

BLINN COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS MANUAL

SUBJECT: *Admission Requirements*

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BOARD POLICY REFERENCE: FB

PURPOSE

Blinn College is an open-admissions college. However there are requirements that are needed depending upon the student's background.

Students who are academically under-prepared may be required to enroll in developmental courses in accordance with the Texas Success Initiative rules and regulations. Additionally, academically under-prepared students enrolling in some Technical Education courses will be required to enroll in developmental courses that have been paired with these courses, in accordance with Blinn College policies.

PROCEDURES

The admissions requirements for the different types of students are as follows:

1. High School Graduates (Including students with less than twelve hours of transferable college credit.) Any student that has graduated from a state accredited high school is eligible to apply for admission to Blinn College.

The following documents are required for admission:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- A completed official copy of the high school transcript showing the last year's grades and date of graduation. Blinn does not accept faxed transcripts
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- For those students transferring to Blinn College with less than twelve hours of transferable college credit, an official transcript from the accredited college* is required
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

2. Students transferring from an accredited college* or university or who are concurrently enrolled in an accredited college.* (This only includes students with twelve or more hours of transferable college work.) Students transferring into Blinn College on academic or disciplinary probation will be put on probation at Blinn College. Students transferring to Blinn College from an accredited college or university must supply Blinn College with official transcripts from each college or university attended (allow 48 hours for documents to process). Only credits from accredited colleges or universities are accepted.

* *Blinn College only recognizes and accepts transferable credit from colleges or universities that have been accredited by one of the following six “Regional Accreditation” bodies:*

- *Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools*
- *New England Association of Schools and Colleges*
- *North Central Association of Colleges and Schools*
- *Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges*
- *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*
- *Western Association of Schools and Colleges*

The following documents are required for admission:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- An official, up-to-date transcript from all colleges attended. Blinn does not accept faxed transcripts
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption documentation
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

3. Students who have completed the General Educational Development (GED) test. Students who have completed the GED test are eligible for admittance to Blinn College.

The following documents are required for admission:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- GED certificate with official scores and completion date
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

4. Students who are reentering Blinn College after not being enrolled for more than one academic year. Any student who has previously attended Blinn College but has been away for more than one academic year and has not attended another college or university since last attending Blinn College is eligible for readmission.

The documents needed are:

- Updated and submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org). (A new application has to be submitted even if nothing has changed to comply with state residency requirements)
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

5. High School (including home schooled) students enrolling in a Dual Credit program or as early admission students. High school students may attend Blinn College beginning the summer following their sophomore year in high school. Students are limited to two (2) college credit courses during each semester.

Required documents for admission are:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- Written permission from the high school principal
- A “B” or better average in high school work as indicated on an official high school transcript
- An official high school transcript indicating course work completed up to the time of enrollment in Blinn College
- Students seeking admission under this provision are required by state law to have passed the section(s) of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment or TAKS, which directly relates to the course(s) for which they want to register OR satisfy exemption criteria as exhibited by ACT, SAT, or TAKS scores. Scores/ exemptions must be furnished on an official document at the time of registration by the high school or the student
- Students wishing to continue enrollment at Blinn College following their high school graduation are required to submit a final copy of their high school transcript showing the student’s high school graduation date
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

6. Graduates of a Home School or a Non-Accredited High School. Any student who has completed a home school program or has graduated from a non-accredited high school is eligible to apply for admission to attend Blinn College.

The following documents are required for admission:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- A completed copy of the student’s transcript signed and notarized by the principal or head of instruction, showing the last semester’s grades and date of graduation
- For those students who are seeking Title IV Financial Aid, additional information may be required
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

7. Students without a high school diploma or GED certificate. Any person who has not graduated from high school and who has not received a GED certificate may enroll in Blinn with the approval of the Registrar or the Director of Admissions.

The following documents are required for admission:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- For those students who are seeking Title IV Financial Aid, additional information may be required
- For those students under the age of eighteen (18) years of age:
 - A copy of the student’s transcript signed and notarized by the principal or head of instruction, showing the last semester’s grades
- Students are limited to two (2) college credit courses during each semester
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

8. Students enrolling in a certificate program. Any person seeking a technical certificate is eligible to attend Blinn College. These students are exempt from Texas Success Initiative testing requirements as long as the student enrolls in the courses within the certificate program(s) as outlined in this catalog. However, effective Fall 2004, first-time-in certificate students will be required to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment test for placement. The student will bear the cost of this test. New students or returning students who have not been enrolled for the previous semester will not be allowed to register for classes until this requirement has been met. For those persons seeking certificates that are 42 or fewer hours, the admissions requirements are:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation for those students seeking certificates of more than forty-two credit hours, all Texas Success Initiative rules are applicable
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

9. Students who are non-degree or non-certificate students. Any person that is not intending to seek a degree or a certificate, or planning to transfer to another college or university is eligible to attend Blinn College. Students being admitted under this method may not take more than two (2) courses during each semester. For these persons, the following admissions items are required:

- Submitted electronic ApplyTexas application (www.applytexas.org)
- Proof of successful completion of one of the following conditions:
 - Graduation from a state accredited United States high school
 - Successful completion of the GED test
 - Graduation from a non-accredited high school or from a home-schooled program
 - Has been out of high school for a period of five or more years
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or official exemption test scores and documentation
- Proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (www.blinn.edu/immunization.html)

10. International Students - The following requirements apply to applicants who are not U.S. citizens: For those students who are not U.S. citizens, the following requirements are necessary for admission to Blinn College:

LEGAL IMMIGRANTS:

- Submit your Alien Registration Receipt Card, Permanent Resident Card, or an I-551 stamp in your passport
- Meet the same requirements as a U.S. citizen depending on the category of admission

IMMIGRATION STATUS PENDING:

- Submit evidence (I-797 Notice of Action) that petition to change status has been filed with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service
- Meet the same requirements as a U.S. citizen depending on the category of admission

NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN: The following requirements apply to all applicants in F-1 status, and to all non-citizen applicants that do not qualify for admission as Immigrants or Refugee:

- Application for admission showing intended major and campus selection
- Nonrefundable \$200 international student application fee
- Confirmation of Financial Resources Form documenting source of adequate funds. See website for details: www.blinn.edu/international
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Internet-based with a minimum score of 61; computer-based with a minimum score of 173; and paper-based with a minimum score of 500. TOEFL may be required regardless of prior enrollment in U.S. high school or college
- Entering freshman: Certified English translation and original native language transcript of high school showing completion of secondary school
- Transfer from U.S. college or university: Official transcript from each college or university attended. Cumulative GPA must be at least 2.0
- Copy of current I-20 and I-94 card
- Official Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment scores or other state-approved test scores or official exemption documentation
- Copy of passport
- Compliance with all requirements and procedures established for visa category by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. Application and all documents must be submitted well in advance of registration. See website for semester deadlines: www.blinn.edu/international

International students must enroll in and maintain 12 semester hours during fall and spring semesters. International transcripts may need to be reviewed by a foreign transcript evaluation service. International student orientation is mandatory for all upcoming international students. Information regarding orientation can be found at: www.blinn.edu/international/orientation.