

Welcome from the President

On behalf of the entire faculty, staff and administration, I want to thank you for your interest in Southwest Texas Junior College.

Whether you have already decided to attend classes with us, or are still considering your options, there are several important things you should know about SWTJC.

First off, you need to know that we are committed to your success in higher education. From assistance in applying for and receiving financial aid, to tutoring and career counseling, we offer a wide range of student services aimed at helping every student stay in school and earn their certificate or degree.

Along with our commitment to students, we are also committed to the people and communities across the 11-county region we proudly serve. We work closely with area school districts to expand opportunities in dual enrollment classes and technical programs, as well as providing adult education and literacy classes and a broad range of workforce training and development targeting in-demand jobs throughout the region.

Our classes are small and our instructors are highly qualified professionals with a passion for teaching. We offer the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science degrees in a broad range of disciplines. We also offer degrees and certificates in 17 technical programs, from cosmetology and welding to wildlife management, law enforcement and nursing.

Finally, you should know that in 2011 Southwest Texas Junior College was named one of the top ten community colleges in the nation by a panel of education experts representing the prestigious Aspen Institute.

Thanks again for your interest in SWTJC and we look forward to having the privilege of helping you succeed in higher education.

Dr. Hector Gonzales
President
Southwest Texas Junior College

Vision Statement: Create and nurture a learning-centered environment in which students, faculty, staff, and the community at-large can achieve their greatest potential.

Mission Statement: Southwest Texas Junior College is a comprehensive, public college serving eleven counties in Southwest Texas. The College provides accessible, affordable, high-quality education that prepares students to successfully transfer to senior colleges and universities; enter the job market; pursue their professional and personal goals; and contribute to the economic growth of the region.

ACCREDITATION

Southwest Texas Junior College is accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the Associate of Arts in General Studies, Associate of Arts in Teaching, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southwest Texas Junior College. Southwest Texas Junior College is also approved by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

MEMBERSHIPS

The college holds membership in the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the American Association of Community Colleges, and the American Council on Education.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Southwest Texas Junior College to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. This policy extends to employment, admissions, and all programs and activities supported by Southwest Texas Junior College.

CATALOG CHANGES

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