

## VOCATIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- G.E.D. or High School Diploma, or 3 hours college credit and minimum E.A. Test Scores.
- Offenders identified to participate in the S.O.T.P. (Sexual Offender Treatment Program) by TDCJ are not allowed to participate in computer related vocational courses. Participation in other vocational courses if within two years of projected release date will require approval.
- Offenders who have a voted parole action indicating a “serve all” with a calculated date the same as their maximum expiration date must pay for college from their trust fund account or qualify for grant funding. (Youthful offender or Hazelwood)
- Minimum E.A. Test Scores for vocations:

### Level A or D

- 7.5 .....Auto Body Repair, Horticulture, Masonry and Welding
- 8.0 .....Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- 8.5 .....Electronics

### Level A

- 9.0.....Computer Maintenance
- 9.5 .....Drafting/CAD
- 10.0 .....Computer Science/Data Processing

- No conflict with other scheduled programs, religious activities, etc.
- Line Class I status or better.
- Custody level must be G3 or better to be considered.
- No major case for six months prior to enrollment.
- Appropriate medical classification.
- If you have a detainer, you must pay for the class from your trust fund account.
- TDCJ requires student placement in vocational programs to be prioritized by release date.

## OFF UNIT TRADES and FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Contact your unit’s Windham School District Counselor or Principal for transfer to vocational programs not offered on your unit and information/requests to participate in 4 year degree programs within the TDCJ.

## FINANCIAL AID

### YOUTHFUL OFFENDER GRANT

This grant is available for offenders that are 25 years of age or younger and within 5 years of release date. Students qualifying for this grant may take up to three vocational programs and 3 academic courses per semester. Contact the TVCC Enrollment Coordinator to see if you are eligible.

### HAZELWOOD ACT

If you were a Texas resident at the time of induction into military service, you may be eligible for financial aid. **You** must provide a DD214 Member 4 and a letter from the V.A. stating that you have no educational benefits remaining to apply. Conditions for eligibility include 180 days of **active** service, and an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions. You may not be in default on any student loan. The address of the regional V.A. Office to request you DD214 member 4 is 701 Clay Ave., Waco, TX 76799. The address of the regional V.A. Office to request a letter regarding ineligibility for V.A. benefits is P.O. Box 8888, Muskogee, OK 74402-8888.

Student enrolled at TDCJ units are not eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill/VA education benefits through Trinity Valley Community College. TVCC has not been approved by the Texas Workforce Commission and Department of Veterans Affairs to certify students who are currently incarcerated.

### TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and Fees for all TDCJ Technical/Vocational Courses will be calculated at the rate of \$160.00 per cycle for a total cost of \$480.00 per program. TDCJ policy allows you to take one vocational course if you are outside of five years from your release date and one more course once you are within five years of release. Academic tuition is calculated at the rate of \$20.00 per credit hour, minimum of \$60.00 per class. Textbooks are furnished for use at no charge. Payment for vocational and academic courses can be deferred until release from TDCJ as a condition of parole. Reimbursement is made through your parole officer.

Offenders who have a voted parole action indicating a “Serve All” with a calculated date the same as their maximum expiration date, must pay tuition cost of the course or qualify for financial aid. Offenders with an FI action date must pay for all cost of academic college from their trust fund account.

Upon release from TDCJ, those offenders who discharge their sentence should contact the office of WSD Continuing Education, P.O. Box 40, Huntsville, TX 77342-0040 or phone (936)291-5332 to make arrangements for reimbursement of charges made to their post-secondary education reimbursement accounts for college tuition and testing.

### GENERAL FACTS

Upon successful completion of the 24-hr. credit vocational program a certificate is awarded. TVCC offers the Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees. Numerous statistics indicate lower rates of recidivism for participants of higher education programs.



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## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- No conflict with other scheduled programs, religious activities, etc.
- Line Class 1 status or better and custody level must be G3 or better to be considered.
- No major case for six months prior to enrollment.
- TASP/THEA tested (a minimum level A TAB/EA Score of 12.0 reading, 9.0 math, 9.0 language, or an 11.2 composite is required to take TASP/THEA).
- If you have a detainer or a degree, you must pay for classes from your trust fund. New students who do not have an initial parole review date within 10 years and/or have a projected release or maximum expiration date of more than 15 years must pay for all cost of academic college.
- TDCJ will allow you to take one course per semester and reimburse the cost after release for qualifying students. Any classes above one per semester must be paid from your trust fund account.
- Offenders identified to participate in the S.O.T.P. (Sexual Offender Treatment Program) by TDCJ may not be allowed to participate in academic courses if within two years of your projected release date.
- Offenders who have a voted parole action indicating a “serve all” with a calculated date the same as their maximum expiration date must pay for college from their trust fund account or qualify for grant funding. (Youthful offender or Hazelwood grant)
- Offenders who have an FI action date must pay for their courses from their trust fund account. The only exception is offenders with a FI-2 who shall be released after the end of the current semester.
- Offenders who plan to utilize reimbursement will be categorized using a priority system established by WSD based on projected or maximum release dates and/or initial parole review date. In some cases, WSD may require payment of college cost from your trust fund.

## ADMISSION

To check on eligibility for enrollment, send an I-60 to **Mr. Handorf, TVCC Enrollment Coordinator**, Unit Education Department, Trinity Valley Community College.

TVCC operates under a contract with TDCJ/WSD Continuing Education to provide educational services for offenders at TDCJ Units. TVCC is obligated to comply with all TDCJ/WSD Policies concerning academic and vocational eligibility requirements. TVCC compliance with TDCJ/WSD Policy requirements is monitored by the unit principal as well as the WSD Regional Cont. Ed. Coordinator located at the Boyd Unit of TDCJ at Rt. 2, Box 500, Teague, TX 75861.

## BETO UNIT

### ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

An extensive schedule of college academic subjects is offered in a trimester format—spring, summer and fall.

### COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING

AutoCAD 2006, Mechanical Desktop 2006 and Inventor 10, industry leading software, mechanical, engineering, architectural drafting, and solid modeling design.

### COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *(formerly Data Processing)*

Introduction to beginning and advanced programming. Desktop publishing, Web page design and programming, Microsoft Office XP Professional (word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations).

### COMPUTER MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

An emphasis on the maintenance, repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware and software. Curriculum includes A+ certification material.

### ELECTRONICS

Fundamentals of electricity and electronics, electric circuit fundamentals, digital logic, micro circuitry, computer controlled systems, linear circuit, and solid

## COFFIELD UNIT

### ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

An extensive schedule of college academic subjects is offered in a trimester format—spring, summer and fall.

### COMPUTER AIDED DRAFTING

AutoCAD 2006, Mechanical Desktop 2006 and Inventor 10, industry leading software, mechanical, engineering, architectural drafting, and solid modeling design.

### COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *(formerly Data Processing)*

Introduction to beginning and advanced programming. Desktop publishing, Web page design and programming, Microsoft Office XP Professional (word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations).

### HORTICULTURE

Application of basic plant science, nursery production, small farming, management and marketing. Also includes greenhouse management, vegetable, fruit and nut production, and landscape technology. Texas Nursery and Landscape Association (TNLA) endorsement is available.

### WELDING

Emphasizes safety, theory and practice in techniques of electrical and oxy-acetylene welding, plate welding and mig process. Also includes advanced theory of

## MICHAEL UNIT

### ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

An extensive schedule of college academic subjects is offered in a trimester format—spring, summer and fall.

### AIR CONDITIONING and REFRIGERATION

Practical knowledge in the areas of A/C and refrigeration theory. Residential and commercial refrigeration. Video General Inc. certification is available.

### COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY *(formerly Data Processing)*

Introduction to beginning and advanced programming. Desktop publishing, Web page design and programming, Microsoft Office XP Professional (word processing, spreadsheets, databases and presentations).

### HORTICULTURE

Application of basic plant science, nursery production, small farming, management and marketing. Also includes greenhouse management, vegetable, fruit and nut production, and landscape technology. Texas Nursery Landscape Association endorsement is available.

### MASONRY

Basic bricklaying techniques, use and care of bricklaying tools. Blueprint interpretation and advanced masonry training (estimation and business quotations).

## POWLEDGE UNIT

### ACADEMIC TRANSFER OPTION

An extensive schedule of college academic subjects is offered year round at other TVCC Units. Submit an I-60 Request to the Powledge Unit's, Windham School District counselor or principal to be placed on the transfer list to participate in academic programs on other units.

### AUTO BODY REPAIR

This includes body panel repair, refinishing, frame repair, and repainting. Course also includes welding, soldering, and related skills. Advanced auto body repair techniques are also covered. Automotive Service Excellence Certification is available.

### WELDING

Emphasizes safety, theory and practice in techniques of electrical and oxy-acetylene welding, plate welding and mig process. Also includes advanced theory of welding techniques.