

General Information

STATEMENT OF MISSION/PURPOSE

Lone Star College System as a publicly-supported, two-year, comprehensive community college district involves diverse individuals, businesses, and the community in quality educational opportunities for the successful development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes for a rapidly changing world.

Through its colleges and centers, Lone Star College System develops learning communities for:

- Workforce programs, leading to associate degrees or certificates, designed to develop marketable skills and support economic development.
- Academic courses in the arts and sciences to transfer to senior institutions.
- Continuing adult education programs for academic, professional, workforce, and cultural enhancement.
- Developmental education and literacy programs designed to improve the basic skills of students.
- A program of student support services, including counseling and learning resources, designed to assist individuals in achieving their educational and career goals.
- Workforce, economic, and community development initiatives designed to meet local and statewide needs.
- Other purposes as may be directed by the Board of Trustees and/or the laws of the State of Texas.

VALUE STATEMENTS

Learning Communities

We believe that the Lone Star Colleges are dynamic learning communities, distinguished by excellence in teaching, allowing citizens to develop to the full extent of their ability, to succeed in a competitive work environment, and to be effective lifelong learners.

Access with Quality

We believe that the Lone Star College System provides an enriching learning environment which meets the needs of its diverse communities through outreach, access, student support systems and a diverse faculty and staff.

Building Communities and Partnerships

We believe that the Lone Star College System is a catalyst for promoting a seamless educational journey and for nurturing the intellectual and cultural life of the community.

Economic and Workforce Development

We believe that the Lone Star College System serves as the critical link for economic and workforce development to improve the prosperity of our region through partnerships with business, government, and community organizations.

Human Resources

We believe that the most important resources of the Lone Star College System are the individual faculty and staff members, who are entitled to a supportive collegial work environment which rewards excellence, provides opportunities for professional development, encourages meaningful involvement in the decision-making process, and provides excellent compensation.

Technology

We believe that students achieve their learning goals best as the Lone Star College System provides responsive and effective support services,

learning resources, current technologies and information systems.

Information

Lone Star College System believes that the achievement of the mission and purpose requires an effective system of communication to both internal and external constituencies.

Leadership

We believe that the Lone Star Colleges, building on a solid foundation of growth and service, are recognized leaders in the community college movement, making important contributions to the profession through partnerships, innovation, scholarship, creative services, and integrated technologies.

Stewardship

We believe that the Lone Star College System is committed to rigorous stewardship of the resources entrusted to its care to assure maximum benefit for the community.

Evaluation

We believe that it is essential that the Lone Star Colleges – working separately for local effectiveness and working cooperatively as a single system for efficiency – must regularly assess the impact and outcomes of our efforts for continuous improvement.

Lone Star College System at a Glance

www.lonestar.edu

Once a student enrolls in Lone Star College, that person is making a decision to join one of the finest community colleges in the country. Offering a wide range of academic and workforce courses for recent high school graduates and community residents of all ages, LSCS is one of the largest and fastest growing community colleges in Texas.

Over 46,000 students register for credit courses each semester with an additional 15,000 in continuing education courses. The college system

serves an area over 1,400 square miles, encompassing the school districts of Aldine, Conroe, Cypress-Fairbanks, Humble, Klein, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora, Spring, Tomball, Willis, and the surrounding communities.

LSCS comprises Lone Star College-CyFair, Lone Star College-Kingwood, Lone Star College-Montgomery, Lone Star College-North Harris, and Lone Star College-Tomball as well as satellite centers LSC-Carver Center, LSC-Conroe Center, LSCS-East Montgomery County Improvement District (EMCID), LSC-Fairbanks Center, LSC-Greenspoint Center, and LSC-Willow Chase Center. LSC-University Center, a partnership with LSC and six Texas universities, provides over 65 bachelor's, master's, and doctorate programs.

Innovative programs, nationally renowned faculty and student-centered learning environments make LSCS the right choice for students to:

- obtain an associate degree or certificate;
- transfer to a university;
- gain new workforce skills;
- change careers;
- attain personal development goals; or
- prepare for college level work.

The staff in our extended learning centers provide seminars, tutoring, computer services, Internet access, study groups and personal assistance to aid student success. Student groups and organizations welcome participation and encourage student involvement.

Education generates a trained workforce, which fuels the community's economy. Established in 1972, Lone Star College System remains committed to workforce training, state-of-the-art technological tools and educational excellence.

Lone Star College System is committed to providing educational access for all through satellite centers, distance learning, dual credit courses for high school juniors and seniors, and course offerings when and where students need them. The system offers a variety of workforce certificates and degrees in addition to university general education transfer programs.

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COLLEGES

Lone Star College-CyFair

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Lone Star College-CyFair, the newest addition to Lone Star College System, has two convenient locations to serve the Cypress-Fairbanks community. The Barker Cypress location is nestled upon a beautiful 200-acre site at Barker Cypress and West Road while the LSC-Fairbanks Center on Hwy 290 allows easy access for students residing in the southeast region of Cy-Fair. As a comprehensive community college for the 21st century, both campuses provide a dynamic environment for life-long learning.

LSC-CyFair on Barker Cypress is a state-of-the-art campus for students seeking associate's degrees or taking university-transfer courses. Among the campus features are computer-based classrooms and labs, specialized labs for technology skills training, fine arts and performing arts facilities, a theater for student and community enjoyment, and indoor/outdoor wellness facilities.

The college preserves a strong emphasis on responsiveness, innovation, collaboration, and student access. The vision of the college focuses on a strong commitment to student preparation for the changing world, the removal of barriers that hinder student success and exceptional service to students.

For more information, contact:

LSC-CyFair	281.290.3200
LSC-Fairbanks Center	832.782.5000

Lone Star College-Kingwood

kingwood.lonestar.edu



Situated on 264 beautifully landscaped wooded acres, Lone Star College-Kingwood serves the rapidly growing communities of Kingwood, Humble, Atascocita, and eastern Montgomery County. The college is conveniently located at Highway 59 and Kingwood Drive in the northeast sector of the district.

Students can register for a variety of degrees and certificates that include:

- Academy for Lifelong Learning
- Associate of Arts in Teaching
- Business and Management
- Computer Gaming and Simulation
- Computer Graphics Technology
- Computer Information Technology
- Cosmetology
- Dental Hygiene
- Facilities Management
- Interior Design
- Logistics
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Nursing – RN and LVN
- Respiratory Care Therapist
- Teacher Alternative Certification

In addition to the main campus, LSC-Kingwood offers both credit and continuing education classes at the LSC-East Montgomery Improve-

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ment District Center (EMCID) located in New Caney. Evening classes are also offered at Cleveland and Atascocita High Schools.

For more information contact:

LSC-Kingwood 281.312.1600
or 1.800.883.7939

LSC-EMCID Center 281.312.1750
or 1.800.883.7939

Lone Star College-Montgomery

montgomery.lonestar.edu



Completed in 1995, Lone Star College-Montgomery is a 320,000-square-foot campus located on 100 acres of pine forest, between The Woodlands and Conroe, Texas.

The college offers more than 40 career programs as well as academic transfer courses in a variety of subjects. Programs of note include criminal justice, physical therapist assistant, biotechnology, vocational and registered nursing, radiologic technology, human services, computer information technology, land surveying, and management. Academic courses include a wide variety of traditional offerings and specialty areas such as teacher education, art, music, theater, and more.

LSC-Montgomery also works with its surrounding community, establishing programs such as the Academy for Lifelong Learning for active older adults, a popular series of summer camps for youth, and a wide variety of educational and cultural events.

The college's LSC-Conroe Center provides an array of business and technology courses and programs, as well as some transfer classes.

For more information, contact:

LSC-Montgomery 936.321.5161 (metro)
936.273.7000 (local)

LSC-Conroe Center 936.271.6000

Lone Star College-North Harris

northharris.lonestar.edu



Lone Star College-North Harris was the first college in the system, serving students since 1973. Meeting the needs of the community, LSC-North Harris has many unique programs as well as programs shared by all colleges in the system.

Degree and certificate programs available at LSC-North Harris include:

- Automotive Technology
- Integrated Technologies
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Health Information Technology
- Hospitality Management
- Interpreter Training Technology
- Management
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing

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- Paralegal Studies
- Pharmacy Technology
- Teacher Education

In addition to the 200-acre campus, LSC-North Harris serves students with two satellite centers. LSC-Greenspoint Center is located off Beltway 8 near I-45 at 250 N. Sam Houston Parkway East in the Greenspoint area, and LSC-Carver Center is located at 2330 S. Victory in Acres Homes.

For more information, contact:

LSC-North Harris	281.618.5400
LSC-Greenspoint Center	281.260.3500
LSC-Carver Center	281.618.5800

Lone Star College-Tomball

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Lone Star College-Tomball, as do all of the colleges in Lone Star College System, boasts a class ratio as low as 15-20 students per class. This small class size allows for more one-on-one instruction and provides students and teachers the opportunity to explore learning with more personal attention.

Serving the western sector of the college district, Lone Star College-Tomball provides degrees and certificates in a variety of areas, including:

- Accounting
- Computer Gaming
- Electrician

- Engineering Technology
- Management
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Pharmacy Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Veterinary Technology

LSC-Willow Chase Center is the primary satellite center located at 249 and Grant Road with over 50,000 square feet for classes and computer labs. LSC-Tomball also offers night courses at local high schools.

For more information, contact:

LSC-Tomball	281.351.3300
LSC-Willow Chase Center	281.401.5300

Lone Star College-University Center

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Once you have completed your first two years of college coursework at one of the campuses in LSCS, you may want to continue at Lone Star College-University Center (LSC-UC) to earn your bachelor's or master's degree or doctorate. A partnership with LSCS and six Texas

universities, LSC-UC provides programs in over 65 areas of concentration. The partnering universities are:

- Prairie View A&M University
- Sam Houston State University
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Southern University
- University of Houston
- UH - Downtown

Undergraduate and graduate degree programs are offered in many areas, including:

- Business
- Computers
- Criminal Justice
- Educational Leadership
- Engineering
- Healthcare/Nursing
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teacher Education

Offering the latest in high-tech education, Lone Star College-University Center is fiber optic cabled and is wired for videoconferencing with Internet access in every classroom. This technology, coupled with distance learning options, provides students a variety of formats and times in which they can complete their education.

For more information, contact:

LSC-University Center 281.618.7140 or
936.273.7510

Distance Learning

eCampus.lonestar.edu



Lone Star College's Distance Learning Program is comprised of online and hybrid classes. The content and transferability of online and hybrid courses are the same as traditional on-campus courses. Similar to classes offered on-campus, instructors in distance learning classes use a variety of learning activities such as discussion, class projects, exams, presentations, and written papers. Many online or hybrid classes require students to complete orientation activities at the beginning of the class. Students can complete all core degree requirements and associate of arts and associate of science degree requirements through distance learning. Students enrolled in distance learning courses have the same rights and responsibilities as they do in traditional campus-based classes.

Online Classes:

Students enrolling in online classes, formerly called distance learning or DL classes, are not required to travel to a Lone Star College campus. When supervised exams or other learning activities are required, such as orientations or labs, a student has the option to go to a LSCS college or to an off-campus location that has been approved by the instructor.

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Hybrid Classes:

Classes that routinely meet on-campus but also regularly use alternative delivery methods are called hybrid classes (formerly called flex or flexible schedule classes).

For additional information on LSCS's Distance Learning program, call 832.813.6700 e-mail distance.learning@lonestar.edu or visit the Web at <http://ecollege.lonestar.edu>.

Continuing Education

LSCS encourages individuals to engage in life-long learning through participation in seminars, workshops, forums, activities, and workforce and leisure education programs. Continuing education courses address the learning needs of a community, including workforce development, GED, ESL, literacy, recreation, and leisure offerings.

Leisure offerings for personal growth or enrichment are provided at each of the colleges. Participants can develop a hobby, learn a skill, learn a language or learn about a new topic. Most offerings are available to adults of any age, with special programs for youth and seniors.

Workforce education offerings prepare individuals for jobs as well as improve current job skills. Certificates are awarded for workforce development programs and courses, some of which lead to industry skills certification. Students earn continuing education units (CEUs) for each workforce development course completed. The CEU is an internationally recognized credit unit for successful completion of learning outcomes in a continuing education course/program. Standards are maintained by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training.

Students completing courses for CEUs have a permanent transcript available on request. One CEU is defined as "ten (10) contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction." All

workforce development courses meet criteria established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, contact the individual college that you are interested in attending.

Corporate Training

Each college within LSCS offers specialized and customized training for business and industry. A wide variety of employee training is available ranging from basic skills to computer software and technology to leadership and organizational development. Business training consultants at each college work with businesses to develop courses/programs and related employee support activities to improve productivity and service. Flexibility in class scheduling allows courses to be offered at the business site, on campus, through online courses, or at other locations suitable to meet client needs.

Classes are led by experienced instructors who develop successful learning environments. LSCS is actively involved in many community-based partnerships which allow all workforce and economic development activities to function as a market-driven enterprise. Partnerships encompass business consortiums, economic development, institutional/government, and education/business partnerships. For more information, contact the individual college that you are interested in attending.

Continuing Education and Credit Linked Courses

Students may enroll in continuing education courses that are linked to semester hour courses in which both credit and continuing education students attend the same class. Continuing education students who register for linked courses must meet the same requirements and prerequisites as credit students. Students registered through continuing education earn continuing education units (CEUs).

Community Partnerships

LSCS's office of external affairs helps coordinate community economic and small business development activities with each LSCS college. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the North Houston Economic Development Alliance provide a central contact point for 10 area chambers of commerce and the North Houston Association.

For more information, contact the LSCS Office of External Affairs at 832.813.6620.

Clery Act

LSCS complies with the Jeanne Clery Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act and the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act. Relevant information can be found at www.lonestar.edu/clery in the Annual Security Report.

Racial Profiling

The LSCS police department prohibits the practice known as "racial profiling" by its officers. Click on <http://www.lonestar.edu/racialprofiling> for more information.

Sex Offender Data

Registered sex offenders that work, volunteer, or are enrolled in classes on the campuses of LSCS are listed at www.lonestar.edu on the campus safety registered sex offender link.

Information concerning registered sex offenders can be accessed from the Texas DPS Web site at https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps_web/portal/index.aspx.

Sex Offender Policy

Effective September 1, 2003, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 62.03(h) requires each person who is required to register as a sex offender and who intends to be employed, work with a contractor, or attend classes at an institution of higher education to register with the campus police department within seven days. Current

LSCS board policy requires that sex offenders seeking to enroll at, provide services to, or be employed with LSCS submit information pertinent to his or her offenses to the District Review Committee to determine his or her eligibility for enrollment, vendor services or employment. A person seeking to be a student shall be required to be approved before completing the registration process.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or emergency closing, the location executive officer or designee may cancel all or some of the college classes. Generally, such decisions will be made between 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. for day classes and by 3 p.m. for evening classes. When off-campus facilities are closed for any reason, the college classes at those sites will also be canceled. The closing announcement will be made on local radio/television stations or go to our Web site at www.lonestar.edu.

Computer Maintenance

In order to maintain the highest level of computer services and availability, LSCS will perform regular maintenance on computer systems from Saturdays at midnight until noon on Sundays. Due to this maintenance schedule, computer systems may not be available during this time frame. Maintenance on the Blackboard Vista system for distance learning may be scheduled from Friday at midnight to Saturday at 4 a.m. Maintenance work outside this time frame will be announced on the eCampus Web site.