



2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Texas community colleges commit to delivering affordable, high-quality education that prepares students for in-demand jobs and careers that lead to economic mobility. To continue meeting these goals and train the next-generation workforce, TACC member institutions request support for the following legislative priorities:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

Advocate for a supplemental appropriations request for the current biennium (FY 2024-2025), fully supporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's final recommendation. This funding will:

- Reinforce the outcomes-based funding model established by House Bill 8, granting more Texans the opportunity to earn credentials of value.
- Enable institutions to sustain real-time progress and deliver measurable results that drives economic growth.

FORMULA FUNDING FOR FY 2026-2027

Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium. This critical investment will:

- Empower institutions to adapt to the evolving needs of students and alignment with the state's expanding workforce.
- Solidify Texas community colleges as statewide leaders in affordable and high-quality education.

INCLUSION OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN PERFORMANCE TIER

Amend the State Funding Performance Tier of House Bill 8 to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college. This adjustment will:

- Ensure the outcomes-based funding model reflects and recognizes multiple student success pathways.
- Foster stronger transfer pathways, expanding opportunities for students to seamlessly continue their education across all types of higher education institutions.

BY THE NUMBERS

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

are the **LARGEST SECTOR** of higher education, serving as the primary gateway to opportunity and workforce development across the state.

As hubs of innovation, they prepare students for in-demand careers, driving economic growth and meeting the evolving needs of Texas industries.

With a commitment to **BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKFORCE**, community colleges play a pivotal role in shaping Texas' future.

SERVING MORE THAN

700,000

STUDENTS



IN 2023, AWARDED

125,215

CERTIFICATES & DEGREES

PROVIDING

96%

OF ALL CAREER & TECHNICAL
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HOUSE BILL 8 IN ACTION

Statewide Data on the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Program



1.46M

semester credit hours of dual credit have been provided **at no cost to students.**



22%

increase in dual credit enrollment compared to 2022.



260K

students with financial need have been served by this program.



\$79.6M

in funding has been **disbursed to institutions** participating in FAST.



2025 LEGISLATIVE FOCUS AREAS

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FULL FUNDING FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM

Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium (FY 2026-2027). This investment will empower institutions to adapt to the evolving needs of students and the workforce, solidifying Texas community colleges as leaders in providing accessible, high-quality education statewide.

INCLUDING PRIVATE INSTITUTION TRANSFERS IN STATE FUNDING METRICS

Amend the State Funding Performance Tier to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college. This adjustment ensures the model fully reflects and recognizes multiple student success transfer pathways.

CONTINUE TO SCALE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS

Support the continued funding and coordinating of the state's workforce grant programs for community college students. This would include grant programs such as the Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education (TRUE) initiative, Lone Star Workforce for the Future, Skills Development Fund, and Jobs & Education for Texans (JET).

STATE AGENCY WORKFORCE CREDENTIALS

Expand the successful credentialing program established in the 88th Texas Legislative Session, which allows the Department of Information Resources to partner with community colleges for expedited agency employment. Advocate for expanding this initiative to other state agencies, creating new opportunities for students and addressing critical workforce needs across the state.

IMPROVE ACCESS TO NURSING CLINICAL ROTATION SLOTS

Support expanding and protecting clinical training opportunities for nursing students in community colleges across Texas. Implement recommendations from the Texas Healthcare Workforce Task Force report, such as collaboration and resource sharing among educational institutions, healthcare providers, and state agencies to enhance training capacity and efficiency.

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