foundation source for all other aid programs. Applicants must submit the Student Aid Report for all grants. No other need-based assistance grants, loans, or work-study can be awarded until a student’s eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant is determined.

When a student files a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the government processes the application and sends a Student Aid Report to the student’s address.

The student then should submit the Student Aid Report to the Financial Aid Office for an estimated grant amount to be determined. The final Pell Grant will be determined at the time of enrollment.

Other available grants are the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) and Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (LEAP). Students with exceptional need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid may be awarded one of these grants.

My.Lamarpa.edu Account

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Lamar State College-Port Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your
My.Lamarpa.edu account **DAILY.** If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.

**TEXAS Grant Program**

The TEXAS (Toward Excellence, Access & Success) Grant Program provides grants to help academically-prepared, eligible students attend higher education institutions in Texas. To compete for a grant, a student must be a Texas resident; a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in Texas since fall 1998; enroll in college and receive his/her TEXAS Grant within 16 months of high school graduation; have completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum or its equivalent; have financial need; have applied for any available financial aid or assistance; be enrolling full-time as of September 2005 in an undergraduate degree or certificate program; and not have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance.

Students may apply for the TEXAS Grant Program through the LSC-PA Financial Aid Office. The award amount is based on a minimum of 12 semester hours taken by the student and the type of institution the student attends. In general, it is an amount equal to the student’s tuition and required fees.

Students who continue in college and meet the program’s academic standards can receive awards for up to 150 semester credit hours or for six years, whichever occurs first. In the first year of college, the academic standards are set by the institution. In subsequent years, the requirements are completion of at least 75 percent of the hours taken in the prior semester plus an overall grade point average in college of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Texas Educational Opportunity Grant**

The Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program provides grants to financially needy students enrolled in Texas public two-year colleges. To compete for the grant, a student must be a Texas resident; show financial need; if applying for the first-time award, have a family contribution of no more than $2,000; register for the Selective Service or be exempt from this requirement; be enrolled at least 1/2 time (six semester credit hours) in an associate degree or certificate program at a two-year college in Texas; have not been granted an associate or a baccalaureate degree; and have not been convicted of a felony or a crime involving a controlled substance.

Students who continue in college and who meet program academic standards can receive awards for up to 75 semester credit hours, for four years, or until they receive an associate degree, whichever comes first. In the first year of college, the academic standards are set by the institution. The academic requirements for continuing in the program are completion of at least 75 percent of the hours taken in the prior academic year, plus and overall college grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A student does not have to be a recent graduate but must have less than 30 attempted hours.

**Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program**

The 80th Texas legislature created the Top 10 Percent Scholarship Program to encourage students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class to attend a Texas public institution of higher education. **Initial eligibility requirements:**

1. Must be a Texas resident
2. Demonstrate financial need (determined by college or university financial aid office)
3. Complete a FAFSA or TASFA (if applicable) and file by deadline date
4. Complete Recommended or distinguished Achievement HS curriculum
5. Rank in the Top 10 percent (as of his/her 7th semester or 6th if the college uses that semester for admissions)
6. Graduate from an accredited Texas high school
7. Enroll fulltime in a Texas public two-year or four-year college or university

**Renewal Requirements (contingent upon available funding):**

1. Complete 30 semester credit hours (SCH) in the previous year
2. Maintain cumulative 3.25 GPA
3. Complete at least 75 percent of hours attempted
4. Meet all eligibility and ranking criteria
5. Complete a FAFSA or TASFA (if applicable) and file by the deadline date.

Students will be notified by the college or university to which they apply regarding their financial aid award.

**Scholarships**

Scholarships awards cover a portion of a student’s expenses. Scholarships are of two types – those administered solely by the College, including the selection of recipients, and those administered by the College at the request of donors who select the recipients themselves. The College’s scholarship program is financed solely by public donation. Half of the scholarship normally is disbursed for the Fall Semester, and the remaining half for the Spring Semester, or unless otherwise stated.
Lamar State College-Port Arthur Scholarships

The College awards approximately 300 scholarships every year. Among these are scholarships made available by the following individuals and organizations:

**Endowed Scholarships**
- SSgt. Lucian Adams Scholarship
- Ahlbom Family Memorial Scholarship
- H.S. & Bernice B. Anderson Scholarship
- Ella Atwell Memorial Scholarship
- G.W. Bailey Scholarship
- Sue Bates Scholarship
- Gail Bienvenu Memorial Scholarship
- Beulah Bosarge Scholarship
- Miss Marie Bright Scholarship
- W.A. “Dub” Brown Scholarship
- Dr. Ronald Buchanan Scholarship
- John B. & Estelle M. Caldwell Scholarship
- Carabelle Family Scholarship
- Bobby Terrell Cowart Scholarship
- Manton L. Dunham & Delwin D. Dunham Memorial Scholarship
- Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Jane Goins-Flanagan Scholarship
- Sydalise Fredeman Scholarship
- John W. Gates Scholarship
- Betty Guarnere Scholarship
- Joe & Lloyd Hayes Memorial Scholarship
- Mary Evelyn Dunn Hayes Scholarship
- Wilbur and Josephine Hebert Scholarship
- Norman Helms Scholarship
- LCdr. Peter D. Herlin Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Mark Honea Scholarship
- Norma Provost Irwin Scholarship
- Joe James Memorial Scholarship
- O’Dell James Memorial Scholarship
- Del Papa Distributing Company
- Judice Family Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur – Leland Lacy Memorial Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur – Pat Wood Memorial Scholarship
- Logan Family Memorial Scholarship by John and Shirley Logan Riedmueller
- Dr. Charles Lance Lyday Scholarship
- Herman & Carol Mazur Scholarship
- Dr. Sam Monroe Scholarship
- Dr. Madison & Mrs. Thelma Monroe Memorial Scholarship
- Everette Ford Montgomery Memorial Scholarship
- Charles E. Neumann Scholarship
- North Port Arthur Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship
- Parker Family Scholarship
- Marlene & Roosevelt Petry Jr. Scholarship
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Pilot Club of Port Arthur
- Volney & Florence Pinder Scholarship
- Mildred & William J. Pitts Memorial Scholarship
- Mary Kay Place Scholarship
- Mack A. Pond Scholarship by Rotary Club of Port Arthur
- Port Arthur Founder’s Lions Club Thomas S. Balac/James A. DeLee Scholarship
- Port Arthur Improvement Association
- Port Arthur Men’s & Women’s Bowling Association
- David A. Provost Memorial Scholarship
- Bodie Pryor Scholarship
- Robert Rauschenberg Scholarship
- Retail Merchants Association Scholarship
- Professor W.E. Sampson Scholarship
- Captain Wm. Sanders Chapter of DAR
Carl and Stella White/DAR Scholarship
South Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship
Mac Timmerman Jr. Scholarship
Total Petrochemicals Scholarship
Elsie & William White Memorial Scholarship
Wommack Family Scholarship

**General Scholarships:**
Lamar State College-Port Arthur Alumni Association
American Legion Auxiliary #7
American Legion #33
Cajun French Music Association
CavOilCade Inc.
Mary Cecile Chambers Trust, Moody Bank Galveston
Chickasaw Nation Education Services
Child Service League of Port Arthur
College Net
William R. Coons
Department Club of Port Arthur
Diocese of Beaumont
DuPont/Goodrich FCU
Eber W. Ephlin Scholarship
First Baptist Church – Groves
First Christian Church – Beaumont
First United Methodist Church – Groves
First United Methodist Church – Jasper
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Juliette “Dodo” George Scholarship/LSC-PA Alumni Association
H.E. B. Grocery Co.
Effie & Wilton P. Hebert Scholarship
Norman & Betty Helms Scholarship
“I Have A Dream” Scholarship Program
Immaculate Conception Church
Kiwanis Club of Port Arthur
Dennis Lanclos Scholarship
Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Links Inc., Golden Triangle Chapter
Corey Marshall Musser Scholarship
Charles Martin Scholarship/LSC-PA Alumni Association
Dr. Charles & Julia Matthews
Medical Center of Southeast Texas Hospital Auxiliary
Mexican Heritage Society
North Port Arthur Rotary Club
Our Lady of the Guadalupe Church
PNG Friends of Soccer
Police & Firemen’s Insurance Association
Port Arthur Industrial Group (PAIG)
  Air Products
  BASF
  Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.
  Flint Hills
  Motiva Enterprises
  Oxbow Calcining
  Port Arthur Steam Entergy
  Shell Pipeline Co.
  Total Petrochemicals USA
  Valero-Port Arthur
  Veolia Environmental-Port Arthur
Port Arthur Respiratory Disease Trust Scholarship
Port Arthur Symphony Club
Port Neches Groves Baseball Organization
Port Neches-Groves High School
Rotary Club of Port Arthur
Sabine Pass ISD
Gayle Sims Memorial Scholarship
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word
Southeast Hispanic Cultural & Educational Center
Taste of Gumbo (Port Arthur Rotary)
Texas Petrochemicals Inc.
Trinity Baptist Church – Jasper
UTMB – Galveston
Veolia ES Technical Solutions
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spindletop Post 1806
Winnie Stowell Lodge #1377 AF & AM

Some scholarships are based on a student’s financial need. Others are based on academic excellence. The scholarship application deadline for graduating high school seniors is April 1. The deadline for current LSC-PA students and other prospective students is June 15. Students are encouraged to apply before the application deadline. For more information or to apply, contact an admission advisor.

Loans

Lamar State College-Port Arthur provides only short-term loans. Short-term loans are awarded only during registration periods for the exact amount of tuition and fees based on the ability to repay the loan during the semester the loan was issued.

The College does not award the Federal Perkins Loan or the Federal District Loan.

Stafford Student Loans

Nearly all students, regardless of their credit rating, can qualify for a Stafford Loan that is subsidized by the U.S. government, or are unsubsidized as determined by a student’s need. The program features a fixed interest rate of six percent rate through 2013 for subsidized loans and 6.8 percent for unsubsidized loans.

Qualified students can apply for additional money each year up to a total limit over the course of four years. Undergraduate dependent students can borrow up to $5,500 for the first year up to a total limit of $31,000 during their time in school. Independent students can borrow up to $9,500 the first year with a final total of $57,500.

To qualify, students must submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form; have a financial need as determined by the College; be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen; be enrolled or plan to attend at least half-time; and not be in default on any education loan or owe a refund on an education grant.

Employment

Employment opportunities under the Federal College Work-Study Program and other employment programs of the College are available to LSC-PA students as part of the financial assistance program. (See the Human Resources Office)

The College, local businesses and industries provide a number of part-time jobs which allow students to earn part or all of these expenses while attending the College.

Valedictorians

Valedictorians from accredited Texas high schools are entitled to an exemption from payment of tuition for the two regular semesters immediately after graduation.

Fees are not exempt. During registration, valedictorians should report to the Admissions Office for fee adjustments. Valedictorians of all Texas high schools are certified by principals to the Texas Education Agency. The College receives the list for reference.

Students with Disabilities (Vocational Rehabilitation)

The Texas Rehabilitation Commission offers help with tuition and non-refundable fees to students who have certain disabling conditions, provided their vocational objectives have been approved by a TRC Counselor. Examples of such conditions are orthopedic deformities, emotional disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions, etc.

Other services are available to help handicapped students become employable. Application for such service should be made at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, 5860 Ninth Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77642.
Instructional Policies & Procedures

“"I came to Lamar State College-Port Arthur because I needed to take a Microbiology class. I had always heard that the instructors were really nice and willing to help you in any way, that’s so true. My Microbiology instructor was always willing to help us understand the things we didn’t understand so we could make good grades. I am staying here to finish my degree because of all the nice people and good instructors.”
Instructional Policies and Procedures

Academic policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and are updated. They may change during the course of an academic year. For further policy information or updates, see the Student Handbook or go to the Lamar State College-Port Arthur website (www.lamarpa.edu).

Semester Hour
The unit of measure for credit purposes is the semester hour. One hour of classroom lecture each week usually equals one semester hour. For each classroom hour, two hours of study are expected. Two or more hours of laboratory work usually are equal to one classroom hour. For laboratory work that requires reports to be written outside of class, two clock hours are usually counted as one semester hour.

Academic Courses: Course Numbering
The unit of instruction for credit purposes is the course. Most courses meet three hours each week and have a credit value of three semester hours for one semester or six hours for two semesters.

Each course has an individual alpha-numeric code (such as ENGL 1301). The alpha part indicates the subject area. Each number contains three or more figures; the first digit indicates the rank of the course: 0 denotes a developmental course; 1 means that it is freshman level, and 2 is sophomore level.

The second figure indicates the number of semester hours credit. The third figure (or figures) indicates the order in which the course normally is taken.

Texas Common Course Numbering System
Common Course numbers assist transfer students in the transition from one institution to another. Colleges participating in the Common Course Numbering System identify “common” courses taught on their campuses. All courses designed for transfer adhere to this numbering system in the State of Texas.

Questions about courses transferability should be referred to the appropriate department at the institution to which a student wants to transfer. (See section on Transfer Dispute Resolution Guidelines)

Technical Courses:
Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) Courses
The rubrics assigned to WECM courses provide a common set of unique course designations. A common four-letter rubric (e.g., DFTG) identifies a cluster of skills and knowledge to be used in determining both course equivalence and degree applicability for transfer credit on a statewide basis. This common rubric also will help students link their portfolios of skill attainment more directly to the occupational needs of business and industry.

Following the rubric is a four-digit number representing the course level, the SCH value (if applicable), and the course sequence. For example, in AUMT 1309, the first digit identifies the course level. For both Semester Credit Hour (SCH) and continuing education courses, the “1” denotes Introductory level; a “2” is Intermediate or Advanced level.

The second digit defines the SCH value. A “3” indicates a 3 SCH, and a “4” indicates a 4 SCH course. A “0” instead of the “3” or “4” would denote a continuing education course that is offered for no SCH.

The third and fourth digits establish the type of course and the course sequence.
Core Curriculum
In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Lamar State College-Port Arthur designed a core curriculum of academic courses encompassing communication, mathematics, the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, the humanities and visual and performing arts. A student successfully completing the entire core curriculum at Lamar State College-Port Arthur may transfer that block of courses to any other state-supported institution in Texas. The transferring student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and may not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

Some LSC-PA students plan to transfer to another institution before completing the core curriculum. These students should follow the catalog and degree plan requirements of their receiving institutions carefully when scheduling courses.

Most universities have requirements or policies regarding certain courses and the core curriculum that are unique to that institution. Students who do not complete the core curriculum at Lamar State College - Port Arthur must satisfy the course requirements at their receiving institutions in order to receive degrees. Those requirements may vary significantly from those of the College. Students are urged to complete the core curriculum before transferring to eliminate the possibility of being required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

New Courses
In order to meet changing educational requirements, Lamar State College-Port Arthur reserves the right to add any needed courses at any time without regard to the listing of such courses in the college bulletin. It is expected that a listing of these courses will appear in the next year’s issue of the college bulletin.

Registration for Classes
Students can attend class only when the instructor has received evidence of proper registration. Registration dates and deadlines are listed in the official calendar.

Students may add courses, make section changes or drop courses only within the period specified in the calendar. A schedule of classes is prepared by the Office of Admission and Records well in advance of a given semester.

Maximum Course Loads
The normal course load in a regular semester is 15-18 semester hours; for a six-week summer term 6-8 semester hours. Overloads must be approved by the student’s instructional Dean.

Minimum Class Enrollment
The College reserves the right not to offer any course listed in this bulletin if fewer than 10 students register for the course.

Course Auditing by Senior Citizens
Senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, may audit courses on a space available basis without the payment of fees.

Class Attendance
Regular and punctual class attendance is important to the attainment of the educational objectives of the College. Instructors formulate course attendance policies with departmental policies, but design the policies to suit the needs of particular courses. Each instructor’s policy is explained in detail at the beginning of the semester and is enforced in a consistent and uniform manner. Determination of whether an absence is excused or approved is the responsibility of the instructor, except in the case of an approved absence for participation in a college-sponsored activity or a religious holy day. When absences, other than approved absences, seriously interfere with a student’s performance, the instructor may recommend to his/her Department Chair that the student be dropped from the course.

Extended Class Absence
A student may submit a request to the Vice President for Student Services to notify faculty members prior to or during an extended absence due to personal or family illness, accident, hospitalization or other emergency circumstance. This notification does not constitute an “excused absence” from class. It does advise faculty members as to the reason a student is absent and the expected dates of his/her return.

Class Meetings Canceled Due to Inclement Weather
The semester calendar will not be lengthened if the College cancels class meetings because of weather or other circumstances. Final exams are administered as scheduled.

The method for including the subject matter that normally would have been covered in missed class meetings will be left to the discretion of each instructor, and may include, but is not limited to, additional class meetings, lengthened class meetings, additional assignments, library or laboratory activities, field trips and/or fewer or take home exams in order to free more class time for demonstration, discussion and lecture.
LSCPA Seahawk Emergency Notification System - eLERTS

Lamar State College-Port Arthur complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act as mandated by the Department of Education.

The College uses the LSCPA Seahawk Emergency Communications System (eLERTS) to notify students, faculty and staff about any significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to health or safety, including school closures related to weather or other circumstances.

In the event of an emergency or need for the College to make a mass notification, all students, faculty and staff will be contacted via emails, phones and text. Available phone numbers and email addresses in the College system are automatically enrolled in the eLERTS system. When activated, the LSCPA Seahawk Emergency Notification System will send email, text messages and automated phone calls. If you desire to add additional contact points you may do so through your My.Lamarpa.edu account.

Warnings also are released to area media by the college Public Information Office, and they are posted on the front page of the college website (www.lamarpa.edu).

You can opt out of these notifications or select how you receive these messages by changing the setting in your My.Lamarpa.edu account.

Absence for “Religious Holy Day”

In accordance with Texas Education Code 51.911, all institutions of higher learning shall excuse a student from attending class or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this policy may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence. Policies and procedures for absence due to religious holy days shall be consistent with (or no more arduous than) the instructor’s policies and procedures related to other excused absences.

The Texas Education Code defines a “religious holy day” as a day observed by a religion in places of worship that are exempt from property taxes under Section 11.20 of the state tax code.

A student who will be absent to observe a “religious holy day” must notify the instructor for each class before the planned absence. If a student and instructor disagree about the nature of the absence, or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the President or his designee. The student and instructor shall abide by the decision of the President or his designee.

For more information, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

Make-up of Missed Examinations

Students must make arrangements with the course instructor for taking an examination outside of a regularly scheduled class meeting. Faculty members are not required to allow students to make-up exams missed for any reason other than an excused absence. Students who know in advance that they will be absent from class on an examination day should discuss the matter in advance with their instructor.

Students who miss an examination without prior notification should contact the instructor as soon as possible after the absence and prior to the next class meeting.

Physical Education Requirement for Academic Majors

All students pursuing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Arts in Teaching degree are required to complete one semester of Physical Education as part of the Core Curriculum.

The College will provide accommodation for students with disabilities, under the guidance of the Special Populations Coordinator.

Overloads

A Dean must approve all overloads. In general, a student must demonstrate that he/she is capable of maintaining a high performance level in all classes.

Changing Schedules

All section changes, adds and drops must be approved by the Department Chair or Dean of the student’s major field. All changes are initiated by the completion of the proper form available in the Admission Advising Office. Usually, a course may not be added after the first week of the semester or first two days of a summer session.

Dropping Courses

Senate Bill 1231 passed by the 80th Texas Legislature provides that, except for specific instances of good cause, undergraduate students enrolling as first-time freshmen at a public institution of higher education in fall 2007 or later, are limited to a total of six (6) dropped courses during their entire undergraduate career. This affects all students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities.

After consultation with their advisor and/or Department Chair, students may drop a course and receive a grade of “Q6” during the first six weeks of a regular semester and the first two weeks in a summer session.
For drops after this penalty-free period, grades are recorded as “Q”, “Q6” or “F” showing the student was passing or failing at the time of the drop. A grade of “Q” or “Q6” may not be assigned unless an official drop form has been processed through the Office of Admission and Records. Refer to the academic calendar in this catalog for dates affecting drops.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur requires that a student who is deficient on one or more of the basic skills (reading, writing or mathematics) must participate continuously in a program of remediation until all deficiencies are removed. If a student drops a first-level developmental course, the co-requisite lab also must be dropped.

Reinstatement to Class
A student may be reinstated to class upon written approval on the official form by the major Department Chair, instructor of the course and Records Office verification.

Instructor Initiated Drop
When absences, other than approved absences, interfere seriously with study or performance, the instructor may recommend to the Department Chair or Dean that a student be dropped from the course. If this action is taken after the first six weeks of the Fall or Spring semester or the first two weeks of a Summer session, a grade of “F” may be recorded for the course. The student’s Department Chair, Dean and Admission Office will be notified in writing that the student should be dropped for excessive unexcused absences.

Withdrawals
Students wishing to withdraw during a regular semester or summer term must fill out a Withdrawal Petition in triplicate in the Admission Advising Office. Students must clear all financial obligations and return all uniforms, books, laboratory equipment and other materials to the point of original issue. Three copies of the withdrawal form signed by the Finance Office, Library Services and Student Services must be presented to the Office of Admission and Records, as well as the student ID card, to be final.

The withdrawal process is considered to begin when the completed form is turned into the Office of Admission and Records.

The Finance Office, on application before the end of a regular semester or summer term, will return such fees as are returnable according to the schedule in the “Fees” section of the current college catalog. If a withdrawal is made before the end of the sixth week, second week of a summer term or if the student is passing at the time of withdrawal after the sixth week, a grade of “W” is issued for each course affected. A grade of “F” is issued for all courses not being passed at the time of withdrawal after the penalty-free period.

Financial aid students who withdraw before completing 60 percent of a semester must reimburse unused aid to the Federal government and the College.

Recipients who withdraw before the 60 percent point in the semester will have returns calculated according to the Return of Federal Title IV Guidelines.

Refer to the academic calendar in this catalog for dates affecting withdrawals. A student who leaves without withdrawing officially will receive a grade of “F” in all courses and forfeit all returnable fees. (See Withdrawal & Student Financial Responsibility)

A student who leaves without officially withdrawing will receive a grade of “F” in all courses and forfeit all returnable fees.

Dropping courses via the college’s on-line registration system does not constitute an official withdrawal from the College.

Forced Withdrawal Due to Illness
The Vice President for Student Services, on the advice of competent medical personnel, may require withdrawal or deny admission of a student for health reasons (mental or physical).

Change of Major(s)
Students wishing to change their major(s) must complete a “Change of Major” form, which is available in the Admission Advising Office. The completed form must be submitted to the Records Office.

Transfer Credit for Correspondence Courses
Lamar State College-Port Arthur does not offer courses by correspondence. However, a maximum of nine (9) semester hours of correspondence work from an accredited institution may be applied toward an associate degree.

No correspondence course may be carried while a student is in residence without the permission of the student’s Department Chair. A permit signed by the Department Chair must be filed in the Office of Admission & Records before registration for the course. A student may not register for, carry or complete a correspondence course during the last semester of Summer Session before graduation except in the following circumstances: (a) a course required for graduation is not offered by LSC-PA; and/or (b) the student has a schedule conflict between required courses.
The statement of intent must be approved by the Department Chair and filed in the Office of Admission and Records no later than the last day to apply for graduation.

Graduates must file correspondence transcripts 14 days before graduation.

Classification of Students

Students are classified as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors or post-baccalaureate. For the purpose of determining eligibility to hold certain offices and for other reasons, officially enrolled students are classified as follows:

- Freshman: met all entrance requirements but completed fewer than 30 semester hours
- Sophomore: completed a minimum of 30 semester hours with 60 grade points
- Junior: completed a minimum of 60 semester hours with 120 grade points
- Senior: completed a minimum of 90 semester hours with 180 grade points
- Post-baccalaureate: holds a bachelor’s degree, but not pursuing a degree program

Grading System

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A grade of “W”, “Q” or “Q6” is given if the withdrawal or drop is made before the penalty date or if the student is passing at the time of withdrawal or drop.

Assigning a grade of “I” (Incomplete) requires prior approval of the Department Chair.

An “I” is assigned only when the deadline for dropping the course has passed, the student is passing the course, and course requirements, including the final examination, cannot be completed because of unavoidable circumstances. If incomplete work is not finished by the end of the next long semester, the “I” will become an “F” on the permanent record. The course then must be repeated if credit is desired.

One-semester extension requests will be honored by the Records Office if approved by the instructor and the Department Chair before the expiration of the normal deadline.

An “I” grade also automatically becomes an “F” if the student reregisters for the course prior to removing the deficiencies and receiving a grade change.

An instructor may record the grade of “F” for a student who is absent from the final examination and is not passing the course.

Semester grades are filed with the Office of Admission & Records. A grade may not be recorded for a student not officially enrolled in a course during the semester covered.

In most circumstances grades remain as recorded. When warranted, a grade change will be made using the official “Grade Change Form” available in the Registrar’s Office. If the instructor is no longer employed by the College, the Department Chair and Dean have the authority to change grades.

A student desiring to register for a course to receive a grade of “NG” must have the written approval of the major Department Chair, instructor and instructor’s Department Chair and Records Office verification. Student semester hours attempted will be reduced by appropriate number of hours.

Students are responsible for completing and filing the appropriate petition form with the Records Office. A student must petition for “No Grade” after the 12th class day for Fall and Spring semester and after the 4th class day of the Summer sessions and before the deadline for dropping or withdrawing from a course without penalty.

Grade-Point-Average (GPA) Computation

Grade-point-average is a measure of a student’s overall academic performance and is used to determine academic standing, rank in class, eligibility for graduation, etc.

To compute these averages, grade points are assigned to letter grades as follows: to the grade A, 4 points; to B, 3 points; to C, 2 points; to D, 1 point and to F, I, S, U, NG and W, 0 points.

The number of grade points earned in a course is obtained by multiplying the number of semester hours credit by the number of points assigned to the letter grade made in the course.

The grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of semester hours attempted in courses for which the grades A, B, C, D, F and I are assigned.

Thus, for grades S, U, NG, W, and Q, neither semester hours nor grade points are used in the computation of the grade point average. Hours attempted provide all work taken whether passed, failed or repeated.

Beginning with the fall 1994 semester, all four Lamar-named schools modified their procedure for grade point average computation. Each school now maintains an independent grade point average which reflects only the course work attempted on that campus. The old procedure of combining all course work into one comprehensive grade point average will continue to be used for any courses taken prior to fall 1994. For more information, contact the Registrar’s Office on the respective campuses.
Course Repetition

Students have one opportunity to replace a grade earned in an academic or technical course. If a student repeats a course, the official grade will be the second grade earned – regardless of whether it is higher, lower or the same – although the first grade remains on the student's official transcript. Repetition of a LSC-PA course at another institution will not replace the grade earned at the College in calculating a student's cumulative grade point average, nor will a grade earned in a LSC-PA course replace a transcripted grade earned in the same course at another institution. Any grade earned by further repetition of a course (third and subsequent grades earned in the same course) will be included in the calculation of a student’s cumulative GPA. The College may charge additional fees to students who take a course multiple times.

Students receiving various forms of financial aid or VA benefits and who repeat a course may have complications regarding their financial aid awards. These students must consult the Financial Aid Office prior to repeating a course under the provisions of the program. Honors will be determined on the basis of a cumulative grade point average earned at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Final Grade Report

Final grades are electronically posted to the students' “My.Lamarpa.edu” account at the end of each semester or summer term. These reports include the semester grades and the grade point average for the semester.

Deans’ List

At the end of each Fall and Spring semester the Office of Admission and Records prepares a list of all full-time (those who complete 12 or more non-remedial semester credit hours at Lamar State College-Port Arthur) freshman and sophomore students who earned for that semester a grade point average of 3.60 or above. This list is the Deans' List and is announced by the instructional Dean of each program.

President’s List

At the end of each Fall and Spring semester the Office of Admission and Records prepares a list of all full-time students (those who complete 12 or more non-remedial semester credit hours at Lamar State-PA) who earned a grade point average of 4.0 that semester. These students then are listed on the President’s List which is published after each long semester.

Scholastic Probation and Suspension

Students are expected to make acceptable scholastic progress toward their degree objectives. A “C” is the minimum satisfactory grade and a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) constitutes satisfactory performance.

All students with a GPA reflecting “academic suspension” at the end of the fall or spring semesters shall be suspended. No first-time college students shall be suspended at the end of their first semester of attendance.

Academic Probation:

Students in these categories at the end of the fall or spring semesters are considered to be on “Academic Probation”:

- Freshman students (1-29 semester credit hours (SCH) work attempted) who have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.15 GPA;
- Sophomore students (30-59 SCH work attempted) who have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.58 GPA;
- Other students who have greater than 60 SCH work attempted and have less than a 2.0 but greater than a 1.72 GPA.

Academic Suspension:

Students in these categories at the end of the fall or spring semesters are considered to be on “Academic Suspension”:

- Freshman students (1-29 SCH work attempted) who have less than a 1.15 GPA;
- Sophomore students (30-59 SCH work attempted) who have less than a 1.58 GPA;
- Other students who have greater than 60 SCH work attempted and have less than a 1.72 GPA.

Students suspended from fall and/or spring semesters may attend the summer session on probation. Students who do not improve at least to the level of “academic probation” at the close of the summer session may register for the following fall semester, but will be charged with a suspension. Students returning from academic suspension must continue to improve their GPA every semester of enrollment until they achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA. If students fail to improve their GPA in any semester, they will be suspended, unless approved for probationary re-enrollment by the appropriate Dean.

Students enrolling for either a fall or spring semester, who passed fewer than 60 semester hours, and who ended the previous two long semesters on scholastic probation, are required to enroll in EDUC 1300 OR PSYC 1300 Learning Framework, a course that helps students develop skills and techniques necessary for success in college, including memory development, note-taking, preparing for exams, study skills and time management. Students also learn about the importance of creativity, health, relationships and the effective use of resources for achieving collegiate success.

A grade of “C” or better must be earned in EDUC 1300 OR PSYC 1300 to satisfy the institutional requirement; otherwise, the course must be repeated. EDUC 1300 OR PSYC 1300 may count as elective credit
toward a degree or certificate. Students who petition for readmission after being placed on scholastic suspension either at Lamar State College-Port Arthur or at another institution must enroll in and complete EDUC 1300 OR PSYC 1300 as a condition for readmission and retention in the College.

A department may set academic requirements for its majors in addition to the basic grade point standard, with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Students suspended under this provision may register in another program if they meet the prescribed standards and are accepted through a change of major.

Electronic Device Policy

Electronic devices (such as cell phones, MP3 players and laptops) may not be used during tests unless specifically allowed by the instructor, or if the Special Populations Coordinator determines that a device is an acceptable accommodation for a physical or mental disability. Under any other circumstances, the use of an electronic device during a test is considered “academic dishonesty” and will result in appropriate sanctions as outlined in the Instructor’s syllabus, the Faculty Handbook (Section IX-1) and the Student Handbook (“Academic Dishonesty”).

Use of electronic devices during normal class hours distracts other students, disrupts the class and wastes valuable time. The syllabus for every LSC-PA course includes that instructor’s policy regarding the use of electronic devices during class.

Academic Records and Transcripts

Academic records are in the permanent custody of the Admission & Records Office. Documents received by that office become the property of Lamar State College-Port Arthur and cannot be copied or returned.

Transcripts of academic records may be secured by an individual personally or will be released on the student’s written authorization.

A $5 Transcript Fee is charged to every student at the beginning of each semester he or she attends the College. Upon official request, students will receive copies of their Lamar State College-Port Arthur transcript in the future at no charge.

Students who owe debts to the College will have their official transcripts withheld until the debt is paid.

Chapter 675, Acts of the 61st Legislature (1969 Regular Session) provides that “no person may buy, sell, create, duplicate, alter, give or obtain a diploma, certificate, academic record, certificate of enrollment or other instrument which purports to signify merit or achievement conferred by an institution of education in this state with the intent to use fraudulently such document or to allow fraudulent use of such document.

“A person who violates this Act or who aids another in violating this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period not to exceed one year.”

Grade Point Appeal Procedure

After an enrollment lapse of four or more years from Lamar State College-Port Arthur, and after completing successfully (2.2 GPA) 24 semester hours of work at the College, a student may petition to disregard a maximum of two entire successive semesters of work taken previously at the College. The petition must be filed with the Department Chair and follow regular channels to the appropriate Dean for a final decision.

Endorsements and/or recommendations shall be required at each academic level.

When approved by the registrar, disregarded work shall not count in determining the student’s grade point average for academic progress or for graduation; however, it shall remain on the transcript with an appropriate notation, and it shall be used in determining honors. Once a degree has been conferred, a student may not use the academic appeals procedure for any courses used to award the degree or calculate the cumulative grade point average.

Educational Records and Students Rights

The following information concerning student records maintained by Lamar State College-Port Arthur is published in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 PL 93-380, which affords students certain rights regarding to their education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access. Students should submit written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect to the registrar, Dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, who will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

If the records are not maintained by the college official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the College amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the College decides not to amend the record as requested by a student, the College will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment.
Additional information about procedures will be provided to the student with the notification of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research or support staff position (including law enforcement personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the university has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agency); a person serving on the Board of Regents; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the College discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which the student seeks to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Access to educational records directly related to a student will be granted to him or her unless the type of record is exempted from the provision of the law.

The types, locations and names of custodians of educational records maintained by the College are available from the Vice President for Student Services.

Access to records by persons other than the student will be limited to persons and agencies specified in the statute. Records will be maintained of persons granted such access and the legitimate interest in each case.

Information released to the public without the consent of the student is limited to the categories of information designated by the College as directory information and are routinely released. The student may request that any or all of this information be withheld from the public by making written request to the Admission and Records Office. The request must be made by the last official day to register for a given semester and shall remain in effect until rescinded in writing to the Registrar’s Office.

Directory information not generally considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed includes, but is not limited to: name; current and permanent address; telephone listing; date and place of birth; field of study; semester hour load; classification; eligibility for and participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; photographs; video; dates of attendance; degrees and awards received, with dates; and name of most recent education agency or institution attended.

A student has the right to challenge records and information directly related to him or her if it is considered to be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate.

Issues may be resolved either through an informal hearing with the official immediately responsible or by requesting a formal hearing. The procedure to be followed in a formal hearing is available in the Office of Admission and Records.

The right of parental access to student records may be established by either of two methods: first, by the student filing a written consent statement and second, by the parent validating the student’s dependency as defined by IRS.
Graduation & General Degree Requirements

Level One Certificate

1. Satisfy all admission requirements to the college.
2. Satisfy all admission requirements specific to the program (if applicable).
3. Complete assessment and remediation if required.
4. Complete an approved certificate plan.
5. Complete a minimum of 12 semester hours at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
6. Attain at least an overall 2.0 grade point average on all work applied to the respective certificate plan. (All course work ever attempted will be calculated to determine honors).
7. Make final application for graduation and pay all fees by the deadline date as stated in the current catalog. A Level One certificate can be completed by a student in one calendar year or less. It consists of at least 15 and no more than 42 semester credit hours.
Level Two Certificate
1. Satisfy all admission requirements to the College.
2. Satisfy all admission requirements specific to the program (if applicable).
3. Complete assessment and remediation if required.
4. Successfully complete all required developmental courses.
5. Attain at least a 2.0 grade point average on all work applied to the respective certificate plan. (All course work attempted will be calculated to determine honors).
6. Complete at least 15 semester hours of major course work at LSC-PA.
7. Make final application for graduation and pay all fees by the deadline date as stated in the current catalog. A Level Two certificate program consists of at least 43 and not more than 59 semester credit hours.

Associate of Arts Degree
1. Satisfy all admission conditions.
2. Successfully complete all required developmental courses.
3. Meet the following minimum requirements:
   a. At least twenty-five (25) percent of the credit hours required for graduation must be earned at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
   b. A GPA of at least 2.0 on all work required by the respective degree plan. (All course work attempted will be calculated to determine honors.)
4. Complete the prescribed core curriculum.
5. Complete the program of study for one of the areas of emphasis as outlined in this catalog.
6. No more than a total of 15 semester hours of correspondence credit, and/or credit by examination combined may be applied toward an associate degree. No more than 9 hours may be correspondence courses.
7. Make final application for graduation with an Associate of Arts degree and pay all designated fees by the deadline as stated in the current catalog.
8. Attend the official commencement exercise or receive prior approval from the Vice President for Student Services to be absent.

Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching
1. Satisfy all admission conditions.
2. Successfully complete all required developmental courses.
3. Meet the following minimum requirements:
   a. At least twenty-five (25) percent of the credit hours required for graduation must be earned at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
   b. A GPA of at least 2.0 on all work required by the respective degree plan. (All course work attempted will be calculated to determine honors.)
4. Complete the prescribed core curriculum.
5. Complete the program of study for one of the areas of emphasis in the Associate of Arts in Teaching as outlined in this catalog.
6. No more than a total of 15 semester hours of correspondence credit, and/or credit by examination combined may be applied toward an associate degree. No more than 9 hours may be correspondence courses.
7. Make final application for graduation with an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree and pay all designated fees by the deadline as stated in the current catalog.
8. Attend the official commencement exercise or receive prior approval from the Vice President for Student Services to be absent.

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Students generally are eligible for graduation when they have completed an approved program of study. Specifically, a student must:
1. Satisfy all admission requirements.
2. Complete an approved degree plan.
3. Successfully complete all required developmental courses.
4. Have at least an overall 2.0 grade point average on all work applied to the respective degree plan. (All course work ever attempted will be calculated to determine honors).
5. At least twenty-five (25) percent of the credit hours required for graduation must be earned at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
6. Make final application for graduation and pay all fees by the deadline date as stated in the current catalog.
7. Attend the official graduation exercise or receive prior approval from the Vice President for Student Services to be absent.
Degree Requirement Notes (A.A. and A.A.T.):
1. Texas law requires six hours in government, which includes consideration of U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution. This normally is satisfied by completing Government 2301 and 2302 or other appropriate government courses approved by the Dean of Academic Programs. Three semester hours may be satisfied by an advanced standing examination.
2. Texas law requires six hours in American history. This normally is satisfied by completing History 1301 and 1302 or other appropriate history courses approved by the Dean of Academic Programs. Three semester hours may be satisfied by a course in Texas history or an advanced standing examination.

Second Associate Degree
When another associate degree is taken simultaneously, or previously was taken, the second associate degree may be granted upon completion of all required work for the second degree. A total of 15 semester hours above the number required for the degree having the greater semester hours requirement must be completed.

Application for Graduation
Applications for graduation must be filed with the Office of Admission and Records. The current catalog calendar contains exact dates for application deadlines.

Before applications are approved, these additional materials must be submitted:
1. Statements showing reasonable expectation of completion of degree requirements by graduation time.
2. Transcripts showing grade point average of at least 2.0 on all courses taken and applied to meet degree requirements. A course is counted each time it is taken whether failed or passed, unless excluded by GPA adjustment.
3. A receipt showing payment of cap and gown fee and diploma fee.
4. Clearance of all financial and property matters to date.
5. Approval of the department sponsoring the student.

Students applying for a two-year degree must be THEA compliant.

The application of a student lacking a grade point average of 2.0 on either overall or in the student's major field will be removed from the graduation list at the beginning of the semester. If a student under such condition does complete all degree requirements, then the student may apply for a statement of that completion and appear for the next regularly scheduled graduation date.

The student is responsible for making the graduation application, for securing official advisement about study plans for the final two semesters, and for checking compliance with all degree requirements with the Office of Admission and Records.

Graduation Under a Particular Bulletin
A student normally can graduate under the degree provisions of the catalog in effect at the time of the first completed semester of enrollment with these exceptions:
1. A catalog more than seven years old shall not be used.
2. The College must currently offer the student's major that was included in the original catalog.
3. The program of a student who interrupts enrollment for reasons other than involuntary military service for more than one calendar year is governed by the catalog in effect at the time of the student's readmission to the College.

A student who interrupts enrollment for involuntary military service must re-enroll within one year from military service separation date to continue under the provisions of the original bulletin. For these purposes, enrollment is defined as "registration for and successful completion of at least one course during an academic term."

A student forced to withdraw for adequate cause before completing a course may petition for a waiver of this provision at withdrawal time. However, even in an instance of involuntary military service, a bulletin more than seven years old shall not be used.

The program of a student who first declares a major and then changes the major from one department to another shall be governed by the degree requirements in effect at the time the change of major becomes effective.

Graduation Honors
To be designated as honor graduates, members of the graduating class must have:
1. Completed at least 30 semester hours in a degree program or 15 semester hours in a certificate program at Lamar State College-Port Arthur:
2. A grade point average of at least 3.5 for all course work attempted at Lamar State College-Port Arthur: A GPA of 3.5 to 3.64 qualifies for Cum Laude, 3.65 to 3.79 for Magna Cum Laude, and 3.8 to 4.0 for Summa Cum Laude.

Grades made the semester of graduation are included in the calculation of grade point averages for honors. Honor graduates are recognized during commencement. Both diplomas and permanent records will indicate graduation honors.
Awards at Graduation

The Sydalise Fredeman Award is presented to the graduate with the highest grade point average receiving an Associate of Applied Science Degree and to the graduate with the highest GPA receiving a Level II certificate in a technical program requiring 30 or more credit hours other than in an Allied Health program.

The award includes $200 cash and includes a commemorative certificate.

The H.S. Anderson Award, which was inaugurated in 1982, is presented to the Allied Health graduate with the highest grade point average. The award includes $100 cash and is presented with a commemorative certificate.

The John C. Huval Memorial Award for Academic Excellence is awarded to the graduate who meets the following criteria:

1. Must graduate with an associate degree from the Academic Programs;
2. Must have the highest grade point average from among the eligible students;
3. Must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.8;
4. Must be graduating Summa Cum Laude.

In the event of a tie, the award will be divided equally among eligible graduates. The award includes $100 cash and a commemorative certificate.

If no graduate meets the requirements, the award will not be given.

The North Port Arthur Rotary Club Memorial Award is a cash award honoring Capt. Glen Tronstad, who served in the U.S. Merchant Marines and later taught at the College. It is presented each year in memory of one of the club’s deceased members.

The Judice Award is a $200 cash prize presented to a student who completed three college-level English courses and made a grade of “A” in each course. Preference is given to Liberal Arts majors, but every graduate is eligible to win.
Student Services
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Student Services are administered by the Vice President for Student Services who, as the college’s chief student personnel administrator, reports to the President. The primary responsibilities are to provide services and programs that enhance the general education and development of students, enrich the quality of student life and support the teaching, and service mission of the College.

The Vice President for Student Services provides primary leadership in formulating and administering policies and procedures regarding student life and to the rights and responsibilities that accompany student citizenship in the college community.

Among the services administered by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services includes Admission Advisement, Admission and Records, Financial Aid, Public Information, Recruitment, Registration, Security and Student Activities/Organizations.

Advising Services – General & Scholarships

The Admission Advising Office is on the third floor of the Student Center. Advisors assist students in their admission to the College and in questions of residency and registration for the Texas Higher Education Assessment examination (THEA). Advisors also counsel students concerning dropping courses and withdrawing from school. They also help with the selection of courses, completion of schedules and registering for class.

Scholarship information is coordinated by the advisors. Students interested in applying for scholarships should contact the advising office for application forms for local and institutional scholarships. The College reserves the right to require tests of any student if it appears that scores would be helpful in making the admission decision or would be beneficial for advising purposes.

In addition to services provided through the centralized Advising Office, for additional program and course level assistance student should contact their individual Department Chairs for the appropriate faculty mentor in their major field of study.

Bookstore

For the convenience of faculty and students, Barnes & Noble operates a bookstore where supplies and books, new and used, may be purchased or upon availability, a variety of rental books are provided for some courses. Used books which currently are approved may be sold to the bookstore. Books which must be discontinued are not purchased by the bookstore except at wholesale price. The bookstore reserves the right to require a seller to prove ownership of books.

Campus Security

Community Service officers help protect students and visitors and their property as well as the college’s. They also provide escort service to vehicles upon request and maintain parking lot surveillance. Further, as notification, the College utilizes video and other forms of surveillance to aid in a more secure and safe operation. The campus also relies on the Port Arthur Police Department when in need.

All on-campus emergencies should be reported to the Security Office by dialing 0. During evening hours contact the campus operator by dialing 0.

Security is coordinated through the Vice President for Student Services office.

My.Lamarpa.edu Account

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Lamar State College-Port Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your My.Lamarpa.edu account DAILY. If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.

Compact with Texans

In response to the Agency Strategic Plan for Fiscal years 2001-2005, issued jointly by the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning and the Legislative Budget Board, Lamar State College-Port Arthur developed a “Compact with Texans,” which addresses the services provided to students, business and organizations that are part of the LSC-PA community. The goals of the State of Texas include quality services to the customers of our state colleges. The College heartily supports this goal and commits to guidelines for quality of instruction and services.
**Services Provided:** The College provides accessible post-secondary education and training opportunities for a diverse population of Southeast Texas, including students pursuing a degree for the first time, students returning for personal or professional enhancement, students seeking career changes or promotion and organizations seeking to upgrade the skills of their workforce.

**Service Principles and Goals:** The College pledges to provide quality instruction and services in a professional, honest, timely, impartial, accurate, courteous and efficient way. Instruction and related services are offered with flexible scheduling, locations, delivery methods and content to those students pursuing post-secondary education. Students have the right to expect quality services in a safe environment while seeking enrollment, advisement, financial assistance, special services, instruction or other instructional-related services. The College is committed to providing the best possible services and quality instruction emphasizing Access and Retention, Focus on Learning, Core Values and Community Connections. (See Mission Statement)

**Continuous Improvement – a Partnership:** The College works in partnership with citizens, regional businesses, industries, schools, service sector organizations and other community organizations to provide quality, on-going services. It seeks continuous improvement through the on-going assessment of its services through customer satisfaction surveys, student services surveys, faculty evaluations, business and industry needs assessments, focus groups and advisory councils.

**Standards for Maximum Wait Times:** Every effort is made to provide services in a professional, honest, timely, impartial, accurate, courteous, efficient manner. The College strives to meet a minimum standard of wait time on all occasions, realizing that during periods of high quantity of demand, the times may be longer. However, the goal is to eliminate any excess wait time and plan appropriately for overload times to allow minimization of waiting periods. Approximate wait times for the following services are:

- **Determining financial aid awards:** within 3 weeks of receiving completed file.
- **Initial on-site assessment to begin registration process:** 15-20 minutes.
- **Handling receipt of payments with completed file:** within 15 minutes.
- **Determining results of credit by examination:** 5 working days.
- **Transcript evaluation:** completed by end of first semester after receiving official completed file.
- **Process admission applications with completed and official file:** 3 working days.
- **Processing transcript requests:** 3 working days.
- **Arranging specialized services:** students are encouraged to contact the Special Populations Coordinator at least two weeks prior to class to arrange for specialized services. When special materials or equipment must be purchased, students should allow sufficient time to order, receive and install the equipment.
- **Reporting ASSET results:** students administered the test will have results reported within one to two working days. The writing sample will be graded off-site and will take approximately five days.

**Complaints, Grievances and Appeals:** The goal is to provide equitable, timely, fair and accurate resolutions to problems and complaints. Initial complaints or problems should be brought to the attention of the relevant department for resolution. If an acceptable resolution is not reached within five working days, the student can then file a formal written complaint. If a student wishes to file a formal complaint, the process and procedures for filing a written complaint, grievance or appeal is available through The Texas State University System Rules and Regulations, the LSC-PA Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, the college catalog and/or website.

**Student Relations Representative:** Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310. Phone (409) 984-6209 and fax (409) 984-6000. E-mail: Gary.Stretcher@lamarpa.edu.

Additional contacts for student relations include the President, the Vice President for Finance and the Vice President for Student Services.

**Health Insurance**

All full-time students are eligible to purchase health and accident insurance.

A brochure explaining the coverage, cost and benefits is available in the offices of the Vice President for Student Services and the Director of Student Activities.

Proof of health and accident insurance is required of all foreign students and all participants in intramural/recreational or intercollegiate sports programs.

**Job Placement and Career Guidance**

A list of currently available positions with community employers is maintained in the Department of Business and Technology office (MMED 147). The list also is posted on the college website. Office personnel will assist with computer searches of on-line job banks and job search techniques. The Human Resources Office provides assistance to students seeking part-time positions on campus.

**Personal Counseling Services Program**

Lamar State College-Port Arthur recognizes that stressful personal and family problems can have an adverse impact on the academic performance of college students. While no program realistically can eliminate all personal problems, efforts to provide timely assessment and effective counseling are steps that can be taken to
address such concerns. In an effort to provide support in this area, Student Services offers assistance to students in the form of personal counseling to help students confront and cope with today's problems. Counseling services referral can be arranged for students by contacting the Vice President for Student Services.

**Special Populations/Disabilities Coordinator**

The Special Populations/Disabilities Coordinator serves individuals who have one or more disabilities: individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including foster children; individuals preparing for non-traditional training and employment; single parents, including single pregnant women; displaced homemakers; and individuals who encounter other barriers to educational achievement, including those with limited English proficiency and academic disadvantage.

The coordinator ensures that individuals who are members of a special population or have a documented disability receive adequate services that are supplemental to basic student services offered by the College. Services include curriculum modification; equipment and/or classroom modification; supportive personnel, such as tutors, note takers, and/or interpreters; instructional aids and devices; childcare; remedial instruction; career guidance; and other services to ensure the student’s full participation in the educational programs.

**Student Government Association**

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed as students participate in the overall policy and decision-making process of the college community. The governing structure consists of three branches: executive, legislative and judicial.

The SGA President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and five Representatives are elected by the student body. Each student organization officially recognized by the College is allowed to send one senator to Senate meetings.

The organization co-sponsors a number of events on campus.

Each student officer has a one-year term. Any student in good standing with a 2.5 or better grade point average run for an SGA officer position. Students become involved with various standing and appointed committees. Students also become involved with programs and activities sponsored by the SGA.

The Judicial Arm of the SGA consists of the Supreme Court/Student Traffic Court. As a Supreme Court they may rule on cases involving student conduct and other cases as may be assigned. As a Student Traffic Court, this body will hear appeals concerning parking and traffic citations.

**Student Handbook**

The Student Conduct Code, as well as other important information pertaining to student life, is included in the Student Handbook. It is the student’s responsibility to be knowledgeable of established college policies and procedures that are contained in the Student Handbook and to comply with them. Copies of the handbook are available upon request on the third floor of the Student Center. The handbook also is posted on the college website: [www.lamarpa.edu](http://www.lamarpa.edu).

**Student Organizations**

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities programs because taking part in well-developed and organized activities will enhance their educational experience.

The College intends that the out-of-class activities program lends itself to the total educational program of the institution. In keeping with this philosophy, members of the faculty, staff and administration serve as advisors and sponsors.

The purposes and philosophies of student organizations are expected to enhance the purpose and philosophy of the College. Students interested in joining one of the existing groups or in forming a new student organization should seek procedural information from the Director of Student Activities on second floor of the Student Center.

**Student Professional, Honors and Social Organizations**

Students can join any of a growing number of organizations and honor societies. Membership in these organizations allows students to broaden their knowledge in their professional areas. In addition, these organizations promote academic and vocational excellence on campus. Groups include:

* A Class Act – for students interested in enhancing performing arts and expression through theater productions
* Allied Health Sciences Society – for students interested in healthcare fields
* Alpha Beta Gamma – the national honor society for business students
* AES – Audio Engineering Society – for Commercial Music Major with an interest in sound engineering
* Baptist Student Ministry – a religious/social organization
* Chi Alpha – a social/service organization dedicated to the needs of the non-traditional student
* Criminal Justice Association – for Criminal Justice Majors
* Diversity Club – an organization that fosters student appreciation of cultural and social diversity
* Gamma Phi Gamma – a women’s social/service sorority
* International Society of Automation – an organization for Instrumentation Technology and Electronics Technology majors
* LSC-PA History Club – a student chapter of the Port Arthur Historical Society
* LSC-PA Speech and Debate Club – for students interested in poetry, prose, public speaking and debate for competition
* LSC-PA Tech Club – an organization for students interested in computers and information technology, including web page design and software development
* Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honor Society (Alpha Lambda Rho Chapter) – the international honor society for two-year accredited colleges
* Professional Cosmetologist Association – for students interested in Cosmetology
* Sigma Kappa Delta – a national honor organization for English majors and minors and students interested in English

**Student Publications**

“Expressions” is an annual student publication which encourages and promotes the literary, artistic and photographic expression of LSC-PA students.
Entries are judged by a qualified panel of judges. Entries are received during the fall semester and published during the spring semester. Students from all majors and fields of study are encouraged to make submissions.

**Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities who need special accommodations must notify the Special Populations/Disabilities Coordinator at least two weeks before classes begin for the semester in which they will be enrolled. Students who need special assistance related to their program or registration should contact the College at the earliest time. Inquiries regarding special arrangements may be facilitated through the Special Populations and Disabilities coordinator, the Vice President for Student Services and respective Deans.

**Student Center**

The four-story Student Center is the focal center for student services, organizations and activities.
The first floor includes Campus Security, the Information Desk, dining and lounging areas and the Snack Bar. The second floor has meeting rooms, a classroom, a reading/listening area, a TV lounge, a game room and the offices of Student Activities and Student Government.
The third floor houses Admission Advising, Financial Aid, Records, Registrar and the Vice President for Student Services. The top floor has 15 faculty offices, a faculty/staff workroom and a reception area with a panoramic view of Pleasure Island, the Sabine-Neches Waterway and Sabine Lake.
General Policies

Lamar State College-Port Arthur policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and updated. They may change during the course of the academic year.

For further policy information and updates, see the Student Handbook or go to the college website (www.lamarpa.edu).

Parking Regulations

Each student who pays the necessary fee is issued a hanging tag that permits parking on campus. This tag is numbered and is to be displayed as instructed in official parking and traffic regulations, which are issued when automobiles are registered. It is an important document and should be read thoroughly.

Strict observance of traffic and parking regulations is necessary for the safe, orderly flow of vehicles in the campus area. Designated handicapped parking spaces are available. For information, contact the Vice President for Student Services.

Student Photo Identification Card

All first-time students must purchase a photo identification card.

Current students must have their ID cards validated each semester. All students are required to carry their ID cards with them at all times while on campus.

This card is the student’s pass to all college-sponsored events, including athletics, artist series, plays, recitals, musicals, readings and lectures. It also serves as a library card and a pass to work in the computer labs.

College officials have the authority to ask the student to present his or her ID card at any time. It is the student’s responsibility to present it upon request.

Non-Smoking Policy

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the campus community, the College is committed to providing an environment that limits exposure to the harmful effects of tobacco products.

This commitment derives from two concerns. First, a mounting body of evidence indicates that “second-hand” tobacco smoke can be harmful to non-smokers. Both administrative and judicial decisions hold that an employer’s obligation to provide a workplace that is free of known health hazards includes limiting the exposure of non-smokers to tobacco smoke. Second, as an educational institution, Lamar State College-Port Arthur believes it has a responsibility to promote values and practices that contribute to good health. Given the convincing medical evidence of the harmful effects of tobacco use, the College cannot, in good conscience, condone or encourage the use of those products.

I. All campus buildings are designated “smoke free,” including all instructional facilities; faculty, staff and administrative offices; and student services areas.

II. The use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco, is prohibited on campus.

III. The sale of tobacco products on campus is prohibited.

IV. Smoking is prohibited in campus-owned vehicles available for general use.

V. As used in this policy, the term “smoking” shall include all of the following:

A. Carrying or holding a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other lighted smoking equipment or device;

B. Lighting a pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoking equipment or device;

C. Emitting or exhaling the smoke of a pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoking equipment or device.

VI. The terms of this policy will be distributed to all current employees and made available to all prospective employees prior to hiring. The terms of this policy will be distributed to all current students and published in all future editions of the catalog.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy

1. Purpose

1.1 Based on its commitment to assure the safety and health of students and employees, the College seeks to maintain a work and learning environment free of the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of a controlled substance or the abuse of alcohol. Drug and alcohol abuse affects the responsible conduct of business, teaching and learning and therefore will not be tolerated.

1.2 This policy is based on the following objectives:
To maintain a safe and healthy environment for students and employees;
(2) To maintain the good reputation of the College and its employees;
(3) To minimize accidental injuries to a person or property;
(4) To keep absenteism and tardiness at a minimum and to improve the effective performance of job
duties and productivity of all employees and the educational performance of all students;
(5) In appropriate circumstances, to assist students and employees in securing substance abuse rehabilitation;
(6) To comply with the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities
Act Amendments of 1989, and other applicable legislation;
(7) To adopt and implement a program to prevent use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students and
employees.

1.3 This policy shall be in addition to any drug abuse policy or policies relating to participation in
intercollegiate athletics.

2. Definitions
As used in this policy, the following definitions apply:
2.1 “Drugs or other controlled substances” means any substance, other than alcohol, capable of altering an
individual's mood, perception, pain level or judgment.
2.11 A “prescribed drug” is any substance prescribed for individual consumption by a licensed medical
practitioner. It includes prescribed drugs and over-the-counter drugs which have been legally obtained and are
being used for the purpose for which they were prescribed or manufactured.
2.12 An “illicit drug” or chemical substance is: (a) any drug or chemical substance, the use, sale or possession
of which is illegal under any state or federal law, or (b) one which is legally obtainable but has not been legally
obtained. The term includes prescribed drugs not legally obtained and prescribed drugs not being used for
prescribed purposes.
2.13 “Controlled substance” means a controlled substance in Schedules I–V of Section 202 of the Controlled
Substance Act (21 U.S.C.S. 812) or which possession, sale or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the
Texas Controlled Substances Act (Art. 4476-15, TCS). In general, this includes all prescription drugs, as well as
those substances for which there is no generally accepted medicinal use (e.g., heroin, LSD, marijuana, etc.), and
substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of the controlled substance (e.g., “Designer
Drugs”). The term does not include alcohol.
2.2 “Alcohol” refers to any beverage that is “alcohol, or any beverage containing more than one-half of one
percent of alcohol by volume, which is capable of use for beverage purposes, either alone or when diluted.”
2.3 “Alcohol abuse” means the excessive use of alcohol in a manner that interferes with (1) physical or
psychological functioning, (2) social adaptation, (3) educational performance or (4) occupational functioning.
2.4 “Conviction” means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or
both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State
criminal drug statutes. (See 9.5 for time limitations on reporting such convictions.)
2.5 “Cause for reasonable suspicion” is established by (1) observation, (2) action and/or behaviors of the
individual, (3) witness by supervisor or other reliable individual of possession or use or (4) any other legal
measure used for alcohol or drug detection.2.6 “Criminal drug statute” means a criminal statute involving
manufacture, distribution, dispensation, use or possession of any controlled substance.
2.7 “Sanctions” may include completion of an appropriate rehabilitation or assistance program, probation,
expulsion, termination or referral to authorities for prosecution. If an employee has been convicted of a criminal
drug statute, sanctions must be imposed within 30 days.

3. Policy
3.1 Standards of Conduct: The unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol
is strictly prohibited.
3.2 Sanctions will be imposed on students and employees (consistent with local, state and federal law), up to
and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, for violation of the
standards of conduct set forth in 3.1.

Information Resources Use Policies
The use of the college's computing and electronic communication resources is a privilege, not a right. That
privilege can be revoked at any time if a user violates policies (as outlined here and contained in detail on the
college website at: www.lamarpa.edu/gen/ir use_policy.html.

The Information Resource Use Policy is designed to ensure the ethical, efficient, effective and lawful use of
computer hardware, software, networks and systems. Students who violate the policy will receive appropriate
disciplinary action from the College and may also face legal action from civil authorities.
No provision of the college's policy supersedes or limits any state or federal laws, or any other Texas State
University System or Lamar State College-Port Arthur policies regarding confidentiality, information
dissemination or standards of conduct.

The College is committed to:
* Providing students with the computer hardware and software necessary to perform their instructional
assignments:
* Protecting its computer environment from viruses;
* Maintaining compliance with the U. S. copyright laws and software license agreement and;
* Discouraging and monitoring for copyright infringement.

Each user is granted non-commercial use of the computing and communications facilities and services of the College according to rules that may be posted at those facilities, and to the terms described in this publication. A student who illegally duplicates software and/or its documentation, violates the policies of the Information Resources Use Policy or otherwise fail to comply with the college's third-party software license agreements, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school.

**Computing Facilities Use Policies:**

The college’s computing facilities are provided for the support of college programs. All users are responsible for seeing that these facilities are used only for transaction of college business. Computing facilities and accounts are owned by the College and may be used only for college-related activities.

The College reserves the right to allocate and restrict access to computing resources. Users may not use computer systems, facilities or services in any way that diminishes or interferes with the reasonable and confidential use of those systems.

The College retains the right to access and immediately remove any data or files evidencing any such misuse.

Account access information assigned to an individual is not to be given to another individual. The individual assigned to an account is responsible for all activity for which that account is used.

The following policies govern the use of all college computing facilities. Any use of these facilities in any way other than those stated below will be considered in violation of college policy.

* Users are accountable for using computing facilities in an effective, ethical and lawful manner.
* Use of college computing facilities to create, display, modify, or transmit files that are abusive, harassing, threatening, indecent, or illegal is expressly prohibited.
* Material that might be considered indecent, abusive, harassing or threatening may be accessed, activated and viewed only insofar as those materials and resources are required to perform legitimate college-related functions.
* Illegal material may not be accessed, viewed or stored on college computing facilities.
* Conduct that involves the use of computing or communications resources to violate a college policy or regulation, or to violate another's rights, is a serious abuse and can result in limitation of privileges and lead to appropriate disciplinary action.

**Software Use Policies:**

Neither licensed software, nor college-developed software, shall be copied except as specifically stipulated in license agreements or in The Texas State University System Rules and Regulations. All software protected by copyright shall not be copied except as specifically stipulated by the owner of the copyright.

Students have permission to use licensed software according to the regulations set by the College. The use of such software is governed by the terms of licensing agreements between the College and the software licensors. Users must read and abide by the terms of those agreements.

Software applications shall not be used to create, modify, access, view, display or activate files, information or materials that are offensive, indecent or illegal.

Manuals, and other copyrighted materials, shall not be copied without specific, written permission of the publisher.

**Internet Use Policies:**

The College maintains a connection to the Internet in support of its mission. Users must be aware that all Internet usage, including source and destination, can be recorded and stored. Users have no right to privacy with regard to Internet use.

The College has the ability and right to view any user’s usage patterns and take action to assure Internet resources are devoted to maintaining the highest levels of productivity.

The Internet path record is the property of the College and therefore the people of the State of Texas. Such information is subject to the Texas Public Information Act and the state laws applicable to records retention. Using the college’s Internet connection to access information, images or other materials that violate any federal laws, state laws, Texas State University System rules or LSC-PA policies is strictly prohibited. Using the Internet connection to access other computer systems in violation of state or federal law is prohibited. Using the Internet connection to access other computer systems in violation of the policies of the entity that owns those systems is strictly prohibited.

**Electronic Messaging Policies:**

Access to and the responsible use of modern information resources are essential to the pursuit and achievement of excellence. The College encourages the appropriate use of electronic messaging to enhance productivity. Use of these resources must be consistent with the college’s goals of education, research, and public service.

“Electronic messaging” refers to those computer applications such as e-mail, instant messaging, video and/or audio conferencing/collaboration, chat rooms, newsgroups, list servers, streaming media, message boards or any other application that allows a user to interactively or passively communicate with one or more persons or entities using the college computing or communications resources.
Responsible users of electronic messaging applications are expected to act in accordance with the following policies based on common sense, common decency and civility applied to the networked computing environment.

Information sent as electronic messages should meet the same standards for distribution or display as if they were tangible documents or instruments. Users must be clearly and accurately identified in all electronic communications.

Concealing or misrepresenting a name or affiliation in order to be dissociated from responsibility for actions taken is never appropriate. Alteration of the source of electronic messages or postings is unethical and possibly illegal.

Electronic messaging facilities are for college-related activities only. All electronic messaging files belong to someone. Aside from the college’s right of access, they should be assumed to be private and confidential unless the owner has explicitly made them available to others.

The College cannot guarantee the privacy or confidentiality of electronic documents or communications. Users must respect the rights of others and must not send, post or broadcast abusive, threatening, illegal, indecent or harassing materials. While debate on controversial issues is inevitable and essential, users must do so in a way that actually advances the cause of learning and mutual understanding.

Electronic messaging and other network resources may not be used for commercial purposes or for personal financial gain.

The same standards of conduct expected of users regarding the use of telephones, libraries and other college resources apply to the use of electronic messaging.

Any communication where the meaning of the message, or its transmission or distribution, would be illegal, unethical or irresponsible is to be avoided.

**Telephone System Use Policies:**
Lamar State College-Port Arthur telephone facilities are intended to support the academic mission and the administrative functions of the College. The policy states the principles regarding the use of the telephone system.

The college’s telephone facilities include any telephone or voice communication device including the Phone Mail System.

Users shall:

* Be accountable for using these facilities in an effective ethical and lawful manner.
* Only use those facilities for which they have authorization, whether these facilities are at the College or at any other facility accessible through the telephone network.
* Take all reasonable steps to protect the privacy of others as well as the integrity of the College. Users shall not share with others pin numbers, passwords, or any other authorization which has been assigned to them.
* Be aware that all calls are monitored by a Call Detail Recording System located in the Computer Center. These reports are published to the President, Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Director of Computer Services monthly and are available to the Department Chairs upon written request.

**Consequences of Information Resources Policy Violations**
An individual’s computing and communications resources use privileges may be suspended or restricted immediately upon discovery of any policy violation. Removal of the suspension or restriction will be by appeal to the Director of Information Technology Services or the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Continued or major violations of these policies may result in the College exercising its right to deny future computing privileges. In addition, any user found in violation may also be subject to further disciplinary action by the College, including termination of employment or suspension from school, as well as legal action under state and federal laws, and legal action by the owners and licensors of proprietary software for violation of copyright laws and license agreements.

**Student Travel Policies**

**Student Travel Authorization and Supervision:**
Each college-related activity that requires student travel must be authorized by the sponsoring department’s Dean or Department Chair. The authorizing Dean or Department Chair must designate a faculty/staff member or members to be responsible for the safety and conduct of the trip. (Exception): Student employees of the College, in the course of their employment, may be drivers on and in the vicinity of campus.

**Use of Students as Drivers:**
Only persons meeting the college’s polices defining “Employee” and who hold an “Approved Driver Certificate” from Lamar State College-Port Arthur are eligible to drive. Students, except student employees driving as part of their employment with the College, are expressly excluded from operating college vehicles.

**Insurance Requirements for Transporting Students:**
Passengers Involved in College-Related Activities – The trip sponsor is responsible for each student who is to be passenger in vehicle driven on a college-related activity. All student travel must be noted to the Director of
Student Activities and Vice President for Student Services prior to the trip for special event insurance that is available.

If students are to be transported in rental vehicles, the college, through the State of Texas, has several rental sources that offer special rate and inclusive insurance for this type of travel at no or little additional cost. To use this the sponsor must use their State Travel Card with our agency code located on it to rent transportation. Without the State Travel Card a sponsor must contact the Travel Coordinator in the business office to make such reservations and rental for the trip. If students are to be transported in rental vehicles on the sponsor’s personal payment, personal injury and personal effects insurance should be purchased as part of the vehicle rental agreement. This is particularly important where vans or buses are rented to transport a large number of students in a single vehicle.

Each student who travels by motor vehicle or any other form of transportation to participate in a college-related activity, including but not limited to academically related field trips or courses, competitions or contest; or non-academic activities such as those sponsored by Student Services, team sports, must execute a copy of the Release and Indemnification Agreement and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment – copies of these documents are available from the Student Activities Director.

If students use their own vehicles to drive themselves or transport other students as passengers to college-related activities, they should be informed in advance that their personal insurance will be responsible for any liability arising from the trip.

All College travel guidelines are presented in the college’s Vehicle Fleet Management Plan and all should familiarize themselves with these and other critical travel policies and procedures. It can be located on the College website under the Physical Plant Department.

**Guidelines for Transporting Students Involved in College-Related Activities:**

- Loading of the vehicle shall be done in accordance with the vehicle manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Particular attention should be paid in loading the large (3/4 ton) vans. No more than eleven (11) passengers should be transported and even with a reduced load the driver must remain cautious when maneuvering or making quick turns in order to avoid a rollover.
- All occupants must remain seated with their seat belts fastened while the vehicle is in motion. The number of occupants must never exceed the number of working seat belts in the vehicle.
- The use of tobacco products is not allowed in any vehicles owned by the College.
- The Trip Manifest, Itinerary and Authorization for Student Travel documents must be verified by the LSC-PA sponsor of the trip and the driver.
- Each vehicle transporting students involved in college-related activities shall be equipped with the following items: a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, a flashlight, water, a Texas state map, a cellular telephone and a Voyager Fleet credit card.
- Student trips will be planned in accordance with the following restrictions:
  * The driver may not drive more than eight (8) hours in any calendar day.
  * The driver may not drive more than forty-eight (48) hours in a week.
  * Every driver must take a rest period of at least twelve (12) hours between driving periods.
  * The maximum number of hours any passenger car or van may be driven during any calendar day is twelve (12) hours.

**Student Conduct**

To meet its educational objectives, an institution of higher learning must expect rational, mature behavior from its constituency. To accept anything less invites the destruction of not only academic freedom, but also the system of higher education.

Student discipline at Lamar State College-Port Arthur is based on an educational philosophy of helping students grow and mature into responsible citizens. When a student behaves in a manner that might require disciplinary action, a careful investigation of all facts is made and the student is afforded every opportunity to assist in arriving at a just and equitable decision.

Counseling, conferences with parents and/or instructors, conferences with peer groups and other techniques as may seem appropriate, may be employed in making discipline an educational experience.

**Disciplinary Action**

Students are subject to disciplinary action for unacceptable behavior, as outlined in the Student Handbook under “Student Conduct and Discipline.” The Vice President for Student Services may classify behavior as unacceptable and may refer the case to the proper judicial body for investigation and decision. The student has the privilege of appealing the decision to the College Discipline Committee. This appeal is made through the Office of the Vice President for Student Services and the action of the College Discipline Committee is subject to review by the President.
Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

An extracurricular activity is an activity representing the student body, a student organization, any department or division organization or any activity representing the College.

Any half-time student not on disciplinary or scholastic probation, who is officially registered, is eligible to become a candidate and/or to hold student office or to represent the College in any extracurricular activity provided such student has a grade point average of at least 2.0 for both the whole of college work completed at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and that of the preceding semester.

For the purpose of establishing eligibility, two six-week summer terms may count as one semester.

Transfer students have the same eligibility as freshman students until completion of one semester at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Students participating on an intercollegiate level in any one of the certified sports of the National Junior College Athletic Association shall conform to the requirements of the Rules of Eligibility, the rules and regulations of the Region XIV conference, and the rules of the College at which the students are attending and participating.

Hazing

Hazing is prohibited in state educational institutions by the Texas Education Code, Section 4.19. Lamar State College-Port Arthur students are forbidden to engage in, encourage, aid or assist any person(s) participating in what is commonly known and recognized as hazing.

Any student who does so will be subject to college disciplinary action and might also expect to be dealt with by civil authority. Refer to the Student Handbook for more specific definitions and information relevant to the legal implications of hazing.

Fines and Breakage Loss Charges

Library fines, charges for breakage or loss of equipment or to other charges must be paid before a transcript of credit or a permit to re-enter the College will be issued.

The College can make a special assessment against any student guilty of inexcusable breakage, loss of instructional equipment or other college property.

Student Debts

The College is not responsible for debts contracted by individual students or student organizations. The College will not act as a collection agency for any organization, firm or individual to whom students may owe bills.

Students and student organizations are expected to honor contractual obligations promptly, but in case of flagrant disregard of such obligation the Vice President for Student Affairs will take appropriate action.

Penalty for failure to clear up these obligations may be: a) no readmission; b) withholding of grades and transcripts; c) withholding of degree.

Failure to pay all college fees by the specified date will result in suspension through the 12th week in the long semester and the fourth week of each Summer term. After the 12th week in the long semester and the fourth week of each Summer term failure to pay all fees by the specified date will result in suspension at the end of the current semester and may include a) denial of readmission; b) withholding of grades and transcripts; c) withholding of degree.

Official Summons

An official summons takes precedence over other college activities of the student and should be answered promptly on the day and hour designated. Failure to heed an official summons may subject the student to serious disciplinary action.

Penalty for False Statements

A student who provides false information or makes false statements to any college official or office or on an official form submitted to the College is subject to immediate dismissal.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a fatal disease that is a nationwide public health problem. Lamar State College-Port Arthur acknowledges the seriousness of this problem.

In health-related matters such as this, the College follows the guidelines of recognized authorities including The National Center for Disease Control, the U.S. Public Health Service, the Texas Department of Health and the American College Health Association.

The College conforms its actions to the Texas Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act and other laws.

There is no current evidence that individuals infected with Human Immunodeficiency (HIV), the “AIDS virus,” can infect other individuals through casual contact. Therefore, there is no reason to exclude individuals with AIDS, AIDS-Related Complex (ARC) or a positive test for antibody to HIV from campus academic, social, or cultural activities.
On the basis of current knowledge of the disease, individuals sharing common living space, work or study areas, libraries, classrooms, recreation facilities and theaters do not represent a problem or public threat to the campus community.

Students and employees of the College who may become infected with the AIDS virus will not be excluded from enrollment or employment or restricted in their access to college services or facilities unless medically-based judgments in individual cases establish that exclusion or restriction is necessary to the welfare of the individual or of other members of the college community.

When circumstances require a review, the President will seek the advice of the Port Arthur Health Department, the attending physician, and any other relevant parties. An opportunity will be provided for any person involved to discuss his or her circumstances.

In the event of public inquiry concerning college policy, programs, problems or statistics related to AIDS on campus, the President is the official spokesperson for the College. All inquiries from the press, elected public officials or the public in general will be referred to the Office of the President. The medical records of individuals shall remain confidential, but public information shall be disclosed on request in accordance with the Texas Open Records Act, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and the Texas Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Act. General information and national statistics considered public knowledge are not subject to restriction.

In the event an individual is identified with AIDS, ARC or a positive test for HIV antibody, appropriate existing college resources for emotional, educational, social and medical support will be made available to all concerned individuals.

Persons who know or have reasonable basis for believing that they are infected with the AIDS virus are expected to seek expert advice about their health circumstances and are obligated, ethically and legally, to conduct themselves responsibly in accordance with such knowledge for the protection of other members of the college community.

The College carefully observes safety guidelines established by the U.S. Public Health Service for the handling of blood and other body fluids and secretions, both in all health care facilities maintained on the campus and in other institutional contexts in which such fluids or secretions may be encountered (e.g., teaching and experimental laboratories). More information is available on campus.

**Bacterial Meningitis**

As mandated by the 77th Session of the Texas Legislature, this information is provided to all new college students in the state of Texas.

Bacterial meningitis is a serious, potentially deadly disease that can progress fast.

It is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord.

The bacteria that causes meningitis also can infect the blood. The disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year, including 100-125 people on college campuses, leading to 5-15 deaths among college students every year.

There is a treatment for bacterial meningitis, but those who survive may develop severe health problems or disabilities. The symptoms of bacterial meningitis are:

- High fever
- Confusion and sleepiness
- Stiff neck
- Rash or purple patch on skin
- Lethargy
- Light sensitivity
- Seizures
- Rash of tiny, red-purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin.

There is a risk of death (in 8 to 24 hours from perfectly well to dead) and permanent brain damage. Kidney failure, learning disability, hearing loss, blindness, and limb damage (fingers, toes, arms, legs) requires amputation, gangrene, coma, and convulsions.

Diagnosis of the disease is made by a medical provider and usually is based on a combination of clinical symptoms and laboratory results from spinal fluid and blood tests. Early diagnosis and treatment can greatly improve the likelihood of recovery.

The disease is transmitted when people exchange saliva (such as kissing, or by sharing drinking containers, utensils, cigarettes, toothbrushes, etc.). It also is spread by contact with respiratory or throat secretions. The risk of infection also is increased by living in close conditions, such as sharing a room/suite in a dormitory or group home.

The possible consequences of the disease are:

- Death (in 8 to 24 hours from perfectly well to dead)
- Permanent brain damage
- Kidney failure
- Learning disability
- Hearing loss, blindness
- Limb damage (fingers, toes, arms, legs) requires amputation
- Gangrene
- Coma
- Convulsions
Persons who contract bacterial meningitis can be treated successfully with antibiotics if the disease is diagnosed early.

Vaccinations also are available and should be considered for those who are living in close quarters and for college students age 25 or younger. Vaccinations are effective against four of the five most common bacteria types that cause 70 percent of the disease in the United States.

However, vaccinations do not protect against all types of meningitis.

The vaccinations take 7-10 days to become effective and offer protection for three to five years. The cost of the vaccine varies, so check with your health care provider.

For information about bacterial meningitis, contact your health care provider or call the Port Arthur Health Department at 983-8800. Information also is available from the regional office of the Texas Department of Health (713-767-3000) or on the Internet at one of these websites: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo, www.acha.org; A copy of this information is located on the college website (www.lamarpa.edu).

My.Lamarpa.edu Account

NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Lamar State College-Port Arthur will utilize your My.Lamarpa.edu email account as a primary point of contact as a service to you. It is imperative that you secure or get assistance with your password as soon as possible as the College will utilize this as its primary point of contact for important announcements and other communications. Your My.Lamarpa.edu account can be checked on any computer in the world and we also have computers available around campus for your use. You are strongly encouraged to log into your My.Lamarpa.edu account DAILY. If you need assistance with your account, contact the My.Lamarpa.edu, Help Desk Coordinator – 409-984-6150.
Academic Programs
Academic Programs

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Madison Monroe Building, Room 121

The Academic Programs Division offers an Associate of Arts degree and an Associate of Arts in Teaching for students who do not wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree, or as an interim goal for students who intend to transfer to a four-year school. These degree plans are designed to parallel the first two years of most baccalaureate degree plans at senior institutions and to facilitate the student’s transition to those institutions.

State law requires each state-supported college and university in Texas to adopt a core curriculum of up to 48 semester hours. This makes the transfer of courses between institutions more efficient and eliminates unnecessary course duplication.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur has a core curriculum of 48 semester hours.

A student who completes the entire Core Curriculum and then transfers usually will not be required to take courses in the core curriculum of the institution to which the student transfers (receiving institution).

The exception will be if an individual department at the receiving institution has a departmental requirement it expects students to meet by taking certain courses as part of its institutional core curriculum. Therefore, a student should become familiar with the departmental requirements of the receiving institution, and should consult with an advisor prior to each registration.

Core Curriculum

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, each state-supported college and university in Texas is required to design and implement a Core Curriculum, with the courses comprising the curriculum totaling no more than 48 semester hours. Each Core Curriculum must be consistent with the Texas Common Course Numbering System, and must be consistent with the framework identified in Charts I and II in this section. Chart I specifies the minimum number of semester credit hours required in each of the five major component areas that, by law, a Core Curriculum must include.

Chart II shows the options available to students for the remaining 12 semester hours required for completion of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur’s Core Curriculum. A student successfully completing the Core Curriculum at Lamar State College-Port Arthur may transfer that block of courses to any other state-supported institution.

When transferred, the receiving institution must substitute the block of courses for its Core Curriculum. A transferring student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and may not be required to take additional Core Curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

A student who transfers from Lamar State College-Port Arthur to another institution without completing the Core Curriculum receives academic credit within the core curriculum of the receiving institution for each applicable course transferred. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student probably will be required to satisfy the remaining course requirements in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.

To eliminate the possibility of being required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution, students are strongly encouraged completing the entire Core Curriculum before transferring.

A student concurrently enrolled at more than one institution of higher education must follow the Core Curriculum requirements in effect for the institution at which the student is classified as a degree-seeking student.

Completion of the Core Curriculum is a requirement for earning an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The regulations pertaining to it apply to students preparing for those degrees and/or a bachelor's degree. Students pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree are exempt from the Core Curriculum requirements explained in this section.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur Core Curriculum

Chart I: Students must select 36 semester credit hours of the core curriculum from the components described below:

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<td>ENGL 1301 and 1302</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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<td>MATH 1314, 1324, 1332</td>
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<td>Natural Sciences</td>
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<td>Any combination of two laboratory science courses selected from: CHEM 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1411 or 1412; GEOL 1403 or 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 1405, 1407, 1411, 1412, 1415, 1417, 2425,</td>
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Humanities 3  
Visual or Performing Arts 3  
or 2426
ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331 or 2341
Selected from:
ARTS 1301, 1311 or 1316
DRAM 1310, 1320, 1321, 1351 or 1352

Social or Behavioral Sciences
U.S. History 6  
Political Science 6  
Selected from:
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301*
GOVT 2301 and 2302
Social or Behavioral Science 3  
ECON 2301 or 2302:
GOVT 2304:
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2321
or 2322; PSYC 2301, 2314 or 2317
SOCI 1301, 1306 or 2301

Total for Chart I 36 semester hours

* If a student chooses to use HIST 2301 for one of the two required courses in U.S. History, then he/she may not use that course to also meet the 3 semester credit hour requirement in Social/Behavioral Sciences.

Chart II: Students select from the courses listed for the 12 additional semester credit hours required:

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|                                 |                       | ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331 or 2341:
|                                 |                       | HUMA 1315:
|                                 |                       | MUSI 1306 or 1310:
|                                 |                       | PHIL 1301, 1304, 1316, 1317
|                                 |                       | or 2303
| Social or Behavioral Sciences   | 0                     | Selected from:
| Institutionally-Designated Option | 3                   | COSC 1301 or BCIS 1305
|                                 | 1                     | Physical activity course

Total for Chart II 12 semester hours
Total Core Curriculum 48 semester hours
Academic Programs Division Degree Plans

“The reason I chose Lamar State College-Port Arthur is because my mom and sister attended here. They have a great program and all of the instructors are understanding and you can tell they love teaching. I feel like I am getting the education I need at LSCPA. The College is a great place and a great choice.”
Academic Programs Division Degree Plans

Associate of Arts Degree

Students as Lamar State College-Port Arthur who wish to take courses in an academic transfer field of study may choose to pursue an Associate of Arts Degree. This degree provides a Core Curriculum that will transfer to four-year institutions and parallels the first two years of most baccalaureate degree plans.

Upon completion of the core curriculum, students may choose from several areas of emphasis to fulfill the remaining degree requirements. These areas of emphasis include Academic Studies, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Drama, Kinesiology and Studio Art.

Emphasis in Academic Studies

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree but are undecided about a specific major. The degree plan provides a Core Curriculum that will transfer to any state-supported college or university in Texas. It includes the general education requirements for almost any baccalaureate degree. Electives beyond the Core Curriculum allow students to explore various disciplines in order to determine a major.

Core Curriculum..........................................................48 semester hours
Electives*..............................................................15 semester hours
Total: 63 semester hours

* Students should consult with an advisor to determine the appropriate electives. Electives must be academic transfer courses. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

Emphasis in Business Administration

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The curriculum parallels the first two years of study in business administration at state-supported colleges and universities in Texas and follows the field of study curriculum prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Recommended Plan:
Core Curriculum*.........................................................48 semester hours
ACCT 2301, 2302 .........................................................6 semester hours
BUSI 1301 .................................................................3 semester hours
ECON 2301, 2302 .........................................................6 semester hours
MATH 1325 ..............................................................3 semester hours
Total: 66 semester hours

* To fulfill Core Curriculum requirements, students should take MATH 1324 to satisfy the mathematics component. BCIS 1305 should be taken to meet the Institutionally-Designated Option for Computer Science in the Core Curriculum.

Emphasis in Criminal Justice

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. The curriculum requires coursework in basic criminal justice principles and concepts and allows students to
complete the degree plan with various criminal justice electives to suit their educational or career goals. The degree plan follows the field-of-study curriculum prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum*..........................................................48 semester hours
- CRIJ 1301, 1306, 1310....................................................9 semester hours
- Criminal Justice electives...............................................6 semester hours
- Elective.............................................................................3 semester hours
- Total: 66 semester hours

* Students are advised to take ECON 2301 or 2302 to meet the Social and Behavioral Science requirement of the Core Curriculum. Electives must be academic transfer courses. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

**Emphasis in Drama**

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree with a major in theater or a pre-professional degree in law. The degree plan provides a Core Curriculum that will transfer to any state-supported college or university in Texas. It includes the general education requirements for almost any baccalaureate degree. The electives beyond the Core Curriculum allow students to explore various aspects of the performing arts.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum..............................................................48 semester hours
- DRAM 1310 or 1352, and DRAM 1330, 1351 and 2336.......12 semester hours
- DRAM Practicum electives..................................................3 semester hours
- Total: 63 semester hours

* To fulfill Core Curriculum requirement, students should take DRAM 1320 to satisfy the Visual or Performing Arts component in Chart I. DRAM 1321 should be taken to meet the Humanities or Visual or Performing Arts component in Chart II.

**Emphasis in Kinesiology**

This curriculum parallels the first two years of study of baccalaureate programs at state colleges and universities in Texas. The associate degree requires 48 semester credit hours of courses from the LSC-PA Core Curriculum, plus 15 semester credit hours of Kinesiology.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum Courses..............................................48 semester hours
- 15 semester hours to be selected from:
  - KINE 1238 Physical Fitness and Sports Intern (2 hour)
  - KINE 1301 Introduction to Physical Education
  - KINE 1304 Health and Wellness
  - KINE 1306 First Aid
  - KINE 1321 Traditional Games
  - KINE 1322 Racquet Sports/Golf
  - KINE 1336 Indoor/Outdoor Games
  - KINE 1337 Non-Traditional Games
  - KINE 1338 Applied Fitness Concepts
  - KINE 2156 Taping and Bandaging (1 hour course)
- Total: 63 semester hours

* Students are advised to take BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, to meet the science requirements of the Core Curriculum. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

**Emphasis in Studio Art**

The curriculum is designed for students who plan to work toward a traditional Bachelor of Arts degree or a professional Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

It also is recommended for students who are undecided about majoring in art, but who would like to explore their artistic abilities.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum..............................................................48 semester hours
- Six courses selected from:
  - ARTS 1301, 1304, 1311, 1312, 1316, 1317, 2311, 2316, 2323
- Total: 66 semester hours

* Students should consult an advisor to determine the appropriate electives.
Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching

Upon completion of the Core Curriculum, Students interested in teaching as a career may choose to complete the Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching by selecting a teaching area of emphasis, such as EC-8, EC-12 Art, EC-12 Theater Arts, EC-12 Music or EC-12 Physical Education.

Emphasis in Teaching (EC-8)

This degree curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree in education in order to become certified to teach at some level from early childhood/kindergarten through grade 8 (excluding Early Childhood specialization).

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum courses ................................................................. 48 semester hours
- MATH 1350 ..................................................................................... 3 semester hours
- Laboratory Science in addition to Core Curriculum ....................... 4 semester hours
- EDUC 1301 and 2301 ........................................................................ 6 semester hours

**Total:** 61 semester hours

*Students should consult an advisor to determine the appropriate electives.

Emphasis in EC-12 Art

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree in education to be certified to teach art classes at some level from early childhood/kindergarten through grade 12.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum courses ................................................................. 48 semester hours
- EDUC 1301 and 2301 ........................................................................ 6 semester hours
- ARTS courses ................................................................................... 6 semester hours

**Total:** 60 semester hours

Emphasis in EC-12 Theater Arts

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree in education to be certified to teach drama classes at some level from early childhood/kindergarten to grade 12.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum Courses ............................................................... 48 semester hours
- EDUC 1301 and 2301 ........................................................................ 6 semester hours
- DRAM courses ................................................................................... 6 semester hours

**Total:** 60 semester hours

Emphasis in EC-12 Music

This curriculum is the first two years of a track designed for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree and be certified to teach music in the public schools. The degree was developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and serves as a guide for colleges and universities in structuring the first two years of a curriculum for music education majors.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum ............................................................................. 48 semester hours
- EDUC 1301 and 2301 ........................................................................ 6 semester hours
- MUSI courses .................................................................................... 6 semester hours

**Total:** 60 semester hours

Emphasis in EC-12 Physical Education

This curriculum is designed for students who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree in education to be certified to teach physical education classes at some level from early childhood kindergarten through grade 12.

**Recommended Plan:**
- Core Curriculum Courses ................................................................. 48 semester hours
- EDUC 1301 and 2301 ........................................................................ 6 semester hours
- 6 semester hours to be selected from:
  - KINE 1238, 1301, 1304, 1306, 1321, 1322, 1336, 1337, 1338, or 2156

**Total:** 60 semester hours

* Students are advised to take BIOL 2401 and 2402, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, to meet the science requirements of the Core Curriculum. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Commercial Music –
Performance – Session Musician

This curriculum is designed to prepare students for jobs as musicians in the entertainment industry. Employment opportunities include session musician, live venue musician, music arranger/orchestrator and songwriter.

Potential employers include entertainment venues, audio production companies, recording studios, publishing companies and independent soundtrack producers. Other opportunities available in the field when sufficient work experience is combined with academic preparation includes record production, publishing, artist management, concert promotion, venue management, music merchandising and teaching.

Graduates have a strong background in appropriate core sub-disciplines of ensemble performance, music theory, writing, orchestration, arranging and composing music and music business training.

Laboratory training encompasses state-of-the-art instruments, materials and techniques employed in the commercial music industry, plus a dedicated Commercial Music performance hall.

**Required Plan:**

- **MUSI 1301** .................................................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSI 1181, 1182** ........................................... 2 semester hours
- **MUSC 1211, 2211** .......................................... 4 semester hours
- **MUSC 1213, 2213** .......................................... 4 semester hours
- **MUSC 1303 or MUSI 1310** .............................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSC 1321, 1325, 1331** .................................. 9 semester hours
- **MUSC 2320 or 2319** ........................................ 3 semester hours
- **MUSB 1305** .................................................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSP 2103 (two semesters)** ................................ 2 semester hours
- **MUSC 1191** .................................................. 1 semester hour
- **MUEN ensemble (two semesters) or MUSC 1235** .................................................. 2 semester hours
- *Applied Commercial Music Lessons (MUSP) (four semesters)................ 8 semester hours
- *Commercial Music Ensembles (MUSP) (four semesters)....................... 8 semester hours
- **General Education Core** ........................................ 16 semester hours

Total: 68 semester hours

*Applied Music Lesson will be repeated four times. Any course from Commercial Ensemble (MUSP) may be repeated four times

**MATH 1314 or MATH 1332; PHYS 1405; COSC 1301; SPCH 1315: Behavioral/Social Science elective

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Commercial Music – Sound Engineer

This curriculum prepares students for audio production jobs in the music industry. Employment opportunities include recording engineer, audio producer, sound designer and MIDI programmer.

Potential employers include advertising agencies, audio production companies, recording studios, record labels and publishing companies. Other opportunities will be available in the field when sufficient work experience is combined with academic preparation include record production, publishing, artist management, concert promotion, venue management and music merchandising.

Graduates will have a strong background in the appropriate core sub-disciplines of music theory: writing, orchestrating, arranging and composing music; audio recording; and the music industry. Laboratory training encompasses state-of-the-art instruments, materials and techniques employed in the commercial music industry.

**Required Plan:**

- **MUSI 1301** .................................................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSI 1181, 1182** ........................................... 2 semester hours
- **MUSC 1211, 1213** .......................................... 4 semester hours
- **MUSC 2211, 2213 or MUSI 1405** ..................... 4 semester hours
- **MUSC 1303 or MUSI 1310** .............................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSC 1331** .................................................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSC 1427, 2427, 2447, 2448** .............................. 16 semester hours
- **MUSB 1305** .................................................. 3 semester hours
- **MUSP 2103 or MUSC 1196** .............................. 1 semester hour
- **MUSP 2103** .................................................. 1 semester hour
- **MUSC 1325** .................................................. 3 semester hours
One 2-credit MUSC or MUSP elective ........................................ 2 semester hours
Two courses from:
MUSC 2319, 2330, 1423, 1321 or 1235 ............................ 5-7 semester hours
**General Education Core.......................................................... 16 semester hours
Total: 66-68 semester hours

**MATH 1314 or Math 1332, PHYS 1405 or 1415; COSC 1301 or BCIS 1305; SPCH 1315: Behavioral/Social Science elective.
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Department of Liberal Arts

Dr. Barbara Huval, Department Chair    Performing Arts Center, Rm. 144

The Department of Liberal Arts provides instruction in a variety of art, English, drama, foreign language, government, history, humanities, music, philosophy and speech courses leading to Associate of Arts degrees. Courses are designed to meet the requirements of the Core Curriculum and to provide students with the background necessary to enable them to succeed after transferring to a baccalaureate program.

Liberal Arts Course Descriptions

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Prerequisite: ARTS 1317.
Communication courses (COMM):

**1129 Publications**  
1:0:4  
Students work on at least one of the official college publications for prescribed periods under faculty supervision.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**1130 Publications**  
1:0:4  
Students work on at least one of the official college publications for prescribed periods under faculty supervision.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**1307 Introduction to Media Studies**  
3:3:0  
Study of mass communication, analysis of media conglomerates, advertising, popular culture and media-audience interaction.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**2129 Publications**  
1:0:4  
Students work on at least one of the official college publications for prescribed periods under faculty supervision.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**2130 Publications**  
1:0:4  
Students work on at least one of the official college publications for prescribed periods under faculty supervision.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**2311 Writing for Print Media**  
3:3:0  
A study of the principles of news writing, with emphasis upon concise, accurate, objective writing. Proficiency in typewriting is required.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

Drama courses (DRAM):

**1161 Introduction to Musical Theater**  
1:0:5  
An introductory study and performance of works from the musical theater repertoire, with practical experience in participating in a full theater production. Open by audition or consent of the instructor to students from all departments who are interested in musical theater production. Course may be repeated.

**1162 Musical Theater II**  
1:0:5  
Rehearsal and performance of works from the musical theater repertoire. Course may be repeated.

**1310 Introduction to Theater**  
3:3:0  
A general survey of the major fields of theater. Emphasis on observation and appreciation of various types and styles of plays, knowledge of the functions of the personnel and other elements of theatre production including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures and its relation to the fine arts.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

**1320 Theater Practicum III**  
3:2:3  
Basic course in theatrical production, including actual rehearsal and performance.  
*A student may not take more than nine hours of theater practicum.*

**1321 Theater Practicum IV**  
3:2:3  
Advanced course in theatrical production, including rehearsals and performance.  
*A student may not take more than nine hours of theater practicum.*

**1330 Stagecraft I**  
3:2:3  
Basic course on handling and construction of scenery, the care of stage properties and theatrical terminology and the study and application of visual aesthetics of design which may include hands-on experience in the physical theater, scenery construction and painting, properties, lighting, costume, makeup and backstage organization.  
*Prerequisite:* Basic skills competency in reading required.

**1342 Introduction to Costume**  
3:2:3  
Basic course in costuming, using hands-on experience in theatrical construction principles and techniques of costume design and construction for theatrical productions.

**1351 Acting I Fundamentals of Acting**  
3:2:3  
Introductory principles and practice for basic acting training with the development of basic skills and techniques of acting including increased sensory awareness, ensemble performing, character analysis and script analysis. Emphasis on the
mechanics of voice, body, emotion, and analysis as tools for the actor.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

1352 Acting II Stage Movement
A continuation of the process of acting with emphasis on movement and vocal work.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2120 Theater Practicum I
Laboratory instruction in production techniques in scenery, lighting, costumes and other technical areas. Course may be repeated three times for a total of three semester hours.

A student may not take more than nine hours of theater practicum.

2121 Theater Practicum II
Laboratory instruction in production techniques in scenery, lighting, costumes and other technical areas. Course may be repeated three times for a total of three semester hours.

A student may not take more than nine hours of theater practicum.

2336 Voice for the Theater
Builds vocal development, vocabulary and pronunciation skills through systematic drills and exercises with the application of the performer's use of the voice as a creative instrument of effective communication. Encourages an awareness of the need for vocal proficiency and employs techniques designed to improve the performer's speaking abilities.

2351 Acting III
A continuation of acting with emphasis on various styles of acting.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2352 Acting IV
A continuation of the study of the principles and practices of acting.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2361 History of the Theater I
Development of theater art from the earliest times through the 21st Century.

English courses (ENGL):

Students who have not passed the THEA test (Texas Higher Education Assessment Test) will take a campus placement test and be enrolled in one of the developmental English courses until they satisfactorily perform on the THEA.

1301 Composition
Intensive study and practice in the basic forms of expository writing. Frequent themes. Collateral reading in articles and essays of a factual and informative type.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

1302 Composition
Principles and techniques of written, expository and persuasive composition: analysis of literary, expository and persuasive texts: and critical thinking. Research paper required.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

Note: Students whose degree plan requires both English 1301 and 1302 must take these courses in sequence.

2307 Creative Writing I
A workshop approach to the writing of poetry, fiction and drama.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

2311 Technical Writing
Principles, techniques, and skills needed for standard technical and business writing as applied to the student's major field.

Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills, successful completion of ENGL 1301 or equivalent.

Note: Satisfactory completion of 6 hours of English composition is prerequisite to sophomore literature courses. Unless specified by a department, any combination of the three sophomore courses below will satisfy a sophomore literature requirement.

2321 Masterworks of British Literature
Critical study of six to ten major works of British literature, including writers from most of the important periods.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or departmental approval.
2326 Masterworks of American Literature 3:3:0
Critical study of six to ten major works of American literature, including both the 19th and 20th centuries.
Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or departmental approval.

2331 Masterworks of World Literature 3:3:0
Critical study of six to ten major monuments of world literature, from classical antiquity to the present century.
Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or departmental approval.

2341 Forms of Literature 3:3:0
The study of one or more literary genres including, but not limited to, poetry, fiction, drama and film.
Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or departmental approval.

Government (Political Science) courses (GOVT):

2301 Introduction to American Government I 3:3:0
A study of the national and Texas constitutions; federalism, political socialization and participation; public opinion and interest groups; parties, voting and elections.
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; basic skills competency in reading and writing.

2302 Introduction to American Government II 3:3:0
A study of the legislative, executive and judicial branches and the bureaucracy; policy formulation and implementation including civil rights and civil liberties, domestic and foreign policies. GOVT 2301 recommended prior to enrolling in GOVT 2302.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

2304 Introduction to Political Science 3:3:0
An introductory survey of political ideas and institutions and a review of the methods for analyzing the political behavior of individuals, groups and nations.
Formal research design required.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

History courses (HIST):

1301 American History: History of the United States, 1763 to 1877 3:3:0
Survey of United States history through reconstruction.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

1302 American History: History of the United States, 1877 to Present 3:3:0
Survey of United States history from the post-reconstruction period to the present.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

2301 History of Texas 3:3:0
Survey of Texas history from the beginning to the present time.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

2321 History of World Civilization 3:3:0
Survey of world history to 1660.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

2322 History of World Civilization 3:3:0
Survey of world history from 1660 to 1965.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

Humanities courses (HUMA):

1315 Appreciation of the Arts and the Humanities 3:3:0
A survey course exploring any combination of the arts and humanities, including drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, computer graphics, sculpture, architecture, music, drama, literature, dance or film.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

Philosophy courses (PHIL):

1301 Introduction to Philosophy 3:3:0
Introduction to the study of ideas and their logical structure, including arguments and investigations about abstract and real phenomena. Includes introduction to the history, theories and methods of philosophy.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

1304 Introduction to World Religions 3:3:0
A comparative study of various world religions.
1316 History of Religions 3:3:0
A historical survey of major religions, with an emphasis on the Old Testament.

1317 History of Religions 3:3:0
A historical survey of major religions, with an emphasis on the New Testament.

2303 Logic and Ethics 3:3:0
Study of the nature of methods of clear and critical thinking and methods of reasoning, such as deduction, induction, scientific reasoning and fallacies. These modes of reasoning are applied to current ethical issues.

Sign Language courses (SGNL):

1301 Sign Language I 3:3:0
Introduction to American sign language and signed English systems.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

Spanish courses (SPAN):

1311 Elementary Spanish I 3:3:0
The first semester of college Spanish for students without previous knowledge of the language. An introduction to the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, with special emphasis on listening and speaking.
Prerequisite: Basic skills in reading and writing required.

1312 Elementary Spanish II 3:3:0
The second semester of college Spanish for students without previous knowledge of the language. An introduction to the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, with special emphasis on listening and speaking.
Prerequisite: SPAN 1311 or equivalent determined by examination.

Speech courses (SPCH):

1315 Public Speaking 3:3:0
Principles and practices of public speaking.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

1318 Interpersonal Communications 3:3:0
Principles and practices of interpersonal communications in various settings.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.
Additional prerequisite: SPCH 1315 with grade of C or better.

2335 Argumentation & Debate 3:3:0
Principle theories and practice in argumentation and debate, including analysis, reasoning, organization, evidence and refutation in a variety of speaking situations. Critique of these issues as reflected in current public affairs.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing required.

Liberal Arts Course Number Changes

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Department of Commercial Music

Haley Warren
2010 graduate of Buna High School
Major: Commercial Music/ Performance Session Musician

“I chose Lamar State College-Port Arthur because their music program is unlike any other in the area. A friend recommended the school to me and I am so glad he did. The instructors are wonderful; the individual attention you get helps you to fully understand the material. I would highly recommend LSCPA to anyone interested in music. I have learned so much and I am excited to see how much more I can learn in the coming semesters.”
Department of Commercial Music

Dr. Kristel Kemmerer, Department Chair     Performing Arts Center, Rm. 138

The Department of Commercial Music offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in Performance (Session Musician) and Sound Engineer and Entertainment Business Level 1 certificate. These degrees prepare students for jobs as musicians and recording engineers in the entertainment industry.

Potential employers include entertainment venues, audio production companies, recording studios, publishing companies, and independent sound track producers. Other opportunities available in the field when sufficient work experience is combined with academic preparation include record production, publishing, artist management, concert promotion, venue management, music merchandising and teaching.

Graduates will have a strong background in appropriate core sub disciplines: music theory, keyboard, arranging and composing music, acoustics and music business training. Courses are carefully sequenced and designed around student outcomes and include general education components that foster problem-solving and communication skills. Laboratory training encompasses state-of-the-art instruments, materials and techniques employed in the commercial music industry, plus a dedicated performance hall.

Students desiring to be Performance majors are required to audition. Students with an interest in Sound Engineer are required to interview.

A.A.S. in Commercial Music – Performance

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MUSC 1321  (pick two) Songwriting OR  48  3  0  3
MUSC 2319 Orchestration OR  48  3  0  3
MUSC 2330 Commercial Arranging & Composition OR  64  3  1  3
MUSC 1235 Commercial Music Software (Finale) OR  48  2  1  2
MUSC 1423  Audio Electronics  96  3  3  4
MUSP 2103  Commercial Class Piano OR
MUSC 1196 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology  48  0  3  1
MUSC 1235  Commercial Music Software OR  48  2  1  2
MUSC 1296 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology OR  48  0  3  2
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MUSC 2211 Comm. Music Sight singing/Ear Training II OR  48  2  1  2
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MUSP1217 Applied Commercial Music: Percussion OR  64  1  3  2
MUSP 1227 Applied Commercial Music: Voice OR  64  1  3  2
MUSP 1242 Applied Commercial Music Ensemble OR  80  1  4  2
MUSP 1212 Introductory Group Guitar  48  1  2  2
Total Hours: 288-384  10-11  7-14  13-15

**indicates general education curriculum requirement

Entertainment Business Level 1 Certificate

The Entertainment Business Certificate is designed for students who desire a more in-depth study of practical entertainment business practices, to prepare for self-employment or to enhance their employment potential. Subjects include entertainment law, management, marketing, and business principles.

An earned degree or concurrent enrollment in Commercial Music is strongly recommended. For admission to the Entertainment Business certificate, an interview is required as well as demonstration of college-level competency in reading, writing, and math through minimal Compass scores, or successful completion of college-level English and math courses.

First Semester
IMED 1316  Web Design I  64  3  1  3
BUSI 1301  Business Principles  48  3  0  3
MUSB 1305  Survey Music Business  48  3  0  3
MUSB 2355  Legal Aspects of the Entertainment Industry  48  3  0  3
Total Hours:  208  12  1  12

Third Semester
MUSB 2345  Live Music and Talent Management  48  3  0  3
MUSB 1341  Concert Promotion and Venue Management  64  3  1  3
MUSP 2301  Music Marketing  48  3  0  3
Total Hours:  160  9  1  9
Commercial Music Course Descriptions

Music Ensemble courses (MUEN):

Note: Courses do not satisfy general education requirements for non-Commercial Music major students

1121 Major (Large) Instrumental Ensembles I
   Campbell band, laboratory band (jazz/stage), symphony or orchestral group.

1131 Chamber (Small) Instrumental Ensembles I
   Smaller instrumental ensembles: wind, string, percussion, piano, or laboratory.

1141 and 1142 Seahawks Concert Choir
   A choir open to all students, singing music from a wide variety of styles, including popular, classical and Broadway. Prerequisite is prior membership in a school choir or an individual audition. Choir director permission is required for enrollment.

1151 Chamber (Small) Vocal Ensembles I
   Vocal ensemble, madrigals, or small choir.

2141 Major (Large) Vocal Ensembles I
   Any major choral group, campus choir, chorus, or swing choir.

Commercial Music Business courses (MUSB):

Note: Courses do not satisfy general education requirements for non-Commercial Music major students

1305 Survey of Music Business
   An introductory overview of the music industry including songwriting, live performance, the record industry, music merchandising, contracts, licenses and career opportunities.

1341 Concert Promotion and Venue Management
   Course includes considerations in purchasing a club, concert promotion and advertising, talent buying, city codes, insurance, Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission Regulation, performance rights organization licenses, personnel management, and concert production and administration.
2301 Music Marketing
Methods of music distribution, retailing, and wholesaling. Includes identifying a target market, image building, distribution (brick and mortar vs. digital delivery), pricing, advertising, and marketing mix.

2345 Live Music and Talent Management
An examination of the role, scope, and activities of the talent manager including establishing the artist/manager relationship; planning the artist’s career; and developing goals, strategies, and tactics with an overall view of the live music business.

2355 Legal Aspects of the Entertainment Industry
Copyright law and the various agreements used in the entertainment industry. Emphasizes contracts used by music publishers, record companies, artist managers, record producers, film and television producers, and booking agencies.

Commercial Music courses (MUSC):
Note: Courses do not satisfy general education requirements for non-Commercial Music major students.

1120 Live Sound Workshop
Basic sound system operation, includes mixing boards and microphones. Also addresses solving common problems, such as feedback.

1191 Special Topics in Music
Selected topics in music addressing recently identified events, skills, knowledge and attitudes relevant to the professional development of the student.

1196 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology
Selected topics in audio engineering addressing recently identified events, skills, knowledge and attitudes relevant to the professional development of the student.

1211 Commercial Music Sight Singing/Ear Training I
Learn to sight-read melodies in major and minor keys; and identify and transcribe dictation of simple rhythmic patterns and major and minor melodies. Audition required before enrollment.
Prerequisite: MUSI 1301
Concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1213 is required.

1213 Commercial Music Theory I
Learn to apply chord progressions, song forms, and harmonic techniques used in commercial music. Topics include modern chord notation and chord voicing.
Prerequisite: MUSI 1301 or consent of instructor.
Concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1211 is required.

1235 Commercial Music Software (Finale)
Specialized training in commercial music software applications.

1296 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology

1303 History of Popular Music
An introduction to commercial music industry trends and developments through historical analysis. Topics include the evolution of the music industry with emphasis on the development of popular musical styles and the impact of culture and technology on industry growth.

1321 Songwriting I
Learn to compose marketable melodies with commercial music, form and harmony; write lyrics; set lyrics to song; create lyrical, melodic and harmonic "hooks"; and devise a production plan for a song demonstration.
Prerequisite: completion of or concurrent enrollment in MUSC 1213, 1211 and MUSP 2103, or consent of instructor.

1325 Acoustics
List specific characteristics of sound in air; describe acoustical properties of halls, rooms, and studios; measure and quantify sound characteristics; and utilize electronic and acoustic control measures.

1330 Computer Music Notation I
Survey of music notation software and applications with skill development in doing music print copy using computer software.
Prerequisite: MUSI 1213 and COSC 1301 or BCIS 1305

1331 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) 3:3:1:64
Exploration of the history and evolution of Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI) systems and applications. Includes the MIDI language and applications in the studio environment using software-based sequencing programs.
Prerequisite: MUSI 1181; completion of or concurrent enrollment in MUSC 1213 and MUSC 1211

1396 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology 3:2:3:80

1400 Sound System Design and Installation 4:3:3:96
Design and installation of portable and permanent audio systems. Includes industry-standard design/modeling software and industry-standard control software. Also covers digital signal processing (DSP), systems networking and multimedia component integration.

1405 Live Sound I 4:3:3:96
An overview of the field of live sound. Includes principles of live sound and the theory and interconnection of the components of a sound reinforcement system.
Prerequisite: MUSC 1427

1423 Audio Electronics 4:3:3:96
Basic concepts in electricity, Ohm's Law, circuit analysis and troubleshooting. Includes soldering techniques and equipment maintenance.

1427 Audio Engineering I 4:3:3:96
Overview of the recording studio. Includes basic studio electronics and acoustic principles, waveform properties, microphone concepts and placement techniques, studio set up and signal flow, console theory, signal processing concepts, multi-track principles and operation, and an overview of mixing and editing.

1496 Special Topics in Recording Arts Technology 4:3:3:96

2131 Commercial Music Sight Singing/Ear Training III 1:0:3:48
Learn to sight read intermediate to complex rhythms and melodies; and transcribe dictation of intermediate to complex rhythm, melodies and chord progressions.
Prerequisite: MUSC 2211.

2132 Commercial Music Sight Singing/Ear Training IV 1:0:3:48
Learn to sight-read advanced rhythms and melodies; and transcribe dictation of advanced rhythms, melodies, and multi-voice chord progression.
Prerequisite: MUSC 2131.

2201 Audio Engineering Practices 2:2:1:48
Application of the concepts and techniques presented in Audio Engineering I and II. Identify and troubleshoot procedural and/or technical problems which may arise in the audio studio; and demonstrate the use audio consoles, multi-track recorders, and signal processing.
Prerequisite: MUSC 2427 (can be taken concurrently)

2211 Commercial Music Sight Singing/Ear Training II 2:2:1:48
Learn to sight sing selected melodies in chromatic tonalities; and transcribe dictation of selected rhythmic patterns, chromatic melodies and intermediate chord progressions.
Prerequisite: MUSC 1213 and MUSC 1211.
Co-requisite: MUSC 2213 or consent of instructor.

2213 Commercial Music Theory II 2:2:1:48
Learn to compose melodies using standard song forms; harmonize melodies using chords appropriate to assigned musical style; and analyze selected pieces from lead sheets and arranged concept key scores.
Prerequisite: MUSC 1213 and MUSC 1211.
Co-requisite: MUSC 2211

2319 Orchestration 3:3:0:48
Prepares the student to write for voices and instruments to include ranges, transposition, and idiosyncrasies of each instrument with emphasis on commercial music chord voicing.
Prerequisite: completion of or concurrent enrollment in MUSC 1321

2330 Commercial Music Arranging & Composition 3:3:1:64
Students learn to compose and arrange for multi-instrumental ensembles; compose and arrange stylistically correct background figures and counter lines;
and compose and arrange broadcast jingles, video/film scores and stage show formats. 
*Prerequisite:* Completion of or concurrent enrollment in MUSC 1321.

**2402 Sound Systems Tech** 4:3:3:96
Provides an in depth study of advanced signal flow, system packaging, system integration, system protection/maintenance, rigging from a system technician’s perspective electrical distribution for audio systems, and responsibilities/roles of the audio systems engineer.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 1405 (can be taken concurrently)

**2403 Live Sound II** 4:3:3:96
Overview of stage monitor systems. Includes monitor systems set-up and operation and stage management. Also covers interactivity between sound management, performance quality, and audience experience.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 1405

**2427 Audio Engineering II** 4:3:3:96
Implementation of the recording process, microphones, audio console, multi-track recorder, and signal processing devices.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 1427

**2447 Audio Engineering III** 4:3:3:96
Advanced practice of procedures and techniques in recording and manipulating audio. Includes digital audio editing, advanced recording techniques and advanced engineering projects.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 2427

**2448 Audio Engineering IV** 4:3:3:96
Advanced recording, mixing, arranging, and editing. Includes the role of the producer in session planning, communication, budgeting, business aspects, technical considerations and music markets. Capstone course for Commercial Music – Sound Engineering AAS degree.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 2447

**2453 Live Sound III** 4:3:3:96
Advanced concepts of live sound engineering for front-of-house mix. Includes techniques required to build and maintain a live sound mix for an audience, creating and maintaining a front-of-house mix; demonstrating routing and utilization of effects and dynamic processors; explaining signal flow and interconnection of components; and troubleshoot front-of-house sound systems.
*Prerequisite:* MUSC 2403

**2459 Sound System Optimization** 4:3:3:96
System optimization. Includes related acoustic principles and system alignment procedures. Emphasizes system equalization, time/phase alignment, subsystem integration, loudspeaker management systems, ear training, and industry-standard acoustic analysis software.

**Music courses (MUSI):**

**Note:** ONLY MUSI 1310 and MUSI 1306 fulfill general education requirements for non-Commercial Music major students.

**1116 Sight Singing & Ear Training I** 1:1:1
Application of Music Theory I, emphasizing melodic diction and sight-singing by solfeggio.

**1117 Sight Singing & Ear Training II** 1:1:1
Continuation of MUSI 1116 with attention to increasingly sophisticated vocal and aural study. Singing tonal music in treble, bass, alto and tenor clefs. Aural study includes dictation, of rhythm, melody and diatonic harmony.
*Prerequisite:* MUSI 1116 plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1312 required

**1151 and 1152 Seahawk Acapella Choir** 1:0:3
An advanced choir, singing challenging soprano/alto/tenor/bass voice music from all genres and styles with a focus on the choral tradition.
*Prerequisite:* An individual audition and choir director permission are required.

**1159 Musical Theater I** 1:0:5
Study and performance of works from the musical theater repertoire.

**1181 Piano Class Instruction I** 1:2:1
Classroom instruction in keyboard technique fundamentals for students with limited piano background. Includes scales chord progressions, sight reading drills and selections from solo literature.

1182 Piano Class Instruction II 1:2:1
Prerequisite: MUSI 1181

1183 Voice Class Instruction I 1:0:3

1184 Voice Class Instruction II 1:0:3
Instruction in a group setting in the singing fundamentals including breathing, tone production, and diction. Designed for students with little or no previous voice training. Open to non-music majors.

1301 Music Fundamentals 3:3:0
Preparation for the study of music theory, including scales, terminology, chords, key and time signatures, the structures of music and musical notation.

1306 Music Appreciation 3:3:0
Survey of music for non–music students. Covers the major style periods from the Renaissance to the present with emphasis on development of basic listening skills and critical thinking. Requires attendance at instructor-specified recitals or concerts. Fulfills general education requirement for non-Commercial Music Majors.

1310 American Music 3:3:0
A study of the evolution of popular American music styles that are powerful reflections of American culture. Includes a survey of music created, performed and reflective of a unique American style, including jazz, ragtime, southern music, blues, swing, folk, country, western and newer popular music styles, such as rock and roll and hip-hop. Fulfills general education requirement for non-Commercial Music Majors.

1311 Music Theory I 3:3:0
The fundamentals of pitch, rhythm and timbre with emphasis on intervals, keys, melodic and harmonic relationships and part-writing. Concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1116 is required. Prerequisite: MUSI 1301

1312 Music Theory II 3:3:0
Analysis and writing of tonal melody and diatonic harmony up to and including the chords. Analysis and writing of small compositional forms. Correlated study at the keyboard. Prerequisite: MUSI 1311 plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1117.

2116 Sight Singing & Ear Training III 1:1:1
Singing more complicated tonal music including modal, ethnic and 20th century materials. Aural study of more complex rhythm, melody, chromatic harmony and extended tertian structures. Prerequisite: MUSI 1117, plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 2311 is required.

2117 Sight Singing & Ear Training IV 1:1:1
A continuation of MUSI 2116 with attention to more complex rhythm, melody, chromatic harmony and extended tertian structures. Prerequisite: MUSI 2116 plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 2312 required.

2181 Piano Class Instruction III 1:0:3

2182 Piano Class Instruction IV 1:0:3

2311 Music Theory III 3:3:0
Advanced keyboard and written harmony. Introduction to 20th century composition procedures and survey of the traditional large composition forms. Correlated study at the keyboard. Prerequisite: MUSI 1312 plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 2116.

2312 Music Theory IV 3:3:0
Advanced keyboard and written harmony. Introduction to 20th century composition procedures and survey of the traditional large composition forms. Correlated study at the keyboard. Prerequisite: MUSI 2311 plus concurrent enrollment in MUSI 2117.

Commercial Music Ensemble, Piano courses, Individual Instruction (MUSP):
Note: Courses do not satisfy general education requirements for non-Commercial Music major students.

1142 Small Commercial Music Ensemble 1:0:3:48
Participation in a small commercial music ensemble concentrating on commercial
music performance styles.

1146 Small Commercial Music Ensemble – Country
Participation in an ensemble concentrating on commercial country music performance styles.

1148 Small Commercial Music Ensemble – Improvisation
Participation in a small ensemble concentrating on improvisation of commercial music performance styles.

1150 Small Commercial Music Ensemble – Jazz
Participation in a jazz ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

1151 Small Commercial Music Ensemble – Recording
Participation in a small recording ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

1153 Small Commercial Music Ensemble – Rock
Participation in a rock ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

1204 Applied Commercial Music: Bass Guitar
Individual instruction.

1205 Applied Commercial Music: Guitar
Individual instruction.

1210 Applied Commercial Music: Piano
Individual instruction.

1212 Introductory Group Guitar
Fundamentals of playing various accompaniment patterns with open-string chords. Includes reading tablature, reading standard notation and learning introductory improvisational skills.

1217 Applied Commercial Music: Percussion
Individual instruction.

1227 Applied Commercial Music: Voice
Individual instruction.

1242 Small Commercial Music Ensemble
Participation in a small commercial ensemble concentrating performance styles in a recording studio environment.

2103 Commercial Music Class Piano
Introduces keyboard skills for commercial music majors including blues progressions and scales, mode, harmony, and extensive use of the ii-V7-I progression with appropriate keyboard voicing. May be repeated twice for credit. Prerequisite: MUSI 1181 & MUSI 1182.

2106 Commercial Vocal Ensemble – General
Participation in a vocal ensemble concentrating on commercial vocal music performance styles.

*All MUSP courses, except MUSP 2103, may be repeated four times for credit

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Department of Mathematics & Science
“I chose Lamar State College-Port Arthur because it is a great place to further my education as well as my softball career. The tuition cost was very beneficial to me and the fact that I could play college softball so close to home closed the deal. It is a great institution and I would recommend it to anyone.”
Department of Mathematics and Science

Dr. Percy Jordan, Department Chair    Process Technology Bldg., Rm. 133

The Department of Mathematics and Science provides instruction in a variety of business, mathematics, social science and laboratory science courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate of Arts in Teaching. Courses are designed to meet the requirements of the college's Core Curriculum and to provide students with the background necessary to enable them to succeed in a baccalaureate program.

Department of Mathematics and Science Course Descriptions

Accounting Courses (ACCT):

2301 Principles of Accounting I

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Concepts and procedures of financial accounting. First, the information gathering, analysis, recording and reporting functions inherent in the complete accounting cycle. Second, the balance sheet areas of asset measurement, liability accounting and corporate owner's equity accounting.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading, writing and math.

2302 Principles of Accounting II

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A continuation of ACCT 2301 with additional financial accounting and concepts, procedures and uses of managerial accounting. First, a review and elaboration of accounting principles and specialized accounting topics. Second, cost and managerial accounting with basic cost systems, budgeting and special analysis for management.

Prerequisite: ACCT 2301 with grade of C.

Anthropology Courses (ANTH):

2346 Introduction to Anthropology

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A general survey of the three main fields of anthropology—physical anthropology, cultural anthropology and archaeology. Emphasis is on the holistic approach or anthropology to the study of mankind in all times and places.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2351 Cultural Anthropology

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Key concepts, methods and theory in the study of cultural diversity, social institutions, linguistics and culture change among world peoples.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

Biology Courses (BIOL):

1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy

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Study of the chemical, physical, and sensory properties of food; nutritional quality; and food use and diet applications. (Cross-listed as HECO 1322)

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and math required.

1406 Biology for Science Majors I

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Fundamental principles of living organisms including physical and chemical properties of life, organization, function, evolutionary adaptation, and classification. Concepts of reproduction, genetics, ecology, and the scientific method are included.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing.

1407 Biology for Science Majors II

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Fundamental principles of living organisms including physical and chemical properties of life, organization, function, evolutionary adaptation, and classification. Concepts of reproduction, genetics, ecology, and the scientific method are included.

Prerequisite: BIOL 1406, basic skills competency in reading and writing.

2401 Anatomy and Physiology I

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Study of the structure and function of human anatomy, including the neuroendocrine, integumentary, musculoskeletal, digestive, urinary, reproductive, respiratory, and circulatory systems.

Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing.

2402 Anatomy and Physiology II

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Prerequisite: BIOL 2401 with a grade of C or better.
2420 Microbiology 4:3:2
Study of the morphology, physiology, and taxonomy of representative groups of pathogenic and nonpathogenic microorganisms. Pure cultures of microorganisms grown on selected media are used in learning laboratory techniques. Includes a brief preview of food microbes, public health, and immunology.
Prerequisites: BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402.

Business Computer Information Systems Courses (BCIS):

1305 Business Computer Applications 3:3:2
Computer terminology, hardware, software, operating systems and information systems relating to the business environment. The main focus of this course is on business applications of software, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentation graphics and business-oriented utilization of the Internet.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading, writing and math.

Business Courses (BUSI):

1301 Business Principles 3:3:0
Introduction to the role of business in modern society, including an overview of business operations, analysis of specialized fields within the business organization and development of a business vocabulary. Course also includes an introduction to public policy processes and issues, with a focus on ethical and moral consideration.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

Chemistry Courses (CHEM):

1405 Introductory Chemistry 4:3:2
For non-science majors. A survey course in elementary inorganic chemistry.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading, writing and math.

1407 Introductory Chemistry 4:3:2
For non-science majors. Continuation of CHEM 1405. Elementary organic and biochemistry.
Prerequisite: CHEM 1411 or 1405.

1406 Chemistry for Allied Health Science 4:3:2
A survey of elementary inorganic, organic chemistry and gas laws for allied health majors.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading, writing and math.

1408 Biochemistry for Allied Health Science 4:3:2
Elementary survey of structure, function and metabolic processes of molecules in organisms. Designed for students majoring in health sciences.
Prerequisite: CHEM 1406.

1411 General Chemistry 4:3:3
General practices, problems, fundamental laws and theories.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading; one year of high school chemistry or an introductory course. College Algebra or equivalent college-level math course strongly recommended.

1412 General Chemistry 4:3:3
A continuation of CHEM 1411. Properties of the elements, elementary qualitative analysis and theories of solutions and equilibrium.
Prerequisite: CHEM 1411.

2423 Organic Chemistry 4:3:4
Current theories and chemical principles as they relate to the field of structure and reaction of the various types of chemical compounds.
Prerequisite: CHEM 1412.

2425 Organic Chemistry II 4:3:4
A continuation of CHEM 2423.
Prerequisite: CHEM 2423.

Computer Science Courses (COSC):

1301 Microcomputer Applications 3:3:2
Teaches students to solve realistic problems using the most readily available "off-the-shelf" general applications software: word processing, spreadsheets and database systems. Additional assignments may use system software and presentation graphics software. This course should not be taken by business majors.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.
Criminal Justice Courses (CRIJ):

1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3:3:0
History and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical considerations; crime defined; its nature and impact; overview of criminal justice system; law enforcement; court system; prosecution and defense; trial process; corrections.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

1306 Courts Systems and Practices 3:3:0
The judiciary in the criminal justice system; structure of the American court system; prosecution; right to counsel; pre-trial release; grand juries; adjudication process; types and rules of evidence; sentencing.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

1307 Crime in America 3:3:0
American crime problems in historical perspective; social and public policy factors affecting crime; impact and crime trends; social characteristics of specific crimes; prevention of crime.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law 3:3:0
A study of the nature of criminal law; philosophical and historical development; major definitions and concepts; classification of crime; elements of crimes and penalties using Texas statutes as illustrations; criminal responsibility.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

1313 Juvenile Justice System 3:3:0
A study of the juvenile justice process to include specialized juvenile law, role of the juvenile law, role of the juvenile courts, role of police agencies, role of correctional agencies and theories concerning delinquency.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2301 Community Resources in Corrections 3:3:0
An introductory study of the role of the community in corrections; community programs for adults and juveniles; administration of community programs; legal issues; future trends in community treatment.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2313 Correctional Systems and Practices 3:3:0
Corrections in the criminal justice system; organization of correctional systems; correctional role; institutional operations; alternatives to institutionalization; treatment and rehabilitation; current and future issues.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2314 Criminal Investigation 3:3:0
Investigation theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement 3:3:0
Police authority; responsibilities; constitutional constraints; laws of arrest, search and seizure; police liability.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

2328 Police Systems and Practices 3:3:0
The police profession; organization of law enforcement systems; the police role, police discretion; ethics; police-community interaction; current and future issues.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading.

Economics Courses (ECON):

2301 Principles (Macro) 3:3:0
Emphasizes monetary theory; national income analysis; fluctuation and growth; public finance; international trade and current economic problems.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing.

2302 Principles (Micro) 3:3:0
Introduction to economic principles; allocation of resources; determination of output and prices; distribution and managerial economics.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and writing.
Education Courses (EDUC):

1100 Learning Framework 1:1:0
Introduction and orientation to college. Assists the student in making adequate social and personal adjustments to college life, developing educational and career goals, and becoming familiar with institutional curricula and policies. Assists the student in making adequate social and personal adjustments to college life, developing educational and career goals, and becoming familiar with institutional curricula and policies. Includes techniques for time management, note taking, and preparing for exams. Required of all students enrolled in developmental courses who have not completed 15 hours of college-level work. This requirement is waived if the student is enrolled in EDUC 1100 or PSYC 1100. Recommended for all students in their first semester. A grade of “C” or better must be earned to meet the institutional requirement; otherwise the course must be repeated. Counts as elective credit toward a degree or certificate. The grade earned is computed in the student’s grade point average.

1300 Learning Framework 3:3:0
Study of the 1) research and theory in the psychology of learning, cognition and motivation; 2) factors that impact learning; and 3) application of learning strategies. Students use assessment instruments (learning inventories) to identify their strengths and weaknesses as learners. Develops skills and techniques necessary for success in college including memory development, note-taking, test preparation, study skills and time management. Stresses the importance of creativity, health, relationships and the effective use of resources in achieving college success. All students who have passed fewer than 60 semester hours and finished the immediate two long semesters on scholastic probation are required to enroll in and pass the course. Recommended for all students desiring to improve their opportunities for success in college. A passing grade must be earned to meet the institutional requirement. May count for elective credit in selected degree and certificate programs. Students who fail a developmental course must take either EDUC 1300 or PSYC 1300.

1301 Introduction to the Teaching Profession 3:3:1
An enriched integrated pre-service course and content experience that provides active recruitment and institutional support of students interested in a teaching career, especially in high-need fields; provides students with opportunities to participate in early field observations at all levels (P–12) with diverse student populations; and provides students with support from college and school faculty, preferably in small cohort groups, for the purpose of introduction to and analysis of the culture of schooling and classrooms. Course content is aligned as applicable with standards set by the State Board for Educator Certification, and must include a minimum of 16 contact hours of field experience in in P–12 classrooms.

Prerequisite: EDUC 1301.

2301 Introduction to Special Populations 3:3:1
An enriched integrated pre-service course and content experience providing an overview of schooling and classrooms from the perspectives of language, gender, socio-economic status, ethnic and academic diversity and equity with emphasis on factors that facilitate learning; provides students with opportunities to participate in early field observations of P–12 special populations. Course content is aligned as applicable with standards set by the State Board for Educator Certification, and must include 16 contact hours of field experience in P–12 classrooms.

Geography Courses (GEOG):

1302 Cultural Geography 3:3:0
Prehistoric and historical perspective into the distribution and variation in human races, lifestyles and food and industrial economics.

Geology Courses (GEOL):

1403 Physical Geology 4:3:2
Earth materials, minerals and rocks, weathering and soils, mountain building, volcanism, faulting and earthquakes, erosion, ground water and caves, glaciation and continental shorelines.
1404 Historical Geology 4:3:2
Earth history, a study of the Earth through time; formation of the crust, oceans and atmosphere and the change in animal and plant life through time.
Prerequisite: GEOL 1403 or consent of instructor.

Home Economics Courses (Family and Consumer)
Sciences/Early Childhood Education) Courses (HECO):
1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy 3:3:0
Study of the chemical, physical, and sensory properties of food: nutritional quality; and food use and diet applications. (Cross-listed as BIOL 1322)
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading and math required.

1377 Intimate Relationships, Marriage and the Family 3:3:0
A study of the individual and the family. Special emphasis on individual development, sexuality, tasks of marriage and parenting skills in relation to the family life cycle.

Mathematics Courses (MATH):
Prerequisites for any college-level mathematics course are:
*MATH 1332
  - Successful completion of MATH 0332, THEA Math score of 230 or higher or
  - ASSET test score of 38 or above on the elementary algebra exam or 39 on the COMPASS algebra exam
*MATH 1314, 1316 or 1324
  - Successful completion of MATH 0332, SAT Math score of 500 or higher;
  - THEA Math score of 270 or above or COMPASS score of 50 or higher, or satisfactory ASSET score
  - MATH 1325, 1342, 2305 or 2312
  - Successful completion of MATH 1314 or MATH 1324
*MATH 1350 or 1351
  - Successful completion of MATH 1314
  - MATH 2413 or 2376
  - Successful completion of MATH 2312
  - MATH 2414
  - Successful completion of MATH 2413
* Denotes “B” or Better Course

Each student must provide evidence of prerequisite fulfillment by the third class day.

1314 College Algebra 3:3:0
Linear, quadratic equations and inequalities, determinants, matrices, systems of equations, partial fractions, binomial theorem, logarithms, theory of equations.
Prerequisite: MATH 0332 or departmental approval

1316 Trigonometry 3:3:0
Study of trigonometric functions, identities, inverse functions, trigonometric equations, graphs and applications of trigonometry. Recommended for students who did not take high school trigonometry.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314

1324 Math for Business Applications 3:3:0
A review of basic algebraic techniques, linear equations and inequalities: the mathematics of finance, matrices, linear programming and an introduction to probability and statistics.
Prerequisite: MATH 1332.

1325 Elements of Analysis for Business Applications 3:3:0
Introduction to calculus. The derivative, applications of the derivative, techniques of differentiation, exponential and natural logarithmic functions and introduction to the integral calculus.
Prerequisite: MATH 1324 or 1314 or their equivalent.

1332 College Mathematics I 3:3:0
Sets, the systems of whole numbers, the system of integers, elementary number theory, the system of rationales and the system of real numbers.
Prerequisite: MATH 0332 or a passing score on an approved placement test.

1333 College Mathematics II 3:3:0
Equations, inequalities, graphs, functions, geometry, counting methods, probability and statistics.
Prerequisite: MATH 1332 or MATH 1314.
1342 Elementary Statistical Methods 3:3:0
Non-calculus based introduction to statistics. Statistical measures of data, statistical
description of data, elementary probability, random variables, binomial and normal
distribution, estimation, testing hypotheses.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314 or its equivalent.

1350 Fundamentals of Mathematics I 3:3:0
Concepts of sets, functions, numeration systems, number theory and properties of the
natural numbers, integers, rational and real number systems with an emphasis on
problem solving and critical thinking. This course is designed specifically for students
who seek middle grade (4-8) teacher certification. Course also may be appropriate
for early childhood education majors.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314 or its equivalent.

1351 Fundamentals of Mathematics II 3:3:0
Concepts of geometry, probability and statistics as well as applications of the
algebraic properties of real numbers to concepts of measurement with an
emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. The course is designed for
students who seek middle grade (4-8) teacher certification and is a required part
of the approved field of study curriculum for middle grades certification. The
course also may be appropriate for early childhood education majors.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314, MATH 1350 or the equivalent.

2305 Discrete Mathematics 3:3:0
Introduction to combinatorial and finite mathematics required in the study of
computer science. Topics include special functions, such as truncation, floor and
ceiling, number theory, matrix algebra, summation notation, logic and Boolean
algebra, probability, combinatorics, graph theory, difference equations and
recurrence relations.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314 or its equivalent.

2312 Precalculus Mathematics 3:3:0
Fundamentals of algebra, trigonometry and analytic geometry. Prepares students
for MATH 2313 and 2413.
Prerequisite: MATH 1314 or departmental approval.

2413 Calculus and Analytic Geometry I 4:4:0
Functions, limits, derivatives of algebraic, trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic
functions, curve sketching, related rates, maximum and minimum problems, definite
and indefinite integrals with applications.
Prerequisite: MATH 2312 or its equivalent.

2414 Calculus Analytic Geometry II 4:4:0
Methods of integration, differential equations, polar coordinates and vector analysis.
Prerequisite: MATH 2413 or its equivalent.

Physics Courses (PHYS):
1401 General Physics I 4:3:3
Designed for physical or natural sciences majors. Emphasis on understanding and
applying basic physical laws. Topics may include mechanics, heat, light, sound,
electricity and magnetism.
Prerequisite: Completion of MATH 1314 with a “B” or better, or MATH 2312
with a “C” or better.

1402 General Physics II 4:3:3
A continuation of PHYS 1401. Topics may include mechanics, heat, sound, light,
electricity and magnetism.
Prerequisite: PHYS 1401.

1405 Conceptual Physics 4:3:3
Conceptual level survey of topics in physics for non-science majors. Introduces
the basic interactions of nature with emphasis on thermodynamics and heat
transfer. Counts as a laboratory science toward graduation.

1407 Conceptual Physics 4:3:3
Conceptual level survey of topics in physics intended for non-science majors.
Counts as a laboratory science toward graduation.

1411 Introduction to Astronomy 4:3:3
An introductory course in astronomy for non-science majors. Topics may include
the solar system, stars and stellar evolution, and galaxies.
1412 Introduction to Astronomy II 4:3:3
A continuation of PHYS 1411, an introductory course for non-science majors. Topics may include the solar system, stars and stellar evolution, and galaxies.

1415 Physical Science I 4:3:3
A course for non-science majors. Topics may include astronomy, chemistry, geology, meteorology or physics.

1417 Physical Science II 4:3:3
A course for non-science majors. Topics may include astronomy, chemistry, geology, meteorology or physics.

2425 Calculus Based Physics I 4:3:4
Mechanics, vibration and heat.
Prerequisite: Departmental approval.

2426 Calculus Based Physics II 4:3:4
Electricity, magnetism, sound waves and optics.
Prerequisites: PHYS 2425 and departmental approval.

Psychology Courses (PSYC):

1100 Learning Framework 1:1:0
Introduction and orientation to college. Includes factors that impact student learning and success and the application of learning strategies. Assists students in making adequate social and personal adjustments to college life, developing educational and career goals and becoming familiar with institutional curricula and policies. Includes techniques for time management, note-taking and exam preparation. EDUC 1100 or PSYC 1100 required of all students enrolled in developmental courses who have not completed 15 hours of college-level work. Recommended for all students in their first semester. A grade of “C” or better must be earned to meet the institutional requirement: otherwise the course must be repeated. Counts as an elective credit toward a degree or certificate. The grade earned is computed in the student’s grade point average.

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Study of the 1) research and theory in the psychology of learning, cognition and motivation; 2) factors that impact learning; and 3) application of learning strategies. Students use assessment instruments (learning inventories) to identify their strengths and weaknesses as learners. Develops skills and techniques necessary for success in college including memory development, note-taking, test preparation, study skills and time management. Stresses the importance of creativity, health, relationships and the effective use of resources in achieving college success. All students who have passed fewer than 60 semester hours and finished the immediate two long semesters on scholastic probation are required to enroll in and pass the course. Recommended for all students desiring to improve their opportunities for success in college. A passing grade must be earned to meet the institutional requirement. May count for elective credit in selected degree and certificate programs. Students who fail a developmental course must take either EDUC 1300 or PSYC 1300.

2301 General Psychology 3:3:0
An introductory survey of the major areas of psychology, such as learning, social, testing, personality, developmental and physiological. Emphasis is on psychology as the scientific study of behavior and includes both human and animal behavior. Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2314 Lifespan Human Growth and Development 3:3:0
Study of the relationship of the physical, emotional, social, and mental factors of growth and development of children and throughout the lifespan. Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2317 Introduction to Statistical Methods 3:3:0
Statistical concepts and techniques used in behavioral science research. Topics include graphs, position measures, central tendency and dispersion, correlation and regression, probability, significance test and introduction to non-parametric techniques. Prerequisite: MATH 1314.
Sociology Courses (SOCI):

1301 Introduction to Sociology 3:3:0
Sociology as a field of knowledge. Basic terms, concepts, theories of sociology applied to an explanation of human behavior, personality, groups and society.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

1306 Social Problems 3:3:0
Attributes of society and of persons which are subject to disapproval: the causes, extent and consequences of these problems: programs and prospects of their resolution.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

2301 Intimate Relationships, Marriage and the Family 3:3:0
A study of the individual and the family. Special emphasis on individual development, sexuality, tasks of marriage and parenting skills in relation to the family life cycle.
Prerequisite: Basic skills competency in reading required.

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Department of Health, Fitness & Sport
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Kyler Segura
2010 graduate of Port Neches-Groves High School
Major: Kinesiology

“Lamar State College-Port Arthur has been a great place for me to start. The small classes help me become more familiar with my instructors and help me focus more on my studies. The instructors really care about your educational goals and you are able to get the one-on-one help you need. LSCPA keeps me close to home and gives you a great education at affordable prices. Lamar State-PA is just what I needed to start off my college career.”
Department of Health, Fitness and Sport

Scott Street, Department Chair          Carl Parker Center, Rm. 102

The Department of Health, Fitness and Sport provides a broad series of courses to enhance the mental, social and physical well-being of students, faculty and staff.

The department offers courses of study leading to an Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching (EC·12 Emphasis in Physical Education) or an Associate of Arts Degree with an emphasis in Kinesiology, which also satisfy core curriculum requirements at all state colleges and universities in Texas. These associate degrees will transfer to schools that offer four-year baccalaureate degrees requirements.

The department also offers a wide variety of physical activity classes which fulfill core curriculum. Fitness courses, sport activity courses (credit and non-credit) and a variety of sports events are available to enrich the lives of everyone associated with the College.

The College also has two Division I intercollegiate sports programs – the Seahawks men’s basketball team and the Seahawks women’s softball team, which compete in Region XIV, a Division I conference of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Associate of Arts Degree with an Emphasis in Kinesiology

This curriculum parallels the first two years of study of Kinesiology baccalaureate programs at state colleges and universities in Texas. The associate degree requires 48 semester credit hours of courses from the Core Curriculum at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, plus 15 semester credit hours of Kinesiology.

Recommended Plan:

Core Curriculum Courses.................................................................48 semester hours

15 semester hours to be selected from:

KINE 1238 Physical Fitness and Sports Intern (2 hour)
KINE 1301 Introduction to Physical Education
KINE 1304 Health and Wellness
KINE 1306 First Aid
KINE 1321 Traditional Games
KINE 1322 Racquet Sports/Golf
KINE 1336 Indoor/Outdoor Games
KINE 1337 Non-Traditional Games
KINE 1338 Applied Fitness Concepts
KINE 2156 Taping and Bandaging (1 hour course)

Total: 63 semester hours

* Students are advised to take BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, to meet the science requirements of the Core Curriculum. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.
Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching
EC-12 Emphasis in Physical Education

This curriculum parallels the first two years of study of baccalaureate programs at state colleges and universities in Texas for students who plan to become certified to teach physical education at levels from early childhood/kindergarten to grade 12.

Recommended Plan:

Core Curriculum Courses..................................................................................48 semester hours

EDUC 1301 Introduction to Education 3 semester hours
EDUC 2301 Introduction to Special Populations 3 semester hours

6 semester hours to be selected from:

KINE 1238 Physical Fitness and Sports Intern
KINE 1301 Introduction to Physical Education
KINE 1304 Health and Wellness
KINE 1306 First Aid
KINE 1321 Traditional Games
KINE 1322 Racquet Sports/Golf
KINE 1336 Indoor/Outdoor Games
KINE 1337 Non-Traditional Games
KINE 1338 Applied Fitness Concepts
KINE 2156 Taping & Bandaging

Total: 60 hours

* Students are advised to take BIOL 2401 and 2402, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, to meet the science requirements of the Core Curriculum. Physical Activity courses (PHED) may not be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

Kinesiology courses (KINE):

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<td>Orientation to the field of physical fitness and sports. Includes the study and practice of activities and principles that promote physical fitness, including team sports.</td>
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<td>1301 Introduction to Physical Fitness &amp; Sports</td>
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<tr>
<td>Introduction to the history, principles and philosophy of kinesiology and sport, including study and practice of leadership activities that promote physical fitness.</td>
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<td>1304 Health &amp; Wellness</td>
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<td>An investigation of the principles and practices of personal and community health. The course includes laboratories and practical activities that help students improve their quality of life and achieve well-being.</td>
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<td>1306 First Aid</td>
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<td>Instruction and practice of first aid techniques with certifications in the American Heart Association First Aid, Personal Safety and CPR curricula.</td>
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<td>1321 Traditional Games / Sports</td>
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<td>Instruction regarding the motor skills, terminology, rules, strategies, and organization of four traditional sports – flag football, basketball, softball and volleyball.</td>
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<td>1322 Racquet Sports / Golf</td>
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<td>Study of the history, theories, philosophies, rules, and terminology of competitive sports. Includes coaching techniques.</td>
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<td>Study of the history, theories, philosophies, rules and terminology of competitive sports. Includes coaching techniques.</td>
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<td>1337 Non-Traditional Games</td>
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<td>Introduction to motor skills, knowledge of rules, strategies and terminology of cooperative activities and non-traditional games, plus practice in modifying traditional and non-traditional games and sports.</td>
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<td>1338 Applied Fitness Concepts</td>
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<td>Instruction and application of basic fitness principles relative to various aerobic and anaerobic activities.</td>
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<td>2156 Taping &amp; Bandaging</td>
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<td>Fundamental taping and bandaging techniques used in the prevention and care of athletic injuries</td>
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Physical Education General Activity courses (PHED):

These courses are designed to increase student awareness of fitness, health concepts and lifestyle modification. They include laboratories and practical activities which help students in their attempt to improve the quality of life and achieve well-being.

PHED 1100 Weight Training and Conditioning  1:1:2
PHED 1101 Fitness for Life  1:1:2
PHED 1102 Karate  1:1:2
PHED 1103 Volleyball  1:1:2
PHED 1104 Adaptive Physical Education  1:1:2
PHED 1106 Tennis  1:1:2
PHED 1107 Golf  1:1:2
PHED 1108 Bowling  1:1:2
PHED 1109 Basketball  1:1:2
PHED 1110 Cardiovascular Training  1:1:2
PHED 1112 Softball  1:1:2
PHED 1113 Pilates  1:1:2
PHED 1114 Recreational Dance  1:1:2
Department of Developmental Education

Ground Breaking of the New Student Success Center

Coming Fall 2011
Department of Developmental Education

Sherry Steele, Department Chair

The Department of Developmental Education provides a comprehensive program of preparatory courses in composition, mathematics and reading to help students acquire the basic skills necessary to complete a college-level course of study.

The department helps the college’s commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds.

The department also operates the Student Success Center, which supports the formal developmental education instructional program through testing, tutorial services and a system for self-paced instruction. The center also provides information about the content of the tests conducted through the Texas Higher Education Assessment Program.

Student Success Center courses (SSC):

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| Self-paced tutorial lab instruction for students needing individualized remediation.  
The SSC requirement pertains to students in ENGL 0302, ENGL 0317, MATH 0313 and MATH 0332. NOTE: The lab or SSC requirement for any developmental course must be completed concurrently with that course, or a grade of “F” will be issued for the course.  
* 101 is reading remediation, 102 is math remediation, 103 is writing remediation.

English as a Second Language courses (ESL):

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<td>An ESL course designed to refine composition skills for students planning to take ENGL 1301. To receive credit, students must pass the THEA test and write a well-developed 300-600 word essay. May be substituted for ENGL 0317.</td>
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| A course designed for the application of language skills. Emphasis on individual instruction in grammar and writing.  
NOTE: ENGL 0301 (Reading I) / ENGL 0310 (Writing I) and ENGL 0302 (Reading II) / ENGL 0317 (Writing II) may be offered in combination. Check the class schedule. |

Mathematics courses (MATH) – Developmental:

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0313 Introductory Algebra 0:3:0
Study of the concepts of basic algebra. Signed numbers, linear functions and equations, polynomials, factoring, fractions, systems of equations, inequalities, radicals, quadratic equations, and a review of geometry.
Prerequisite: MATH 0312 or a placement examination recommendation.

0332 Intermediate Algebra 0:3:0
Basic concepts necessary for the study of algebra: signed numbers, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, systems of equations, determinants, simple conic sections and logarithms. Recommended for those who need a review before taking MATH 1324 or 1314.
Prerequisite: MATH 0313 or a placement examination recommendation.

NOTE: The purchase of a student access code is required in all developmental classes for on-line assignments and/or testing.

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Technical Programs Division
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Dr. Janis Hutchins, Dean       Madison Monroe Bldg. Rm. 119

The Technical Programs Division offers a variety of programs in vocational and technical education leading to an Associate of Applied Science degrees. The focus of the programs is to provide students with the expertise necessary for employment in today’s complex economy. Qualified instructors, using the latest technology, introduce students to the knowledge and skills business and industry currently seek in potential employees. Each associate degree program also contains a general education component that emphasizes written and oral communication, mathematics skills and social awareness.

Students interested only in gaining basic training in vocational areas can take advantage of several certificate programs offered by the Technical Programs Division. The programs normally can be completed in one calendar year.

Students successfully finishing one of these programs should possess the basic skills required for entry-level employment in that particular occupational field.

Additional Educational Opportunities

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is a Microsoft IT Academy and a Cisco Networking Academy. Courses within the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Computer Information Systems prepare students to obtain Microsoft, Cisco, and CompTIA (A+ and Network+) certifications. Additional information about these certifications is available from the Office of Technical Programs.

Most students perceive a technical education as an end in itself because it satisfies their immediate career objectives. Later, however, many of these same individuals become interested in additional education.

Guarantee of Job Competency

The College makes certain guarantees to its students who earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificates of Completion in technical education programs.

If a graduate is judged by his/her employer as lacking in technical job skills that are identified as exit competencies for the degree program, the graduate will be provided up to nine tuition-free semester hours of additional skill training by the College.

Certain conditions apply. Inquiries should be directed to:
Dr. Janis A. Hutchins, Dean of Technical Programs,
Lamar State College—Port Arthur
P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, Texas 77641
(409) 984-6236

Courses that meet General Education Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees

All A.A.S. degree plans include at least five general education courses. (see page 193 for update)

Each plan must contain a minimum of one course selected from each of three categories: humanities/fine arts, natural sciences/mathematics and social/behavioral sciences. Most plans specify that students must complete certain general education courses for the degree. However, some plans allow students to select electives from one or more general education category. The courses listed below meet the general education requirements in A.A.S. degree plans for the three categories shown.

Humanities/Fine Arts
- Any course with ARTS prefix
- Any foreign language course
- DRAM 1310, 1320, 1351 and 2361
- Any course with HUMA prefix
- MUSI 1306 and 1310
- PHIL 1301, 1316 and 1317
- ENGL 1302, 2321, 2322, 2326, 2331 and 2341

Natural Sciences/Mathematics
- Any course with BIOL prefix
- HECO 1322
- Any course with CHEM prefix
- Any college-level mathematics course
- GEOL 1403 and 1404
- Any course with PHYS prefix

Social/Behavioral Sciences
- HIST 1301, 1302 and 2301
Technical Programs Division Degrees
Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers courses of study that lead to a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree. The degree track programs are:
- Administrative Assistant
- Commercial Music – Sound Engineer*
- Commercial Music – Performance (Session Musician)*
- Computer Information Systems - Network Specialist
- Cosmetology Operator
- Cosmetology Instructor
- Instrumentation Technology
- Medical Office Administration
- Paralegal
- Process Technology
- Registered Nursing – Upward Mobility (LVN to RN)
- Software Developer
- Surgical Technology

Technical Programs Division Certificates
Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers one-year courses of study that lead to a Certificate-of-Completion in:
- Administrative Assistant
- Automotive Service Technician
- Automotive Technology
- Computer Information Systems Network Specialist
- Computer Programmer
- Cosmetology Instructor
- Cosmetology Operator
- Computer-Aided Drafting
- Entertainment Business*
- Esthetician
- Medical Office Assistant
- Multimedia & Design (*Senior 55+ Program)
- Receptionist
- Surgical Technology
- Vocational Nursing

* - Denote programs offered administratively through Academic Division
Department of Allied Health

Jackie Loper
1992 graduate of Buna High School
Major: Certificate in Vocational Nursing

“I decided to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur because of the LPN program. I get more one-on-one time with my instructors which are very helpful. The college cost fit my budget and it’s close to home.”
The Allied Health Department offers courses that lead to one-year certificates in Vocational Nursing and Surgical Technology or two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in Surgical Technology and Upward Mobility Nursing (RN).

**Surgical Technology**

The Surgical Technology Program provides instruction to prepare graduates for entry-level positions. Courses allow students to acquire the skills and demeanor necessary to function in the surgical suite and deliver competent care to patients.

Surgical technologists are responsible for preparing supplies and equipment for surgical procedures, for assisting surgeons during operative procedures by passing instruments, for ensuring that equipment functions properly and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

The program provides students with the option of earning a one-year certificate or a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree.

The program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA), and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

Successful completion of this program allows graduates to sit for the Surgical Technologist National Certifying Examination.

**Admission Requirements**

In addition to applying for admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur, students must apply for admission to the Surgical Technology Program. Information on requirements and application forms are available from the Allied Health Department.

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**ITSC 1301 Medical Terminology**

**Certificate in Surgical Technology**

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* WECM courses

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**ITSC 1401** - For online student and course must have been complete within the last 4 years

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<td>Orientation to surgical technology theory, surgical pharmacology and anesthesia, technological sciences and patient care concepts. Prerequisites: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, NURA 1301 and NURA 1160 Mandatory Co-requisites: SRGT 1360 and SRGT 1509</td>
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1541 Surgical Procedures I
Introduction to surgical procedures and related pathologies. Emphasis is on surgical procedures related to general, obstetrics/gynecology, genitourinary, otorhinolaryngology and orthopedic surgical specialties incorporating instruments, equipment and supplies required for perioperative patient care.
Prerequisites: SRGT 1505, SRGT 1509 and SRGT 1560
Mandatory Co-requisite: SRGT 1461

1542 Surgical Procedures II
Introduction to surgical procedures and related pathologies. Emphasis is on surgical procedures related to thoracic, peripheral vascular, plastic/reconstructive, ophthalmology, cardiac and neurological surgical specialties incorporating instruments, equipment and supplies required for perioperative patient care.
Prerequisites: SRGT 1505, SRGT 1509 and SRGT 1541

2130 Professional Readiness
Transition into the professional role of the surgical technologist. Includes professional readiness for employment, attaining certification and maintaining certification status. A capstone experience may be included.

Upward Mobility Nursing Program
The Upward Mobility Nursing Program leads to the Associate of Applied Science degree and prepares graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse (RN). The program provides an opportunity for the LVN/LPN to advance to the RN level with minimal duplication of basic education and skills courses. Courses in the program encourage the acquisition of the knowledge, skills and values that enable graduates to succeed in the healthcare field.

Admission Requirements
In addition to applying for admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur, students must apply for admission to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program. Applicants must be currently Licensed Vocational Nurses or Licensed Practical Nurses. Requirements and application forms are available from the Allied Health Department. The number of students admitted to any class is governed by the requirements of the Board of Nursing. The Upward Mobility Nursing Standards Committee selects the best qualified applicants. The Admission Criteria Rating Form was developed to aid the objective selection of the class. Applicants are ranked according to their score on the Admission Criteria Rating Form. In any given admission period, those applicants having the highest scores are the ones admitted to the program. Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open access institution. All available slots are filled with the most qualified applicants available in any given admission period. Successful completion of the Upward Mobility Nursing Program does NOT guarantee that a graduate may take the NCLEX-RN. Students who do not satisfactorily complete the program exit exam will not be allowed to graduate.

Eligibility for Licensure
The Texas Board of Nursing identified certain circumstances that may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas. The board provides individuals with an opportunity to petition for a Declaratory Order as to their eligibility in accordance with Article 301.257 of the Nursing Practice Act. Information is available on the TBON website: www.bon.state.tx.us.
A Petition for Declaratory Order must be submitted by the nursing candidate if the candidate answers “yes” to any of the following questions:
1. For any criminal offense including those pending appeal (excluding Class C misdemeanor traffic violations), have you:
   – been convicted of a misdemeanor?
   – been convicted of a felony?
   – pled “nolo contendere,” no contest or guilty?
   – received deferred adjudication?
   – been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not you were judged guilty?
   – been sentenced to serve jail or prison time or court-ordered confinement?
   – been granted pre-trial diversion?
   – been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
   – been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
— been the subject of a court martial, Article 15 violation or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?
2. Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
3. Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously?
4. Has any licensing authority fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
5. Within the past five (5) years, have you been addicted to and/or treated the use of alcohol or any other drug?
6. Within the past five (5) years, have you been diagnosed with, treated for or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bi-polar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, anti-social personality disorder or borderline personality disorder.

**LVN to RN Program**

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* WECM courses
**6 hours of nursing credit for basic nursing skills related to medical-surgical conditions, care of childbearing families and care of children is granted after passing RNSG 1423 and RNSG 1260.
**COSC 1301 or ITSC 1401 or ITSC 1371 must have been complete within the last 4 years
+ General education courses
Upward Mobility Nursing courses (RNSG):

1207 Nursing Jurisprudence
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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A course in nursing jurisprudence and ethics with an emphasis on personal and professional responsibility. Study of laws and regulations related to the provision of safe and effective nursing care.

1260 Clinical – Registered Nurse Training
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
2:0:6:96
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupation theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.
Prerequisite: Admission to Upward Mobility Nursing Program
Co-requisite: RNSG 1423

1300 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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Development of skills and techniques required for comprehensive health assessment of clients across the lifespan: pediatric, adult and geriatric. Includes assessment of clients’ health promotion and maintenance, illness and injury prevention and restoration, and application of the nursing process within a legal/ethical framework.

1311 Nursing Pathophysiology
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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Basic principles of pathophysiology emphasizing nursing applications. Topics include principles of homeostasis related to body systems. Factors that contribute to altered physiological functioning of each body system and interrelationships among selected pathophysiological processes are explored. Implications for nursing practice of common physiological alterations and pathophysiological processes through the lifespan are examined.
Prerequisites: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402

1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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Introduction to the profession of nursing, including the registered nurse’s role with emphasis on health promotion and primary disease prevention across the lifespan: essential components of the nursing health assessment: identification of deviations from expected health patterns: the application of a systematic, problem-solving process to provide basic nursing care to diverse clients across the lifespan: and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The course is designed for licensed vocational/practical nurses who seek an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing in the first semester of the Upward Mobility Nursing Program. The course presents major concepts basic to the curriculum and organizing framework to assure orientation to nursing as a professional endeavor. The attitudes, knowledge and skills of a registered nurse are emphasized, thereby facilitating the transition from LVN/LPN to Registered Nurse. Using an integrated approach and building on the foundation of fundamental knowledge and skills the LVN/LPN already has, the concepts of stress adaptation, human needs, therapeutic communication, growth and development through the life cycle, safety and wellness/illness are explored for people of all age groups. Theoretical content is implemented in a clinical environment.
Co-requisite: RNSG 1260

2230 Professional Nursing Review & Licensure Preparation
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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Review of concepts required for licensure examination and entry into the practice of professional nursing. Includes application of National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX–RN) test plan, assessment of knowledge deficits and remediation. This course lends itself to either a blocked or integrated approach.

2361 Clinical – Registered Nurse Training
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
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A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by a clinical professional.
Prerequisites: RNSG 1423 or RNSG 1327 and RNSG 1260 and RNSG 2514 and RNSG 2535

2362 Clinical – Registered Nurse Training
Credit:Lec:Lab:Contact
3:0:3:144
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by a clinical professional.
Prerequisites: RNSG 2361
2514 Integrated Care of the Client with Complex Health Care Needs

Application of a systematic problem-solving process and critical-thinking skills to provide nursing care to diverse clients/families across the life span with complex health care needs including, but not limited to, complex childhood/adolescent diseases, complicated perinatal care, acute mental illness, complex perioperative care, serious adult health problems and health issues related to aging. Emphasis on tertiary disease prevention, maintenance/restoration and collaboration with members of the multi-disciplinary health team. Topics include the role of the nurse as client advocate and coordinator of care and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The course requires recognition and response to all aspects of clients’ needs in the face of crises. Continuing with the integrated approach, the concepts of growth and development, therapeutic communication, stress-adaptation, safety and wellness/illness are further explored for individuals of all age groups.

Prerequisites: RNSG 1423 and RNSG 1260

2535 Integrated Client Care Management

Application of client assessment skills, critical thinking and independent nursing interventions to care for diverse clients/families throughout the life span whose health care needs may be difficult to predict. Emphasis on collaborative clinical decision-making, nursing leadership skills and client management. Topics include the significance of professional development, trends in nursing and health care and applicable knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The concepts of growth and development through the life-cycle, safety, therapeutic communication, stress adaptation, wellness/illness and professionalism are further elaborated.

Prerequisites: RNGS 1423 and RNSG 1260

Vocational Nursing Program

The Vocational Nursing Program provides instruction in courses which prepare graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN) to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Program courses give students the opportunity to acquire the skills and demeanor necessary to provide nursing care to clients in structured health care settings.

The vocational nurse functions under the supervision of a registered nurse and/or licensed physician. The program provides students with the background necessary to enable them to succeed in the workforce or to seek additional nursing education.

Admission Requirements

In addition to applying for admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur, students must apply for admission to the Vocational Nursing Program, which begins twice each year — in the fall and spring semesters. Complete information on requirements and application forms are available from the Allied Health Department.

The number of students admitted to any class is governed by the requirements of the Board of Nursing. The Admission Criteria Rating Form was developed to aid in the objective selection of the class.

Successful completion of academic prerequisites does not guarantee admission to the program. Successful completion of the LSC-PA Vocational Nursing Program does NOT guarantee that a graduate may take the NCLEX-PN/VN.

Applicants are ranked according to their score on the Admission Criteria Rating Form. In any given admission period, those applicants having the highest scores are the ones admitted to the program. Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open-access institution. All available slots are filled with the most qualified applicants.

Eligibility for Licensure

The Board of Nursing has identified certain circumstances that may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas. The board provides individuals with the opportunity to petition for a Declaratory Order as to their eligibility in accordance with Article 301.257 of the Nursing Practice Act. Complete information is available from the Texas Board of Nursing website: www.bon.state.tx.us.

A Petition for Declaratory Order must be submitted by the nursing candidate if the candidate answers “yes” to any of the following questions:

1. For any criminal offense including those pending appeal (excluding Class C misdemeanor traffic violations), have you:
   - been convicted of a misdemeanor?
   - been convicted of a felony?
   - pled “nolo contendere” (no contest) or guilty?
– received deferred adjudication?
– been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not you were judged guilty?
– been sentenced to serve jail or prison time or court-ordered confinement?
– been granted pre-trial diversion?
– been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
– been cited or charged with any violation of the law
– been the subject of a court martial, Article 15 violation, or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

2. Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
3. Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously?
4. Has any licensing authority ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
5. Within the past five (5) years, have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
6. Within the past five (5) years, have you been diagnosed with, treated or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bi-polar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, anti-social personality disorder or borderline personality disorder.

Certificate in Vocational Nursing (LVN/LPN):

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+ General education courses
Nurse Aide courses (NURA):

1160 Clinical Nursing Assistant/Aide  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 1:0:3:48
A health-related work based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.
Co-requisite: NURA 1301

1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 3:2:4:96
Preparation for entry level nursing assistants to achieve a level of knowledge, skills and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term care facilities. Topics include resident’s rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis on effective interaction with members of the health care team.
Co-requisite: NURA 1160

Vocational Nursing courses (VNSG):

1227 Essentials of Medication Administration  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 2:2:0:32
General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration and documentation of multiple forms of drugs. Instruction includes various systems of measurement.

1261 Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 2:0:12:192
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.
Prerequisite: Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program.
Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1500

1304 Foundations of Nursing  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 3:3:0:48
Introduction to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues and role of the vocational nurse. Topics include mental health, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process and holistic awareness.
Prerequisites: NURA 1160, NURA 1301, admission to the Vocational Nursing Program

1330 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 3:3:0:48
Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the child-bearing family. Emphasis on the bio-psycho-socio-cultural needs of the family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth and the neonatal period including abnormal conditions.
Prerequisites: VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304, VNSG 1334, VNSG 1509, VNSG 1462 and VNSG 1500
Co-requisite: VNSG 1463

1331 Pharmacology  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 3:3:0:48
Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process.

1334 Pediatrics  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 3:3:0:48
Study of childhood diseases and childcare from infancy through adolescence. Focus on the care of the well and ill child utilizing the nursing process.
Prerequisites: VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304 and VNSG 1500
Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1462

1462 Clinical Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)  
Credit:Lecture:Lab:Contact 4:0:24:384
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.
Prerequisites: VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304 and VNSG 1500
Mandatory Co-requisites: VNSG 1334 and VNSG 1509
### 1463 Clinical Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse

A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables students to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

**Prerequisites:** VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304, VNSG 1334, VNSG 1509, and VNSG 1462

**Mandatory Corequisites:** VNSG 1510 and VNSG 1330

### 1500 Nursing in Health and Illness I

Introduction to general principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the client across the life span and therapeutic nursing interventions.

**Mandatory Corequisite:** VNSG 1261

### 1509 Nursing in Health and Illness II

Introduction to common health problems requiring medical and surgical interventions.

**Prerequisites:** VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304 and VNSG 1500

**Co-requisite:** VNSG 1462

### 1510 Nursing in Health and Illness III

Continuation of Nursing in Health and Illness II. Further study of common medical-surgical health problems of the client. Includes concepts of mental illness. Incorporates knowledge necessary to make the transition from student to graduate vocational nurse.

**Prerequisites:** VNSG 1261, VNSG 1304, VNSG 1334, VNSG 1462, VNSG 1500, VNSG 1509 or VNSG 1409

**Co-requisite:** VNSG 1463

### Allied Health Course Number Changes

Most Allied Health courses have new numbers. Below is a table of former courses and their new numbers. Several courses have more than one counterpart reflecting the classroom and clinical portions of the former course’s content. New courses not listed below were added to the Allied Health Department.

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Department of Business and Technology

Inisha Roberts
2006 graduate of Ozen High School
Major: Software Developer

“I decided to attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur because of the low cost. The classes I need are not offered in Beaumont. The classes are small and the instructor for the program makes the learning process easy.”
Michael Trahan, Department Chair       Madison Monroe Bldg., Rm. 147

The Department of Business and Technology provides high-quality vocational and technical training in a variety of career fields. Each program is a carefully-sequence set of courses designed to prepare associate degree and certificate students who have, in addition to technical skills, the ability to work effectively with others, solve problems, make decisions and adapt to change.

The humanities educational component develops the skills and attitudes necessary for students to succeed in a complex and dynamic work environment and the ability to make judgments reflective of human values.

Department student organizations encourage civic pride and responsible citizenship through community service to produce a well-rounded individual who appreciates the value of diverse cultures.

The department maintains a highly qualified faculty committed to teaching excellence and professional development; faculty who continually update and strengthen programs with advisory committee involvement to develop programs that are responsive to the employment needs of business, industry, public agencies and entrepreneurship.

The department participates in the Texas Career Readiness Initiative. This WorkKeys-based employee job skill credentialing system provides assessment and instructional support to assure that students possess workplace skill levels required for employment. All students pursuing Level 1 certificates in the Technical Programs Division must successfully complete HRPO 1191 (Special Topics in Human Resources Management). Students must validate skill levels in applied mathematics, writing, listening, locating information, reading for information and teamwork.

The Department of Business and Technology offers the following Programs.

- A.A.S. Administrative Assistant
- Administrative Assistant Level 1 Certificate
- Automotive Service Technician Level 1 Certificate
- Automotive Technology Level 1 Certificate
- A.A.S. Computer Information Systems – Network Specialist
- Computer Programmer Level 1 Certificate
- A.A.S. Cosmetology Instructor
- Cosmetology Instructor Level 1 Certificate
- A.A.S. Cosmetology Operator
- Cosmetology Operator Level 1 Certificate
- Esthetics Level 1 Certificate
- A.A.S. Instrumentation Technology
- A.A.S. Medical Office Administration
• Medical Office Assistant Level 1 Certificate
• Multimedia & Design Level 1 Certificate (55+ program)
• Network Specialist Level 1 Certificate
• A.A.S. Paralegal
• A.A.S. Process Technology
• Receptionist Level 1 Certificate
• A.A.S. Software Developer

American Bar Association
The Paralegal program was granted re-approval by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association on Feb. 14, 2007, after an extensive self-study and a site visit.

Computer Information Systems
The CIS program prepares students to enter the field of information technology. Students completing degrees offered in this program are prepared for jobs supporting computer users in business and industry. The degrees are targeted toward developing proficiency in computer networking, computer hardware troubleshooting and repair, software applications, operating systems, computer programming and solutions development, web design and Internet research.

The College is a Microsoft IT Academy and a Local Cisco Networking Academy. Microsoft and Cisco certifications mean program credibility, industry-wide recognition and current technological training in computer applications, operating systems, programming, hardware, and networking. The Internet and related technologies are pervasive throughout the CIS curriculum.

Microsoft IT Academy
Microsoft IT Academies are educational institutions, including accredited colleges and universities, which offer authorized Microsoft courseware as an integral part of degree plans.

Courses in the CIS degree track are designed to prepare students seeking certification as a Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP). Microsoft certification information is available at www.microsoft.com.

Microsoft Certified IT Professionals (MCITP) are qualified to manage and troubleshoot system environments running a current Windows operating system such as, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008 or Windows 7.

Cisco Networking Academy
Lamar State College-Port Arthur teams with Cisco Systems Inc., a worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, to be a Cisco Networking Academy.

In the Academy program, students learn how to design, build and maintain Cisco-based computer networks. The program is designed to help students prepare to take standardized tests to qualify as a Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA).

Course work is provided for a complete range of basic through advanced networking concepts from pulling cable to such complex concepts as subnet masking rules and strategies to internetwork troubleshooting. In the Academy program, students learn fundamental networking concepts and have a chance to apply their new skills in the project-based, hands-on lab portion of the curriculum.

The successful CIS program student has the option of acquiring education with a goal toward the CCNA by taking courses outlined in the Associate of Applied Science degree (CCNA).

Software Developer
The Associate of Applied Science degree in Software Developer provides a separate degree alternative to CIS students interested in programming, database administration and introductory game development. The degree emphasizes the two major programming languages: Visual Basic and C++, as well as the courses necessary to develop skills for designing effective web pages, designing and implementing databases and integrating multimedia, graphics and animation for introductory game design. Students who complete this course of study have the option of earning an associate degree in Software Developer or a Computer Programmer certificate.

CIS Module Courses
The degrees and certificates offered by the CIS program traditionally are arranged within the CIS curriculum by 16-week semesters. However, certain courses are offered in shorter eight-week sessions and may include additional requirements regarding the order in which they should be taken. Students should note the prerequisites of each course and consult with a faculty mentor to determine the specific sequence in which classes should be taken within a semester.

Computer Information Systems Courses of Study
The CIS program offers the following degree and certificate options:
AAS in Computer Information Systems – Network Specialist
AAS in Software Developer
Network Specialist Certificate
Computer Programmer Certificate
Multi-media & Design Certificate (55+ Program)

Students entering these programs should possess basic computer skills, including basic proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets and databases. Students who do not have basic proficiency must take any courses necessary to develop these skills (specifically ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers), or they must demonstrate basic proficiency prior to enrolling in any other computer course in this program.

Second Associate Degree

When another associate degree is taken simultaneously or has been taken previously the second associate degree may be granted upon the completion of all required work for the second degree. In addition, the student must complete sufficient approved courses to total 15 semester hours above the number required for the degree having the greater semester hours requirement. In most cases, the hour requirement will be fulfilled by meeting the second degree requirements.
Automotive Technology

For students who require basic entry-level employment in the automotive service industry, the Level 1 Technology Certificate is a two-semester program with an internship.

There also is a Level 1 Technician Certificate which has no internship and can be completed in a single semester.

**Automotive Technology Level 1 Certificate**

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**Automotive Service Technician Level 1 Certificate**

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**A.A.S. Computer Information Systems – Network Specialist**

**First Year**

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Network Specialist Level 1 Certificate

The information technology industry has great demand for people who can administer, maintain, design, install, troubleshoot and document the growing number of computer networks in businesses today. The growth of the Internet and related internetwork technologies has made networking a highly valued skill.

Students entering this program should possess basic computer skills, including basic proficiency in word processing, spreadsheets, and databases. Students who do not have basic proficiency must take any prerequisite courses (specifically ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers), or they must demonstrate knowledge for courses in this certification.

First Semester:
HRPO 1191 Special Topics -Human Resources Management 32 1 1 1
POFT 1301 Business English 48 3 0 3
ITSC 1305 Introduction to PC Operating Systems 48 3 0 3
ITSW 1307 Introduction to Database 48 3 0 3
ITSC 1325 Personal Computer Hardware 48 3 0 3
Total Hours: 224 13 1 13

Second Semester:
CIS elective 48 3 0 3
ITCC 1310 Cisco Discovery 1 80 2 3 3
ITCC 1311 Cisco Discovery 2 80 2 3 3
ITNW 1308 Implementing & Supporting Client Operating Systems 64 3 1 3
ITNW 1354 Implementing and Supporting Servers 64 3 1 3
CIS elective 48 3 0 3
Total Hours: 336 13 8 15
Grand Total: 560 26 9 28

Software Developer

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Software Developer is designed for students interested in programming business and game applications, database administration and webpage design. Software developers develop, create and modify general computer applications software or specialized utility programs. They also analyze user needs and develop software solutions, design software or customize software for client use to optimize operational efficiency. They analyze and design databases within an application area, create interactive web pages or end user software using state-of-the-art webpage design and graphics application software.

A.A.S. in Software Developer

First Semester:
GAME 1303 Intro to Game Design and Development 64 3 1 3
ITSE 1307 Introduction to C++ Programming 64 3 1 3
Computer Programmer Level 1 Certificate

Students who are primarily interested in application programming should pursue the Computer Programmer Certificate option within the Software Developer degree. Computer programmers use their skills in programming languages, graphic design, animation and multi-media to create web pages, applications and programs for end users. They also may be responsible for maintaining web pages and updating the text and graphics when necessary.

First Semester:  
GAME 1303 Introduction to Game Design & Development  
ITSC 1305 Introduction to PC Operating Systems  
POFT 1227 Introduction to Keyboarding  
IMED 1316 Web Design I  
ITSW 1307 Introduction to Database  
Total Hours: 336  

Second Semester:  
GRPH 1359 Vector Graphics for Production  
IMED 1301 Introduction to Digital Media  
ITSW 2337 Advanced Database  
ITSE 1331 Introduction to Visual BASIC Programming  
ITSE 2331 Advanced C++ Programming  
Total Hours: 288

Third Semester:  
+ENGL 1301 Composition  
+MATH 1314 College Algebra, OR  
MATH 1332 College Math  
POFT 1301 Business English  
+Humanities elective  
POFT 1313 Professional Workforce  
ITSE 1359 Introduction to Scripting Languages  
Total Hours: 288

Fourth Semester:  
+Social/Behavioral Science elective  
+SPCH 1315 Pubic Speaking  
CIS elective  
*ITSE 2359 Advanced Computer Programming (Capstone)  
GAME 1304 Level Design  
Total Hours: 288

Grand Total: 1200 65 11 65

+Denotes general education core  
* Denotes capstone course for AAS degree
**Multi-Media & Design Level 1 Certificate (55+ Program)**

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**Grand Total** 544 28 6 28

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**Cosmetology**

The Cosmetology Program prepares students for a career as cosmetology professional. The recommended courses of study are designed to meet licensure requirements established by the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation.

Courses of study lead to the following awards:

- Associate of Applied Science in Cosmetology (70 semester hours with 1,500 clock hours in classroom/lab)
- Associate of Applied Science in Cosmetology Instructor (63 semester hours with 750 clock hours in classroom/lab)
- Level 1 Certificate – Cosmetology Operator (42 semester hours with 1,500 clock hours in classroom/lab)
- Level 1 Certificate in Cosmetology Instructor (21 semester hours with 704 clock hours in the classroom/lab)
- Level 1 Certificate – Esthetics (19 semester hours, 800 clock hours in classroom and lab)

Students who lack a high school diploma or GED must demonstrate necessary skills in reading, writing and math to enroll in any beginning Cosmetology course. Designated instruments for demonstrating such skills are the THEA and ASSET Placement exams. Students who fail to meet minimal standards in one or more of these areas must complete appropriate developmental courses such as ENGL 0301, ENGL 0310 or MATH 0312 prior to enrolling in any cosmetology course.

On completion of a degree or certificate program, students will have successfully completed all required courses, will have accrued 1,500 clock hours in training and will possess knowledge and skills enabling them to pass an examination administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

A licensed cosmetology instructor in good standing in the State of Texas may be awarded 20 semester credit hours toward an A.A.S. degree in Cosmetology Instructor.

See the “Credit By Examination” section of this catalog for more information.

Students who complete the Manicuring or Facial Specialty programs gain the skills and accumulate sufficient hours of training to be qualified to take and pass applicable examinations administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

**A.A.S. in Cosmetology Operator**

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+Denotes general education core

Cosmetology Operator Level 1 Certificate
First Semester:
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Instrumentation Technology

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authorizes Lamar State College-Port Arthur to award the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Computer Maintenance and Instrumentation Technology, with specialization in Instrumentation Technology.

Students who pursue this degree complete a program that begins with basic courses in Electronics Technology and proceeds to a series of specialty courses in Instrumentation Technology in the third or fourth semesters. The degree is designed to prepare students who seek careers as instrument technicians in refineries, chemical and manufacturing plants, utility plants, etc.

A.A.S. Instrumentation Technology

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Office Administration

The Office Administration Program incorporates the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to succeed in the business world. Topics cover time management, human relations, filing procedures, telephone and listening techniques, oral and written business communications. Computer skills include word processing and spreadsheets, database, presentation and telecommunication applications.

The program offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in Medical Office Administration and Administrative Assistant. All options have an exit point for less comprehensive programs. Students also may earn a Certificate of Completion in Administrative Assistant, Medical Office Assistant and/or Receptionist.

A program also provides in-service education for office professionals who want to update or improve current skills.

A wide variety of jobs are available to graduates, including human resource assistant, administrative assistant, information technology assistant, office coordinator and executive assistant. Specialties include
medical office specialist. These jobs have been listed for the last several years as high-demand occupations for Southeast Texas.

The general education core will transfer to a variety of colleges and universities. Students may have earned some college credit in high school through articulation. Office Administration is a Tech Prep program that allows high school Tech Prep students to enter the program and receive up to 15 semester hours of credit.

Second Associate Degree

When another associate degree is taken simultaneously or was taken previously, the second associate degree may be granted upon the completion of all required work for the second degree. In addition, the student must complete sufficient approved courses to total 15 semester hours above the number required for the degree having the greater semester hours requirement. In most cases, the hour requirement will be fulfilled by meeting the second degree requirements.

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**Receptionist Level 1 Certificate**  

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Medical Office Assistant Level 1 Certificate

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- HITT 1305 Medical Terminology I: 48 3 0 3
- HRPO 1191 Special Topics - Human Resources Mgmt.: 32 1 1 1
- MDCA 1205 Medical Law & Ethics: 32 2 0 2
- MDCA 1343 Medical Insurance: 64 3 1 3
- POFM 1302 Medical Software Applications: 64 3 1 3
- POFT 1309 Administrative Office Procedures I: 48 3 0 3
- **Total Hours:** 336 18 3 18

**Second Semester:**
- HITT 1341 Coding and Classification Systems: 48 3 0 3
- HPRS 2331 General Health Professions Management: 64 3 1 3
- POFI 1349 Spreadsheets: 64 3 1 3
- POFT 1307 Proofreading & Editing: 48 3 0 3
- POFT 1359 Records & Information Management II: 48 3 0 3
- POFT 2301 Intermediate Keyboarding: 64 3 1 3
- **Total Hours:** 336 18 3 18
- **Grand Total:** 677 36 6 36

Paralegal

The Paralegal Program provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills to function successfully as a paralegal in law offices, corporations, government offices and private industry. Legal assistants (paralegals) are not attorneys and are prohibited from practicing law. They work under the supervision of attorneys. Upon completion of the program, students receive an Associate of Applied Science degree.

**A.A.S. in Paralegal**

**First Year**

**First Semester:**
- +ENGL 1301 Composition: 48 3 0 3
- +MATH 1314 College Algebra, OR MATH 1332 College Math: 48 3 0 3
- BUSG 2305 Business Law/Contracts: 48 3 0 3
- ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers: 80 3 2 4
- POFT 1301 Business English: 48 3 0 3
- LGLA 1307 Introduction to Law & Legal Professions: 48 3 0 3
- **Total Hours:** 320 18 2 19

**Second Semester:**
- ACCT 2301 Principles of Accounting I: 48 3 0 3
- +Humanities/Fine Arts Elective: 48 3 0 3
- ITSW 1301 Introduction to Word Processing: 64 3 1 3
- **LGLA 1345 Civil Litigation:** 48 3 0 3
- **LGLA 1355 Family Law:** 48 3 0 3
- **Total Hours:** 256 15 1 15

**Second Year**

**Third Semester:**
- HRPO 1311 Human Relations: 48 3 0 3
- LGLA 1401 Legal Research and Writing: 80 3 2 4
- LGLA 2303 Torts and Personal Injury Law: 48 3 0 3
- LGLA 2313 Criminal Law and Procedure: 48 3 0 3
- +Academic elective (excluding Accounting, Art, Drama, Music or Physical Education): 48 3 0 3
- **Total Hours:** 272 15 2 16

**Fourth Semester:**
- +Social/Behavioral Science elective: 48 3 0 3
- +SPCH 1315 Public Speaking: 48 3 0 3
- **LGLA 2305 Interviewing and Investigating:** 48 3 0 3
Process Technology
Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers a two year program study leading to the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Process Technology.

Only students who passed all parts of the THEA can enroll in a second semester of PTAC courses. Students who failed one or more parts of the THEA may enroll only in PTAC 1302, PTAC 1308 and PTAC 1352. The student will be permitted to enroll in additional PTAC courses only after passing parts of the THEA previously failed.

A.A.S in Process Technology

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PTAC 1410 Process Technology I-Equipment 80 3 2 4
PTAC 2436 Process Instrumentation II 80 3 2 4
+ENGL 1301 English Composition 48 3 0 3
ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers 80 3 2 4
Total Hours: 288 12 6 15

Second Year
Third Semester
+CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry OR 80 3 2 4
  SCIT 1414 Applied General Chemistry I 96:3:3:4
+ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective 48 3 0 3
PTAC 2314 Principles of Quality 48 3 0 3
PTAC 2420 Process Technology II - Systems 80 3 2 4
+Social/Behavioral Elective 48 3 0 3
Total Hours: 304 15 4 17

Fourth Semester
HRPO 1311 Human Relations 48 3 0 3
+Speech Elective 48 3 0 3
PTAC 2438 Process Technology III - Operations 80 3 2 4
PTAC 2446 Process Troubleshooting 80 3 2 4
Total Hours: 256 15 6 14
Grand Total: 1,200 40 24 62

Note: Also See Instrumentation Technology Program Above
Technical Programs Division Courses

Holly Brumley Dietz
2010 graduate of Kountze High School
Major: Cosmetology

“I chose Lamar State College-Port Arthur because I wanted to experience the college atmosphere while obtaining my cosmetology certificate. LSCPA is the only college in the area that offers the cosmetology program. Starting college was overwhelming but the staff really took time to help me get everything together.”
Many technology courses have new numbers and, in some cases, were reconfigured to match the Texas Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) rubric designations.

To match old course numbers and names with the new designations, see the table at the end of this section. Courses not listed in the crosswalk generally are either new to the program or have not changed.

**Accounting/Accounting Technology courses (ACNT):**

1303 Introduction to Accounting I 3:3:0:48
Study of analyzing, classifying and recording business transactions in a manual and computerized environment. Emphasis on understanding the accounting cycle and preparing financial statements, bank reconciliations and payroll.

1329 Payroll & Business Tax Accounting 3:3:0:48
Study of payroll procedures, taxing entities and reporting requirements of local, state and federal taxing authorities in a manual and computerized environment.

**Graphic Design courses (ARTC):**

1302 Digital Imaging I 3:3:0:48
Digital imaging using raster image editing and/or image creation software, scanning, resolution, file formats, output devices, color systems and image acquisitions.

2305 Digital Imaging II 3:3:0:48
Principles of digital image processing and electronic painting. Emphasis on bitmapped- or raster-based image marking and the creative aspects of electronic illustration for commercial or fine art applications.
*Prerequisite: ARTC 1302*

**Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics and Special Effects courses (ARTV):**

ARTV 1303 Basic Animation 3:3:0:48
Examination of animation concepts, principles, and storyboard for basic production. Emphasizes creating movement and expression utilizing traditionally or digitally generated image sequences.

ARTV 2301 2-D Animation I 3:3:0:48
Skill development in software use to develop storyboards and two-dimensional animation including creating, importing, and sequencing media elements to create multimedia presentation. Emphasis on conceptualization, creativity and visual aesthetics.
*Prerequisite: ARTV 1303*
Automotive Technology courses (AUMT):

1305 Introduction to Automotive Technology 3:3:1:64
An introduction to the automotive industry including automotive history, safety practices, shop equipment and tools, vehicle sub-systems, service publications, fasteners, professional responsibilities and basic automotive maintenance. May be taught manufacturer-specific.

1307 Automotive Electrical Systems 3:2:4:96
An overview of automotive electrical systems including topics in operational theory, testing, diagnosis, and repair of charging and starting systems and electrical accessories. Emphasis on electrical schematic diagrams and service manuals. May be taught manufacturer-specific.

1310 Automotive Brake Systems 3:2:4:96
Operation and repair of drum/disc type brake systems. Topics include brake theory, diagnosis and repair of power, manual, anti-lock brake systems and parking brakes. May be taught manufacturer-specific.

1316 Automotive Suspension & Steering Systems 3:2:4:96
Diagnosis and repair of automotive suspension and steering systems including electronically controlled systems. Includes component repair, alignment procedures, and tire and wheel service. May be taught manufacturer-specific.
Prerequisite: AUMT 1305.

1319 Automotive Engine Repair 3:2:3:80
Fundamentals of engine operation, diagnosis and repair. Emphasis on identification, inspection, measurements, disassembly, repair and reassembly of the engine. May be taught manufacturer-specific.
Prerequisite: AUMT 1305.

1345 Automotive Climate Control Systems 3:2:4:96
Diagnosis and repair of manual/electronic climate control systems; includes the refrigeration cycle and EPA guidelines for refrigerant handling. May be taught manufacturer-specific.
Prerequisites: AUMT 1305, AUMT 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2317 Automotive Engine Performance Analysis I 3:2:3:80
Theory, operation, diagnosis of drivability concerns, and repair of ignition and fuel delivery systems. Use of current engine performance diagnostic equipment. May be taught manufacturer-specific.
Prerequisite: AUMT 1305 and AUMT 1307.

2488 Internship 4:0:0:320
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer. This may be a paid or unpaid experience. This course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.
Prerequisite: 12 hours of AUMT courses.

Business (general) courses (BUSG):

BUSG 2305 Business Law/Contracts 3:3:0:48
Principles of law which form the legal framework for business activity including applicable statutes, contracts, and agency.

Electrical, Electronic & Communication Engineering Technology courses (CETT):

1303 DC Circuits 3:2:2:64
A study of the fundamentals of direct current including Ohm’s law, Kirchhoff’s laws and circuit analysis techniques.

1305 AC Circuits 3:2:2:64
A study of the fundamentals of alternating current, including series and parallel AC circuits, phasors, capacitive and inductive networks, transformers and resonance.
Prerequisite: CETT 1303.
1325 Digital Fundamentals  
An entry-level course in digital electronics covering number systems, binary mathematics, digital codes, logic gates, Boolean algebra, Karnaugh maps and combinational logic. Emphasis on circuit logic analysis and troubleshooting digital circuits.

1349 Digital Systems  
A course in electronics covering digital systems. Emphasis on application and troubleshooting digital systems.  
Prerequisite: CETT 1303 and CETT 1325.  
Co-requisite: CETT 1305.

Cosmetology courses (CSME):

1248 Principles of Skin Care  
An introduction to the theory and practice of skin care.

1310 Introduction to Hair Cutting and Related Theory  
Introduction to the theory and practice of hair cutting. Topics include terminology, implements, sectioning and finishing techniques.

1401 Orientation to Cosmetology  
An overview of the skills and knowledge necessary for the field of cosmetology.

1410 Introduction to Hair Cutting and Related Theory  
Introduction to the theory and practice of hair cutting. Topics include terminology, implements, sectioning and finishing techniques.

1421 Principles of Facial & Skin Care Technology I  
An introduction to the principles of facial and esthetic technology. Topics include anatomy, physiology, theory and related skills of facial and esthetic technology.

1445 Principles of Facial & Skin Care Technology II  
Advanced concepts and principles in skin care and other related technologies. Topics include advanced instruction in anatomy, physiology, theory and related skills of facial and esthetic technology.

1447 Principles of Skin Care/Facials and Related Theory  
In-depth coverage of the theory and practice of skin care, facials and cosmetics.

1451 Artistry of Hair, Theory and Practice  
Instruction in the artistry of hair design. Topics include theory, techniques and application of hair design.

1453 Chemical Reformation and Related Theory  
Presentation of the theory and practice of chemical reformation. Topics include terminology, application and workplace competencies related to chemical reformation.

1501 Orientation to Cosmetology  
An overview of the skills and knowledge necessary for the field of cosmetology.

1534 Cosmetology Instructor I  
The fundamentals of instruction of cosmetology students.

1535 Orientation to the Instruction of Cosmetology  
An overview of skills and knowledge necessary for instruction of cosmetology students.

1547 Principles of Skin Care/Facials and Related Theory  
In-depth coverage of the theory and practice of skin care, facials and cosmetics.

1553 Chemical Reformation and Related Theory  
Presentation of the theory and practice of chemical reformation. Topics include terminology, application and workplace competencies related to chemical reformation.

2202 Introduction to Application of Hair Color  
Introduction to basic hair color applications including safety and sanitation procedures.

2245 Preparation for the State Licensing Practical Examination  
An overview of the objectives required by the state examination.

2337 Advanced Cosmetology Techniques  
Mastery of advanced cosmetology techniques, including hair designs, professional cosmetology services, and workplace competencies.

2343 Salon Development  
Applications of procedures necessary for salon development. Topics include
professional ethics and goals, salon operation and record keeping.

2401 Principles of Hair Coloring and Related Theory
The theory and practice of hair color and chemistry. Topics include terminology, application and workplace competencies related to hair color and chemistry.

2410 Advanced Hair Cutting and Related Theory
Advanced concepts and practice of haircutting. Topic include haircuts utilizing scissors, razors and/or clippers.

2431 Principles of Facials & Skin Care Technology III
Advanced concepts and principles of skin care and other related technologies.

2441 Preparation of Texas Licensing Examination
A course designed to help students prepare to take the State of Texas examination required for licensure.

2445 Instructional Theory and Clinic Operation
An overview of the objectives required by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Instructor Examination.

2501 Principles of Hair Coloring and Related Theory
The theory and practice of hair color and chemistry. Topics include terminology, application and workplace competencies related to hair color and chemistry.

2514 Cosmetology Instructor II
Continuation of the fundamentals of instruction of cosmetology students.

2515 Cosmetology Instructor III
Presentation of lesson plan assignments and evaluation techniques.

2544 Cosmetology Instructor IV
Advanced concepts of cosmetology program instruction. Topics include demonstration and implementation of advanced evaluation and assessment techniques.

Electromechanical Technology courses (ELMT):

2433 Industrial Electronics (Capstone)
Devices, circuits, and systems primarily used in automated manufacturing and/or process control including computer controls and interfacing between mechanical, electrical, electronic, and computer equipment. Includes presentation of programming schemes.

Prerequisite: CETT 1303, CETT 1305, CETT 1329 and CETT 1349.

Computer Game Design courses (GAME):

1303 Introduction to Game Design & Development
Introduction to electronic game development and game development careers. Includes examination of the history and philosophy of games, the game production process, employee factors for success in the field and current issues and practices in the game development industry.

1304 Level Design
Introduction to the tools and concepts used to create levels for games and simulations. Incorporates level design, architecture theory, concepts of critical path and flow, balancing, play testing, and storytelling. Includes utilization of toolsets from industry titles.

Prerequisite: Game 1303 with a grade of C or better.

Graphics courses: (GRPH):

1359 Vector Graphics for Production
A study and use of vector graphics for production.

Health Information/Medical Records courses (HITT):

HITT 1305 Medical Terminology I
A study of word origin and structure through the introduction of prefixes, suffixes,
root words, plurals, abbreviations and symbols. Surgical procedures, medical specialties and diagnostic procedures.

**NOTE:** Student must complete course with grade of “C” or better.

**HITT 1341 Coding and Classification Systems** 3:3:0:48
Basic coding rules, conventions, and guidelines using clinical classification systems.

**Health Professions courses (HPRS):**

**2331 General Health Professions Management** 3:3:1:64
Exploration and application of management concepts necessary for effective health profession operations.

**Human Resources Personnel courses (HRPO):**

**1191 Special Topics in Human Resource Management** 1:1:1:32
Addresses recently identified current events, skills, knowledge and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to students’ professional development. Course can be repeated to improve student proficiency.

**1311 Human Relations** 3:3:0:48
Practical application of the principles and concepts of the behavioral sciences to interpersonal relationships in the business and industrial environment.

**Information Multimedia courses (IMED):**

**1301 Introduction to Digital Media** 3:3:1:64
A survey of the theories, elements, and hardware/software components of digital media. Emphasis on conceptualizing and producing digital media presentations.

**1305 Multimedia Courseware Development I** 3:3:0:48
Instruction in courseware development. Topics include interactivity, branching, navigation, evaluation techniques and interface/information design using industry standard authoring software.

**1316 Web Design I** 3:3:1:64
Instruction in web design and related graphic design issues including mark-up languages, web sites, and browsers.

**1345 Interactive Digital Media I** 3:3:1:64
Exploration of the use of graphics and sound to create interactive digital media applications and/or animations using industry standard authoring software.

**2345 Interactive Digital Media II** 3:3:1:64
Instruction in the use of scripting languages to create interactive digital media applications.

**INEW courses (INEW) – Information Technology courses:**

**INEW 2330 Comprehensive Software Project: Planning and Design (Capstone)** 3:3:0:48
A comprehensive application of skills learned in previous courses in a simulated workplace. Covers the development, testing, and documenting of a complete software and/or hardware solution. This course may be used as a capstone course for a certificate or degree.

Prerequisites: Must be taken in the last spring semester prior to graduation with instructor approval.

**Instrumentation Technology courses (INTC):**

**1341 Principles of Automatic Control** 3:2:3:80
Basic measurements, automatic control systems and design, closed loop systems, controllers, feedback, control modes, and control configurations.

Prerequisite: INTC 1401.

**1343 Application of Industrial Automatic Control** 3:2:3:80
Automatic process control including measuring devices, analog and digital
instrumentation, signal transmitters, recorders, alarms, controllers, control valves, and process and instrument diagrams. Includes loop connection and troubleshooting.

Prerequisites: CETT 1303 and CETT 1305.

1348 Analytical Instrumentation 3:2:3:80
Analytical instruments emphasizing utilization in process applications. Includes, but not limited to, chromatography, pH, conductivity, and spectrophotometric instruments.

Prerequisites: CETT 1303 and CETT 1305.

1356 Instrumentation Calibration 3:2:3:80
Techniques for configuring and calibrating transmitters, controllers, recorders, valves and valve positioners.

Prerequisites: CETT 1303 and CETT 1305.

1359 Temperature Control 3:2:3:80
Analysis of temperature process control loops. Includes installation, testing, calibration and application of commonly-used temperature measuring devices.

Prerequisites: CETT 1303 and CETT 1305.

1401 Principles of Industrial Measurements I 4:3:3:96
Principles of measurement. Includes operation of devices used to measure process variables and basic control functions.

1455 Unit Operations 4:3:2:80
Automatic control requirements of industrial processes. Includes control systems, control loop tuning and analysis.

2336 Distributed Control and Programmable Logic 3:2:3:80
An overview of distributed control systems including configuration of programmable logic controllers, smart transmitters, and field communicators. Functions of digital systems in a process control environment.

Prerequisites: CETT 1303, 1305, 1325 and 1349.

Information Technology (Cisco) courses (ITCC):

1310 Cisco Discovery 1: Networking for Home & Small Businesses 3:2:3:80
An introductory course that teaches students the skills needed to obtain entry-level home and small business network installer jobs, network technicians, computer technicians, cable installers and help desk technicians. It provides a hands-on introduction to networking and the Internet using tools and hardware commonly found in home and small business environments. Labs include PC installation, Internet connectivity, wireless connectivity, file and print sharing and the installation of game consoles, scanners, and cameras.

1311 Cisco Discovery 2: Working at a Small-to-Medium Business or ISP 3:2:3:80
A course that prepares students for jobs as network technicians. It also helps students develop additional skills required for computer technicians and help desk technicians. A basic overview of routing and remote access, addressing and security. It also familiarizes students with servers that provide e-mail services, web space and authenticated access. Students also learn about soft skills required for help desk and customer service positions. Network monitoring and basic troubleshooting skills are taught on context.

Prerequisite: ITCC 1310 with a grade of “C” or better, concurrent enrollment in ITCC 1310, or consent of instructor.

This course familiarizes students with the equipment applications and protocols installed in enterprise networks, with a focus on switched networks, IP Telephony requirements and security. It also introduces advanced routing protocols, such as Enhanced Interior Gateway Routing Protocol (EIGRP) and Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) Protocol. Hands-on exercises include configuration, installation and troubleshooting.

Prerequisite: ITCC 1311 with a grade of “C” or better, or consent of instructor.

1313 Discovery: Designing and Supporting Computer Networks 3:2:3:80
Students progress through a variety of case studies and role-playing exercises, which include gathering requirements, designing basic networks, establishing proof-of-concept, performing project management tasks, lifecycle services,
including upgrades, competitive analyses and system integration.

Prerequisite: ITCC 1312 with a grade of “C” or better, concurrent enrollment in ITCC 1312, or consent of instructor.

Information Technology Network courses (ITNW):

1308 Implementing & Supporting Client Operating Systems 3:3:1:64
Skills development in the management of client as desktop operating systems.

1337 Introduction to the Internet 3:3:0:48
Introduction to the Internet with emphasis on using the World Wide Web to locate, transfer and publish information. Survey of emerging technologies on the Internet.

1353 Supporting Network Server Infrastructure 3:3:1:64
Installing, configuring, managing and supporting a network infrastructure.

1354 Implementing & Supporting Servers 3:3:1:64
Implement, administer and troubleshoot information systems that incorporate servers in a networked computing environment.

Computer & Information Sciences, General Courses (ITSC):

1305 Introduction to PC Operating Systems 3:3:0:48
Introduction to personal computer operating systems including installation, configuration, file management, memory and storage management, control of peripheral devices, and use of utilities.

1309 Integrated Software Applications I 3:3:1:64
Introduction to business productivity software suites using word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and/or presentation software.
Prerequisites: ITSW 1301, POFI 1349 and POFT 1359, or consent of instructor.

1325 Personal Computer Hardware 3:3:0:48
Current personal computer hardware including assembly, upgrading, setup, configuration and troubleshooting.

1371 Introduction to Computers for On-line Students 3:2:3:80
Overview of the skills and knowledge needed to facilitate learning through on-line instructional delivery systems. Includes introduction to word processing and presentation software to produce documents, to the internet to locate and transfer information, and use of learning management systems. Basic research principles and interpretation of professional literature are addressed.

1401 Introduction to Computers 4:3:2:80
Overview of computer information systems. Introduces computer hardware, software, procedures, and human resources.
Prerequisite: Keyboarding and mousing skills.

2386 Internship – Computer & Information Sciences, General 3:0:0:160
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer.
Prerequisite: Successful completion of 56 semester hours towards a Network Specialist degree, including 33 hours of major courses and a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Information Technology Programming courses (ITSE):

1307 Introduction to C++ Programming 3:3:1:64
Introduction to computer programming using C++. Emphasis on fundamentals of object-oriented design with development, testing, implementation and documentation. Includes language syntax, data and file structures, input/output devices and files.
Prerequisites: Students who are unfamiliar with computers should take ITSC 1401 prior to enrolling in this course.

1331 Introduction to Visual BASIC Programming 3:3:1:64
Introduction to computer programming using Visual Basic. Emphasizes the fundamentals of structured design, development, testing, implementation and documentation. Includes language syntax, data and file structures, input/output devices, and files.
1345 Introduction to Oracle SQL
Introduction to the design and creation of relational databases using Oracle.
Topics include storing, retrieving, updating and displaying data using Structured Query Language (SQL).
Prerequisites: ITSW 1307 with a grade of “C” or better, or instructor consent

1359 Introduction to Scripting Languages
Introduction to scripting languages including basic data types, control structures, regular expressions, input/output, and textual analysis.

2331 Advanced C++ Programming
Further application of C++ programming techniques including file access, abstract data structures, class inheritance and other advanced techniques.
Prerequisite: ITSE 1307 with a grade of “C” or better

2359 Advanced Computer Programming (Capstone) 3:2:3:80
Advanced programming techniques including file access methods, data structures, modular programming, program testing and documentation.
Prerequisite: Must be taken in the last spring semester prior to graduation with instructor approval.

2386 Internship – Computer Programming/Programmer, General 3:0:0:160
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer.
Prerequisite: Successful completion of 50 semester hours towards a Software Developer degree, including 30 hours of major courses and a minimum GPA of 2.0

Information Technology Systems courses (ITSW):

1301 Introduction to Word Processing 3:3:1:64
An overview of the production of documents, tables and graphics.
Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills or consent of instructor

1304 Introduction to Spreadsheets 3:3:1:64
Instruction in the concepts, procedures and application of electronic spreadsheets.

1307 Introduction to Database 3:3:0:48
Introduction to database theory and the practical applications of a database.

1310 Introduction to Presentation Graphics 3:3:1:64
Introduction to presentation software used to produce multi-media presentations, including graphics, text, sound, animation and/or video in presentation development.

2337 Advanced Database 3:3:0:48
Advanced concepts of database design and functionality.
Prerequisite: ITSW 1307 with a grade of “C” or better, or consent of instructor

Information Technology Systems courses (ITSY):

2300 Operating System Security 3:3:1:64
Safeguard computer operating systems by demonstrating server support skills and designing and implementing a security system. Identify security threats and monitor network security implementations. Use best practices to configure operating systems to industry security standards.

Paralegal courses (LGLA):

1307 Introduction to Law and the Legal Professions 3:3:0:48
An overview of the law and the legal professions. Topics include legal concepts, systems and terminology; ethical obligations and regulations: professional trends and issues with emphasis on the paralegal’s role.

1345 Civil Litigation 3:3:0:48
The fundamental concepts and procedures of civil litigation with emphasis on the paralegal’s role. Topics include pretrial, trial and post-trial phases of litigation. Prerequisite: LGLA 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

1355 Family Law 3:3:0:48
The fundamental concepts of family law with emphasis on the paralegal’s role. Topics
include formal and informal marriages, divorce, annulment, marital property and the parent-child relationship.

Prerequisite: LGLA 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

1401 Legal Research and Writing
4:3:2:80
The fundamentals of legal research and writing. Topics include standard and electronic legal research, and legal writing techniques including case and fact analysis and citation format.

Prerequisites: LGLA 1307 and LGLA 1345 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2303 Torts and Personal Injury Law
3:3:0:48
The fundamental concepts of tort law with emphasis on the paralegal’s role. Topics include intentional torts, negligence and strict liability.

Prerequisite: LGLA 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2305 Interviewing and Investigating
3:3:0:48
Study of principles, methods and investigative techniques used to locate, gather, document and manage information. Emphasis on developing interview and investigative skills to prepare the paralegal to communicate effectively while recognizing ethical problems.

Prerequisite: LGLA 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2313 Criminal Law and Procedure
3:3:0:48
Fundamental concepts of criminal law from arrest to final disposition, principles of federal and state law and the role of the paralegal in the preparation of pleadings and motions.

Prerequisite: LGLA 1307 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2388 Paralegal Internship
3:0:3:160
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer. Two mandatory on-campus class meetings will be held.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 50 semester hours towards a Paralegal degree, including 18 hours of LGLA courses.

2433 Advanced Legal Document Preparation
4:3:2:80
Preparation of legal documents by paralegals based on hypothetical situations drawn from various areas including real estate, family law, contracts, litigation and business organizations.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301, LGLA 1401, and successful completion of 18 semester hours of LGLA courses.

Medical Assistant courses (MDCA):

1205 Medical Law and Ethics
2:2:0:32
Instruction in principles, procedures, and regulations involving legal and ethical relationships among physicians, patients and medical assistants.

1343 Medical Insurance
3:3:1:64
Emphasizes medical office coding for payment/reimbursement by patient or third-party.

Commercial Photography courses (PHTC):

1300 Photo Digital Imaging I
3:3:0:48
Computer and software instruction for electronic imaging. Includes color, gray-scale, image conversation, presentation and ethics.

Professional Office Information courses (POFI):

1349 Spreadsheets
3:3:1:64
Spreadsheet software for business applications.

Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills.

2331 Desktop Publishing
3:3:1:64
In-depth coverage of desktop publishing terminology, text editing and use of design principles. Emphasis on layout techniques, graphics, multiple-page displays and business applications.
2340 Advanced Word Processing 3:3:1:64
Advanced techniques in merging, macros, graphics and desktop publishing. Includes extensive formatting for technical documents. Emphasis on business applications.
Prerequisite: ITSW 1301 with a grade of “C” or better.

Professional Office Medical courses (POFM):

1302 Medical Software Applications 3:3:1:64
Medical software applications for the management and operation of healthcare information systems

1391 Special Topics in Medical Office Administration 3:3:0:48
Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

2333 Medical Document Production 3:3:1:64
Study of advanced concepts of medical office activities, practices, and procedures. Topics include advanced medical reports, coding, billing, insurance activities and records management.
Prerequisites: HITT 1305 and ITSW 1301. POFT 2301 taken concurrently or prior to this course.

2386 Internship – Medical Administrative Assistant/Secretary 3:0:0:160
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer.
Prerequisite: successful completion of 53 semester hours towards a Medical Office Administration degree, including 30 hours of major courses and a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Professional Office Technology courses (POFT):

1227 Introduction to Keyboarding 2:2:1:48
Skill development in keyboarding techniques. Emphasis on the development of acceptable speed and accuracy.

1301 Business English 3:3:0:48
Introduction to a practical application of basic language usage skills with emphasis on fundamentals of writing and editing for business.
Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills.

1307 Proofreading & Editing 3:3:0:48
Instruction in proofreading and editing skills necessary to assure accuracy in business documents.
Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills.

1309 Administrative Office Procedures I 3:3:0:48
Study of current office procedures, duties and responsibilities applicable in an office environment.
Prerequisite: Keyboarding skills.

1313 Professional Workforce 3:3:0:48
Preparation for career success including ethics, interpersonal relations, professional attire and advancement.

1319 Records and Information Management I 3:3:0:48
Introduction to basic records information management filing systems including manual and electronic filing.

1349 Administrative Office Procedures II 3:3:1:64
In-depth coverage of office procedures with emphasis on decision-making, goal-setting, management theories, and critical thinking.
Prerequisite: ITSW 1301 and POFT 1309
1359 Records and Information Management II 3:3:0:48
Evaluation of filing systems and equipment and maintenance of database records according to information management theory.
Prerequisite: Basic keyboarding, computer skills and POFT 1319 with a grade of “C” or better.

1392 Special Topics in Administrative Assistant/Secretarial Science, General 3:3:0:48
Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

2301 Intermediate Keyboarding 3:3:1:64
A continuation of keyboarding skills emphasizing acceptable speed and accuracy levels and formatting documents
Prerequisite: A student who does not type a minimum of 30 words per minute must take POFT 1227 Introduction to Keyboarding

2331 Administrative Systems 3:3:1:64
Advanced concepts of project management and office procedures integrating software applications.
Prerequisite: POFT 1301 and ITSW 1301 with a grade of “C” or better.
POFT 2301 to be taken currently or prior to this course.

2386 Internship-Administrative Assistant/Secretarial Science, General 3:0:0:160
A work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized theory, skills and concepts. A learning plan is developed by the College and the employer.
Prerequisite: successful completion of 50 semester hours toward an Office Administration degree, including 21 hours of POFT courses and a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Process Technology courses (PTAC):

1302 Introduction to Process Technology 3:2:2:64
Introduction to the processing industries. This is a survey of all process technology courses in the program.

1308 Safety, Health and Environment I 3:3:0:48
An historic overlay of environmental safety and health. Emphasis is on the use of occupational safety and health codes.

1332 Process Instrumentation I 3:2:4:96
Study of the instruments and control systems used in the process industry, including terminology, process variables, symbology, control loops and basic troubleshooting.
Prerequisite: PTAC 1302 or concurrent enrollment.

1410 Process Technology I 4:3:2:80
Instruction in the use of common process equipment.

2314 Principles of Quality 3:3:0:48
Study of the background and application of quality concepts. Topics include team skills, quality tools, statistics, economics and continuous improvement.
Prerequisite: PTAC 1302

2420 Process Technology II – Systems 4:3:2:80
A study of the various process systems, including related scientific principles.
Prerequisites: PTAC 1410 and PTAC 1332.

2436 Process Instrumentation II 4:3:2:80
Continued study of the instruments and control systems used in the process industries, including terminology, process variables, symbology, control loops and troubleshooting.
Prerequisite: PTAC 1332.

2438 Process Technology III – Operations 4:3:2:80
Course emphasizes activities associated with process operations. Students write and follow procedures and operate actual equipment.
Prerequisite: PTAC 2420

2446 Process Troubleshooting 4:3:2:80
Instruction in the different types of troubleshooting techniques, procedures and methods used to solve process problems. Topics include application of data collection and analysis, cause-effect relationships and reasoning.
Prerequisites: PTAC 2420 and PTAC 2436
Science courses (SCIT):

SCIT 1414 Applied General Chemistry I 4:3:3:96
Applications of general chemistry emphasizing industry-related laboratory skills and competencies including laboratory safety and report writing. Addresses supporting chemical theories including atomic and molecular structure, nomenclature, chemical reactivity, gas laws, acids and bases and solutions.

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The College reserves the right at any time to withdraw courses and to change fees, calendars, curricula, graduation procedures or any other requirement affecting students. Changes become effective when the proper authorities so determine the application to both prospective students and to students already enrolled.

Information in this catalog pertains only to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

For information concerning the other three Lamar-named schools in the area, consult those schools’ respective catalogs.

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Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educational institution and employer. Students, faculty and staff members are selected without regard to their race, color, creed, handicap, age, sex or national origin, consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 as issued and amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Inquiries concerning application of these regulations should be referred to Dr. Gary Stretcher, Vice President for Academic Affairs: by phone: (409) 984-6209 or (800) 477-5872 ext. 6209 by electronic mail: Gary.Stretcher@lamarpa.edu by mail to: P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310.

Any person who needs information about filing a grievance based on conditions set forth by Title IX as indicated above should go the Student Handbook published on the college website (www.lamarpa.edu) and follow the procedures also provided under the heading of “Academic Grievance Procedures.”

If further assistance is required, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the address and/or phone number listed above.
Addendum

This Addendum is being provided in the interim of our next catalog publication scheduled for 2012-13 release as a means to keep current with critical and timely information and for the purpose of clarification. If you have any questions regarding the material herein you may contact the Vice President for Student Services to assist you with providing answers to any questions you may have.

General Information

**Accreditation** (note reference Page 3, 2011-12 Catalog)

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Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to Lamar State College-Port Arthur and not to the Commission’s office.

The Commission should be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution’s significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard of *The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is a member of the Class of 2013 for Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The College is approved by the Texas Education Agency for training veterans under all classifications. The College is also a member of or approved by the American Bar Association, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Board of Nursing, the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/SSTSA), the U.S. Department of Education and the Veterans Administration.
Fees and Expenses

Distance Education (E-Learning) Notifications
From the Distance Education Link on the LSC-PA Homepage

Charges Associated with Verification of Identity
Currently, the only Lamar State College-Port Arthur students required to pay an additional charge for verifying identity are enrolled in the online A.A.S. nursing program. These students register for proctored final examinations in five courses at a cost of $25 per exam. If the college determines that proctored examinations should be required in other courses the cost to students will also be approximately $25 per exam.

Distance Education

Online Credit Courses
- E-Learning Homepage
- Academic Partnership on-line Nursing Program

If students are unsure or want to learn more about E-Learning courses, they should contact the Distance Learning Coordinator:

Distance Learning Coordinator:

Dr. William B. Duncan  
Office: Faculty Offices Pavilion #105  
Email: duncanwb@lamarpa.edu  
Office: (409) 984-6349  
Fax: (409) 984-6000

For Technical Support please contact:
Help Desk/Technical Support – My Lamar, email & Distance Education  
Office: Gates Memorial Library Open Computer Lab  
Email: helpdesk@lamarpa.edu  
Office: (409) 984-6150

Blackboard Online Orientation
Click the following link http://blackboard.lamarpa.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp to access the Student Orientation Course page. Once logged in, click the "Student Orientation Course" link located in the "My Courses" box to begin the orientation.
Instructional Policies and Procedures

Academic policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and are updated. They may change during the course of an academic year. For further policy information or updates, see the Student Handbook or go to the Lamar State College-Port Arthur website (www.lamarpa.edu).

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR

COMPUTER SERVICES DEPARTMENT USER POLICY


5.16.3.5 Privacy Policy

Electronic files created, sent, received, or stored on IR owned, leased, administered, or otherwise under the custody and control of Lamar State College · Port Arthur are not private and may be accessed by Lamar State College · Port Arthur Computer Services employees at any time without knowledge of the IR user or owner.

To manage systems and enforce security, Lamar State College · Port Arthur may log, review, and otherwise utilize any information stored on or passing through its IR systems in accordance with the provisions and safeguards provided in the Texas Administrative Code 202, Information Resource Standards. For these same purposes, Lamar State College · Port Arthur may also capture User activity such as telephone numbers dialed and web sites visited.

A wide variety of third parties have entrusted their information to Lamar State College · Port Arthur for business purposes, and all workers at Lamar State College · Port Arthur must do their best to safeguard the privacy and security of this information. The most important of these third parties is the individual student; student personal information is accordingly confidential and access will be strictly limited based on business need for access.

Users must report any weaknesses in Lamar State College · Port Arthur computer security, any incidents of possible misuse or violation of this agreement to the proper authorities by contacting the appropriate management.

Users must not attempt to access any data or programs contained on Lamar State College · Port Arthur systems for which they do not have authorization or explicit consent.

5.16.13 Password Policy from the Institutional Resources Policies

5.16.13.1 Introduction

User authentication is a means to control who has access to an Information Resource system. Controlling the access is necessary for any Information Resource. Access gained by a non-authorized entity can cause loss of information confidentiality, integrity and availability that may result in loss of revenue, liability, loss of trust, or embarrassment to Lamar State College · Port Arthur. Three factors, or a combination of these factors, can be used to authenticate a user. Examples are:

- Something you know – password, Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- Something you have – Smartcard
- Something you are – fingerprint, iris scan, voice
- A combination of factors – Smartcard and a PIN
5.16.13.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Password Policy is to establish the rules for the creation, distribution, safeguarding, termination, and reclamation of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur user authentication mechanisms.

5.16.13.3 Audience

The Lamar State College - Port Arthur Password Policy applies equally to all individuals who use any Lamar State College - Port Arthur information resource.

5.16.13.4 Policy

All passwords, including initial passwords, must be constructed and implemented according to the following Lamar State College - Port Arthur IR rules:

- it must be routinely changed
- it must adhere to a minimum length as established by Lamar State College - Port Arthur Computer Services
- it must be a combination of alpha and numeric characters
- it must not be anything that can easily tied back to the account owner such as: user name, social security number, relative's names, birth date, etc.
- it must not be dictionary words or acronyms
- password history must be kept to prevent the reuse of a password
- Stored passwords must be encrypted.
- User account passwords must not be divulged to anyone. Lamar State College - Port Arthur Computer Services personnel and Computer Services contractors will not ask for user account passwords.
- Security tokens (i.e. Smartcard) must be returned on demand or upon termination of the relationship with Lamar State College - Port Arthur.
- If the security of a password is in doubt, the password must be changed immediately.
- Administrators must not circumvent the Password Policy for the sake of ease of use.
- Users cannot circumvent password entry with auto logon, application remembering, embedded scripts or hard-coded passwords in client software. Exceptions may be made for specific applications (like automated backup) with the approval of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur ISO. In order for an exception to be approved there must be a procedure to change the passwords.
- Computing devices must not be left unattended without enabling a password protected screensaver or logging off of the device.

Computer Services Helpdesk password change procedures must include the following:
- authenticate the user to the helpdesk before changing password
- change to a strong password
- the user must change password at first login
- In the event passwords are found or discovered, the following steps must be taken:
- Take control of the passwords and protect them
- Report the discovery to the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Help Desk
- Transfer the passwords to an authorized person as directed by the Lamar State College - Port Arthur ISO

Password Guidelines

- Passwords must be changed at least every 90 days.
- Passwords must have a minimum length of 8 alphanumeric characters
- Passwords must contain a mix of upper and lower case characters and have at least 2 numeric characters.
- The numeric characters must not be at the beginning or the end of the password. Special characters should be included in the password where the computing system permits. The special characters are !@#$%^&*_=+-?/~`;:,<>|.
- Passwords must not be easy to guess and they:
  - must not be your Username
  - must not be your employee number
  - must not be your name
  - must not be family member names
  - must not be your nickname
  - must not be your social security number
  - must not be your birthday
must not be your license plate number
must not be your pet’s name
must not be your address
must not be your phone number
must not be the name of your town or city
must not be the name of your department
must not be street names
must not be makes or models of vehicles
must not be slang words
must not be obscenities
must not be technical terms
must not be school names, school mascot, or school slogans
must not be any information about you that is known or is easy to glean (favorite - food, color, sport, etc.)
must not be any popular acronyms
must not be words that appear in a dictionary
must not be the reverse of any of the above
Passwords must not be reused for a period of one year
Passwords must not be shared with anyone
Passwords must be treated as confidential information

Creating a strong password

Combine short, unrelated words with numbers or special characters. For example: eAt42peN
Make the password difficult to guess but easy to remember
Substitute numbers or special characters for letters. (But do not just substitute) For example:
livefish - is a bad password
L1veF1sh - is better and satisfies the rules, but setting a pattern of 1st letter capitalized, and i’s substituted by 1’s can be guessed
!lv3f1Sh - is far better, the capitalization and substitution of characters is not predictable

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Graduation & General Degree Requirements

Transfer Programs of Study

Degree Plans Designed to Transfer to Four-Year Institutions

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate Arts in Teaching degrees. The courses in these degrees are designed to transfer to four-year institutions and include accounting, anthropology, art, biology, business, computer science, chemistry, criminal justice, drama, economics, education, English, geography, geology, government, health, history, home economics, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, speech, sociology, and Spanish. The College uses the State's Common Course Numbering System, which has been developed to help receiving institutions easily identify work eligible for transfer and has greatly improved the transfer of course work by students from two-year colleges to universities.

A student can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. In most majors, a student can complete virtually all of his or her freshman and sophomore course work in Port Arthur and be fully prepared to move into junior- and senior-level course work at Lamar University in Beaumont or another senior institution.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE:

- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN ACADEMIC STUDIES)
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE)
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN DRAMA)
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN KINESIOLOGY)
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (EMPHASIS IN STUDIO ART)
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE COMMERCIAL MUSIC
- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS TEACHING
  - EMPHASIS IN TEACHING (EC-8)
  - EMPHASIS IN TEACHING (EC-12 ART)
  - EMPHASIS IN TEACHING (EC-12 THEATER ARTS)
  - EMPHASIS IN TEACHING (EC-12 MUSIC)
  - EMPHASIS IN TEACHING (EC-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION)
Technical Education Programs (not designed for transfer to typical Four-Year programs)

The Technical Programs Division offers a variety of programs in vocational and technical education leading to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or to certificates of varying length. These programs are not designed to transfer to typical four-year programs and have as their focus providing students with the expertise necessary for employment in today’s complex economy. Qualified instructors, using the latest technology, introduce students to the knowledge and skills that business and industry currently seek in potential employees.

Each A.A.S. degree program also contains a general education component that emphasizes humanities, communication, mathematics skills, and social awareness. These general education courses within the A.A.S. meet transfer-level standards and will, in fact, transfer to four-year institutions.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE:

- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE COSMETOLOGY OPERATOR
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE COMMERCIAL MUSIC-PERFORMANCE (SESSION MUSICIAN)
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE COMMERCIAL MUSIC-SOUND ENGINEER
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE MEDICAL OFFICE ADMIN
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE NETWORK SPECIALIST
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PARALEGAL
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROCESS TECHNOLOGY
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE SOFTWARE DEVELOPER
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
- ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE UPWARD MOBILITY NURSING

Students interested only in gaining basic training in vocational areas can take advantage of several certificate programs offered by the Technical Programs Division. The programs normally can be completed in one calendar year. Students successfully finishing one of these programs should possess the basic skills required for entry-level employment in that particular occupational field.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES:

- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE
- AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE
- AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE
- COMPUTER PROGRAMMER CERTIFICATE
- COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE
- COSMETOLOGY OPERATOR CERTIFICATE
- ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS CERTIFICATE
- ESTHETICS CERTIFICATE
- MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE
- MULTI-MEDIA & DESIGN CERTIFICATE (55+ Program)
- NETWORK SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE
- PROCESS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE
- RECESSIONIST CERTIFICATE
- SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE
- VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE
Courses that meet General Education Requirements for AAS Degrees (note reference Page 116, 2011-12 Catalog)

**Humanities/Fine Arts**
- Any course with ARTS prefix
- DRAM 1310, 1320, 1321, 1351, 1352
- Any course with HUMA prefix
- PHIL 1301
- MUSI 1306, 1310
- ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331, 2341

**Natural Sciences/Mathematics**
- Any course with BIOL prefix
- HECO 1322
- Any course with CHEM prefix
- GEOL 1403, 1404
- Any course with PHYS prefix
- Any college-level mathematics course with MATH prefix

**Social/Behavioral Sciences**
- HIST 1301, 1302, 2301
- ECON 2301, 2301
- PSYC 2301, 2314
- GOVT 2305, 2306
- EDUC/PSYC 1300
- SOCI 1301, 1306, 2301

**Communication**
- ENGL 1301
- SPCH 1315
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