

# Hidalgo Early College District Toolkit



## Locations

**Pecan Campus**  
McAllen, TX

**Mid-Valley Campus**  
Weslaco, TX

**Starr County Campus**  
Rio Grande City, TX

**Technology Campus**  
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## South Texas College Fact Sheet 2009-2010

### About South Texas College

Founded in 1993, South Texas College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South Texas College. More than 22,000 students attend STC and a faculty and staff of more than 1,800 serve STC's five campuses.

### Associate Degrees and Certificates

The college offers more than 100 degree and certificate program options, including associate degrees in a variety of art, science, technology, allied health and advanced manufacturing fields of study. The college also offers eight online associate degrees options.

### Bachelor of Applied Technology

STC offers a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) degree in Technology Management, as well as a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Computer and Information Technologies. The college is one of only three Texas community colleges accredited to offer a BAT degree and the only community college in Texas accredited to offer two bachelor's degrees.

### Dual Enrollment Opportunities

STC has instituted a variety of dual enrollment programs, including early college high schools, drop-out recovery programs and other unique initiatives with high schools throughout Hidalgo and Starr counties. The programs allow eligible students to take college courses while attending high school. Combined, more than 7,000 students are currently enrolled in these programs.

The college has also developed two intensive academic programs for students interested in pursuing degrees in the medical and engineering fields. The Dual Enrollment Medical Science Academy and the Dual Enrollment Engineering Academy consist of concentrated two-year programs of study and internship opportunities for qualified students to pursue an Associate of Science degree during their junior and senior years in high school.

### Continuing and Professional Education

The program provides opportunities for lifelong learners to upgrade their skills, change careers or seek personal enrichment. The division also offers employers customized training that will upgrade the skills of current employees and prepare new employees for a variety of industries.

### NAAMREI

The college is the fiscal agent and home of the executive offices for the North American Advanced Manufacturing Research and Education Initiative. STC serves as the Regional Institute for Advanced Manufacturing linked to all the community and technical colleges in the region. The college has taken the lead in helping train the workers to fuel a regional manufacturing economy and to support innovations in rapid response manufacturing.

### Articulation Agreements

For those students who wish to continue their education beyond an associate's degree, STC has more than 60 articulation agreements in place with colleges across the country.

### Vital Statistics

- o More than 60% of student population are the first in their families to attend college
- o More than 95% of students are Hispanic
- o More than 75% of students (not including dual enrollment students) take advantage of some form of financial aid
- o More than 35% of students go on to immediately pursue a bachelor's degree
- o Class size averages 26 students per faculty member

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