

RESPONSIBILITY FOR
STUDENT ADMISSIONS

The Director of Admissions/Registrar is responsible for student admissions and the day-to-day operations of the Office of Admissions, including the enforcement of admission policies and other related activities. All inquiries regarding student admissions should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

GENERAL
ADMISSIONS

Galveston College maintains an open admissions policy and constantly works to provide programs beneficial to all students. General admission to the College, but not necessarily to specific courses or programs, may be achieved by one of the following methods:

1. **High School Graduate.** Graduates of accredited high schools will be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of an official transcript. Galveston College defines an accredited high school as a Texas public high school authorized through the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or if located in a state other than Texas, that state's comparable agencies and/or regional accrediting association.
2. **Home School Graduate.** Graduates of a home school will be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of a certified list of completed coursework. Galveston College defines a home school where the parent or guardian has been directly involved in the instructional process.
3. **General Education Development (GED) Test.** An individual who has passed the General Education Development Test (GED) will be admitted upon completion of an

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Application of Admission and presentation of acceptable GED scores, as certified by the State of Texas.

4. **College Transfer.** Transfer students must be eligible for readmission to the institution in which the student was last enrolled (normally defined as being in 'good standing' - Ex: GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale) and must meet the academic requirements of Galveston College. Students not in good standing may be admitted by individual approval. For additional information, students should consult the Director of Admissions/Registrar.
5. **Individual Approval.** Students who enroll in Early Admission, Dual Credit, and Tech-Prep Programs, who have graduated from a non-accredited high school or academy, or who have the Ability to Benefit from the College's instructional programs may be admitted by Individual Approval. Specific requirements for each of these programs are listed below:
 - a. **Early Admission Program** – High school students are able to earn transferable college credit before graduating from high school. Students participating in the Early Admissions Program enroll in classes outside of high school.
 - b. **Dual Credit** – High school students enroll in classes at the high school, in courses that have been approved for both high school and college credit.

Note: Early Admission and Dual Credit Programs require parent/guardian permission, recommendation and approval of the high school principal or designee, completed Application for Admission, submission of high school transcripts, and College approval. Students must have qualifying scores

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on one of the following tests to be considered for Early Admissions and Dual Credit:

- i. SAT – Evidenced Based Reading and Writing – 480; Mathematics – 530.
- ii. ACT – 23+ composite with 19 or higher math and/or English
- iii. STAAR – End of Course Exam: English III – 4000; Algebra II – 4000 and a passing grade in high school Algebra II course.
- iv. TSI 2.0 Assessment – Mathematics CRC – 950+ or less than 950 and diagnostic score of 6+; English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) – 945+ and an essay score of 5+; or, less than 944 and diagnostic score of 5+ and essay score of 5+.
- v. PSAT – Evidence Based Reading and Writing – 460; Mathematics – 510.

After high school graduation, students must submit a final transcript stating the date of graduation. While attending Galveston College, the student will be expected to adhere to all policies of the College.

- c. **Tech-Prep** – Galveston College, in partnership with the Galveston Independent School District, has developed Technical Preparatory (Tech Prep) programs which provide high school students a unique opportunity to prepare for their careers while still in high school. Tech Prep students complete a sequence of

courses necessary for success in their chosen occupations in high school and complete the coursework for an Associate of Applied Science degree at Galveston College. For further information regarding enrollment in a Tech Prep program, students should contact the GISD Career and Technology Education Office or the Ball High School Career Center.

- d. **High School Graduation from a Non-Accredited High School** – Graduates from a non-accredited high school (schools not accredited as defined in item 1 or 2 above) may be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of an official transcript. Special conditions may apply. Please contact the Director of Admissions/Registrar for additional information.
 - e. **Non-High School Graduate** - Persons who have not obtained a high school diploma or GED (but who are 18 years of age or older and whose high school class has graduated) may be admitted after demonstrating evidence of an ability-to-benefit from college instruction. Students admitted under ability-to-benefit are required to take the appropriate placement test. Special conditions may apply. Please contact the Director of Admissions/Registrar for additional information.
6. **Non-Degree Seeking** – Students who enroll in classes for professional review, cultural, or personal growth and achievement will be classified as non-degree seeking students. Students who have declared a degree at another university or college, and are enrolled in classes at Galveston College for transfer purposes only, are also classified as non-

degree seeking. Non-degree seeking students are required to submit the following documents:

- a. Application for Admission
- b. Appropriate transcript(s) for placement or TSI status.

Note: Students who wish to change to a “degree-seeking status” will be required to furnish all previous college transcripts and meet entrance requirements.

7. **Readmission.** A Galveston College student who has not attended the previous long semester (fall or spring) must apply for re-admission through the Office of Admissions. If the student has attended another college since his/her previous enrollment at Galveston College, a current transcript of all college credits is required.
8. **Readmission of Service Members and Reservists.** Service members and reservists are eligible to be readmitted to a program of study if they are temporarily unable to attend class or must suspend their studies due to service requirements. Service members and reservists are admitted to the program with the same status and standing prior to the temporary interruption of attendance.

Documentation for Service Members and Reservists:

- (1) A student who submits an application for readmission to an institution under paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this section shall provide to the institution documentation to establish that—
 - (i) The student has not exceeded the service limitation in paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section; and
 - (ii) The student’s eligibility for readmission has not been terminated due to an exception in paragraph (h) of this section.

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(2)(i) Documents that satisfy the requirements of paragraph (g)(1) of this section include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) DD (Department of Defense) 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty.

(B) Copy of duty orders prepared by the facility where the orders were fulfilled carrying an endorsement indicating completion of the described service.

(C) Letter from the commanding officer of a Personnel Support Activity or someone of comparable authority. (D) Certificate of completion from military training school.

(E) Discharge certificate showing character of service.

(F) Copy of extracts from payroll documents showing periods of service.

(G) Letter from National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Team Leader or Administrative Officer verifying dates and times of NDMS training or Federal activation. (ii) The types of documents that are necessary to establish eligibility for readmission will vary from case to case. Not all of these documents are available or necessary in every instance to establish readmission eligibility.

(3) The College may not delay or attempt to avoid a readmission of a student under this section by demanding documentation that does not exist, or is not readily available, at the time of readmission.

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The student (or an appropriate officer of the armed forces or official of the Department of Defense) must give oral or written notice of such service to the school as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances. Alternatively, at the time of readmission, the student may submit an attestation of military service that necessitated his absence from school. No notice is required if precluded by military necessity, such as service in operations that are classified or would be compromised by such notice.

The student must also give oral or written notice of his/her intent to return to the school within three years after the completion of the period of service. A student who is hospitalized or convalescing due to an illness or injury incurred or aggravated during the performance of service must notify the school within two years after the end of the period needed for recovery from the illness or injury. A student who fails to apply for readmission within these periods does not automatically forfeit eligibility for readmission but is subject to the college's established leave of absence policy and general practices.

The college will promptly readmit the student into the next class or classes in the program, beginning after he/she provides notice of intent to reenroll, unless he/she requests a later date, or unusual circumstances require the school to admit him/her at a later date. This federal requirement supersedes state law—for example, a school must readmit a qualifying service member to the next class even if that class is at the maximum enrollment level set by the state. Finally, a student's readmission rights terminate in the case of a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge, general court-martial, federal or

state prison sentence, or other reasons as described in 34 CFR 668.18(h).

This practice is not used to secure service member enrollment at the college.

9. **International Students.** Galveston College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students. International students seeking admissions should submit the following:

- a. Application for Admission. The Application should be submitted along with a nonrefundable application fee at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of registration for any given semester.
- b. An official transcript of the last four years of secondary school. The official transcript must be an original copy translated into English and must show each course completed and the grade earned.
- c. An official transcript from each college or university attended (translated into English).
- d. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable score of 500 on the written examination, a minimum score of 173 on the computerized examination, a minimum of 61 on the internet examination, or a minimum score of 109 from an English Language Center (ELC) is required. Applicants are exempt from the TOEFL requirement if they speak English as their native language. This exemption refers to students from Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, the British Isles, Cameroon, English-speaking Canadian provinces, the Cayman Islands, the Fiji Islands, Gambia,

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Ghana, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malta, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tobago, Trinidad, United Kingdom, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

- e. Statement of financial support.
- f. Certificate of Immunizations.
- g. Individuals must have proof of US insurance (medical and life) or purchase appropriate insurance.

10. Applicants not eligible for enrollment under one of the methods listed above should contact the Director of Admissions/Registrar for consideration.

ADMISSION TO SPECIFIC COURSES, PROGRAMS OF STUDY, OR A BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAM

Admission to Galveston College does not guarantee admission or placement in specific courses, a specific program of study, or a Bachelor of Applied Science program. Prerequisites are required for some courses and some programs of study require specific approval or have additional requirements for admission in addition to those outlined for general admission to the institution.

The requirements for specific occupational / technical programs are set forth in the College Catalog. In addition, it is understood that licensing and/or accrediting bodies periodically change their requirements; therefore, Galveston College cannot guarantee future entrance requirements into these programs.

ACADEMIC FRESH START

An applicant for admission who is a Texas resident may enter Galveston College pursuant to the "academic fresh start" status, Texas Education Code, 51.931. Applicants can request a Petition For Academic Fresh Start from the Office of Admissions. Fresh Start must be declared upon entrance to the college. Students who do not declare upon entrance will not be considered after enrolled. An applicant

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who elects to apply under this statute may not receive any course credits or grades earned for courses taken 10 or more years prior to enrollment. This does not apply to Financial Aid or VA benefits.

ADMISSIONS OF VETERANS

Veterans are admitted on the same basis as other students. Galveston College is approved for Veterans Training under the GI Bill of Rights, Public Laws 358 and 550, and under the Vocational Rehabilitation Laws.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

The procedures for admission into a college credit program of study are as follows:

1. Complete the Galveston College (GC) Application for Admission on the GC website at www.gc.edu, or complete the Texas Common Application for Admission to community colleges on line at www.applytexas.org.
2. Submit the completed Application for Admission to the Galveston College Office of Admissions.
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Students with less than fifteen (15) college credits are required to submit an official high school transcript or certificate of high school equivalency / GED. (The submission of all transcripts is required for evaluation of high school and/or college curricular requirements.)
4. Submit official placement scores, as appropriate.
5. Submit an exemption from or proof of the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination. Students 22 years of age and older are not required to submit proof of vaccination against Bacterial Meningitis.
6. Meet with a Counselor/Advisor prior to registration.

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ACCESS TO COUNSELING
AND ADVISING

Admission and registration procedures shall ensure that new students are given the opportunity to plan their academic program through counseling and advising prior to registration.

WITHDRAWAL

Procedures for student withdrawal from courses, programs, and/or the College shall be made available to all students. Information regarding the College's Withdrawal Procedures shall be published in the College Catalog and made available on the College's website (www.gc.edu). Additional assistance concerning withdrawing shall be made available to students through the Counseling and Advising Center.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Identification cards shall be issued or validated during the registration period prior to each semester. Identification cards may be required to access campus events and services, such as, but not limited to, the Library, concerts, campus movies, athletic events, the fitness center, use of the student center, and voting in campus elections.

Students shall report loss of I.D. cards immediately to the Campus Security and obtain a replacement.
