

# CREATION AND ACCREDITATION

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South Texas College was created on September 1, 1993, by Texas Senate Bill 251 to serve Hidalgo and Starr Counties. It was the only community college in Texas to have been established by the Texas Legislature. A confirmation election on August 12, 1995, established a taxing district for the college.

Seven districts, based on population, were also approved for single-member representation on the Board of Trustees. A community leader from each of the seven districts was originally appointed by former Governor Ann Richards to serve on the founding Board of Trustees. Since then, an election process has been established and all board members are elected for six-year terms.

In December 2004, South Texas College was awarded membership from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges as a level-II Baccalaureate Degree granting institution to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology degree.

Today, South Texas College is the only community college in Texas to offer five baccalaureate degrees in Organization Leadership, Computer and Information Technologies, Medical and Health Information Services Management, Operations Management and Registered Nursing (RN) to Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN).

Since its inception, South Texas College has grown from 1,000 students to nearly 50,000 and conferred more than 100,000 degrees and certificates.

## Accreditation



South Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. South Texas College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of South Texas College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (<https://sacscoc.org/>).

South Texas College's offerings are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is also approved for veterans' educational training in Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree programs by the Texas Education Agency.