ADMISSIONS

The student transferred from an accredited Texas private institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution with acceptable college-level course work determined by the receiving institution. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has elected to use the following course work with the grade of A, B, C, or Pass/ Credit to meet the following standards: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi considers itself to be an advocate of opportunity, particularly for those persons residing in the South Texas Region. Accordingly, the admission standards and policies of the University have been designed to identify students who show potential for academic success.

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Office of Recruitment and Admissions
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Regular Freshman Admission

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The best predictors of academic success have been a combination of high school class rank and standardized test scores. A student's high school class rank results from ongoing opportunities to demonstrate capabilities in familiar situations, whereas standardized tests use objective measures for gaging academic potential. Regular Freshman Admission is based upon the combination of these two factors.

Applications are reviewed to ensure that applicants present the basic academic preparation required to pursue study at this University. Students who seek admission into Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must successfully complete the Recommended High School Program, the Distinguished Achievement Program, or another pre-college curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to fulfill the academic preparation requirement.

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Students who have graduated in the top 25% of their high school classes and who successfully complete the required pre-college curriculum are admitted without minimum SAT or ACT score requirements. Students, however, are required to submit official scores on either the SAT or ACT to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. Students who have graduated in the top 25% who have not successfully completed a required pre-college curriculum or an equivalent are required to satisfy the automatic admissions standards outlined in Texas Education Code 51.000, including earning a minimum SAT assessment score of 1500 out of 2400 or the ACT composite score of a 21 or satisfy ACT’s College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment.

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All GED graduates are to present their State of Texas Official Certificate of High School Equivalency indicating a test passing status with a certificate issue date and certificate number.

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**Freshman Admission Priority Application Dates**

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Conditional Freshman Admission
Those students who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered for Conditional Freshman Admission. The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will convene early Spring semester to review applications for consideration. In addition to reviewing the student’s class rank, standardized test scores, and high school courses, the committee will consider other factors such as participation in extracurricular activities, including evidence of leadership; community service; talents and awards; extenuating circumstances; and employment, internships, and summer activities.

Applicants for Conditional Freshman Admission must have an official SAT or ACT score on file with the University. Applicants who score below a 19 on the ACT, a 900 on the old SAT or a 970 on the new SAT are not eligible for Conditional Freshman Admission. The applications considered under this procedure will be on a case-by-case basis. Students admitted under Conditional Freshman Admission will be subject to specific enrollment conditions based on the applicant’s individual circumstances. These conditions may include enrolling in prescribed developmental course work, participating in tutoring sessions and other academic support activities, and meeting other conditions designed to promote academic success. The decision of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee is final. Subsequent admission reviews will be conducted on a case-by-case basis contingent on the submission of new academic credentials that demonstrate the student’s admissibility into the University.

Exceptional Talent Policy
Admission based upon exceptional talent provides an important pathway to higher education for students who do not meet regular admissions criteria but who have outstanding abilities and/or experience. Accordingly, a select group of applicants may be considered for admission because they possess exceptional talents that are important to the intellectual vitality, prestige, and diversity of the university community. Areas identified for consideration under exceptional talent admissions include outstanding achievement in intellectual or creative endeavors including the visual and performing arts, communications, athletics, and other experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership.

To determine eligibility, a student must document for the Undergraduate Admissions Committee his or her talent through an audition, portfolio, videotape, or written evidence of exceptional performance. Three written recommendations from individuals who are knowledgeable about the student’s performance in his or her talent area are required. In the final selection of these students, the Undergraduate Admissions Committee must also take into consideration the academic record of each applicant to determine his or her potential to graduate in a timely manner and successfully complete his or her academic career. Applications considered under the Exceptional Talent Policy will be on a case-by-case basis. Students admitted to the University by way of their exceptional talent may be required to take additional leveling courses at the request of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee.

Enrollment Management will monitor the number of students admitted under the provisions of this policy and will include this information as part of an annual report to the Faculty Senate and the Provost.

Transfer Admission
The University was an upper-division transfer institution for more than twenty years. During that time, the institution earned a reputation for working effectively with transfer students. It is the aim of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to maintain that transfer-friendly reputation. Students who have earned 24 or more transferable semester hours of credit and who wish to transfer to the University must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Those students who wish to transfer with fewer than 24 transferable hours of credit must have minimum cumulative of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and must also satisfy the regular freshman entry requirements. A transfer applicant may not disregard his or her college record and apply for admission as a freshman. The following additional rules also apply:

1. The applicant must provide official copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. To be considered official, the transcript must bear the seal of the granting institution and must be submitted to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by the granting institution.
2. No remedial or duplicate credits may be transferred.
3. The applicant must be eligible to return to his or her previous institution.
4. The cumulative GPA includes all work attempted, excluding remedial, high school, or duplicate courses.
5. Repeated courses are calculated within the GPA according to the standards and rules of the granting institution. When multiple institutions of higher education have been attended, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will use the highest repeated course grade in the grade point calculation.

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Transient Admission
Students who are pursuing a degree at another college or university may be admitted as transient students if they provide proof of enrollment in good standing at their home college or university. Such students must complete an ApplyTexas Application (for Transient Admission) and submit an official transcript from their current institution of enrollment. Enrollment as a transient student is restricted to the summers or one long semester. Summer transient students must reapply each summer that enrollment is sought. Students admitted as transient students who later wish to pursue a degree at this University may do so by completing the regular admission process and meeting all admission requirements. International students cannot be admitted as transient students.

International Admission
International students (non-U.S. citizens) with outstanding academic records will be considered for admission. International students who seek admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must meet the following requirements:
1. Application and Fee: A completed ApplyTexas Application (for either International Freshman Admission or International Transfer Admission) and a $75 application fee are required.

2. Testing: Prospective students from other countries must demonstrate the ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Prospective students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination unless they have already earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in the United States or Canada, or successfully completed two years of instruction (taught in the English language) at a United States or Canadian high school or college. They must also have achieved an SAT Critical Reading Score of 600 or higher or an ACT English Subscore of 27, or provide compelling evidence of English proficiency to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL paper examination, 79-80 on the TOEFL internet examination, or a 6.5 or higher on the IELTS examination is required for admission to the University. The TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service in over 200 centers around the world. A registration form and a “Bulletin of Information for Candidates” may be obtained by writing to TOEFL Registration Office P.O. Box 6151 Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA Applicants from the following countries will be exempt from the TOEFL or IELTS requirements: Antigua and Barbuda Australia Bahamas Barbados Belize Botswana Canada (all provinces except Quebec) Fiji The Gambia Ghana Grenada Guyana Ireland Jamaica Kiribati Liberia Malta Marshall Islands Mauritania Mauritius Micronesia New Zealand Nigeria Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Sierra Leone Solomon Islands Trinidad and Tobago Uganda United Kingdom Zambia Zimbabwe

3. Grade Point Average (GPA): A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all work attempted at other U.S. colleges or universities is required.

4. Finances: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi require all international applicants to provide an “Affidavit of Support” form certifying ability to finance study in the U.S. The Affidavit of Support must be completed with U.S. currency figures only.

5. Immunizations and Related Requirements: International students are required to have a tuberculin skin test or chest x-ray and must meet all immunization requirements.

6. Health Insurance: All international students (students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States) must be covered by the Texas A&M University System’s student health insurance plan or show proof of an equivalent insurance coverage. Students without insurance will not be permitted to register for classes. For information, contact the Coordinator of International Student Services.

International students should contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions for further information on admission requirements for international students.

The admission application review will not begin until all required documents are received by the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

An international student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours during both the spring and fall semesters. An international student may not be admitted in undergraduate transient (visiting) or non-degree status. An international student sponsored by a program in a regionally accredited college or university may be admitted with the approval of the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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For additional information regarding international students, contact the Coordinator of International Student Services in the Office of International Education at (361) 825-2258.

Postbaccalaureate Admission
A student holding a baccalaureate or higher degree who intends to seek an additional bachelor's degree or an additional undergraduate major or minor, or who intends to take undergraduate course work required for Texas public school teacher certification, should seek admission as postbaccalaureate student. Postbaccalaureate students may enroll in undergraduate-level courses (numbered below 5000) only. The following documents are required as part of the application process:

1. A completed ApplyTexas Application form.
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High School Dual Enrollment
TAMU-CC offers high school students the opportunity to earn dual credit; a dual credit course is a class that awards both high school and college credit upon completion. High school students who wish to enroll at the University may do so if they are enrolled in the Islander Academy.

The Islander Academy allows high school students in Nueces County to take college classes at TAMU-CC. Students must complete an Islander Academy application in order to take TAMU-CC classes. For more information see https://ucoll.tamucc.edu/Anchor%20Team/uphs,-islander-academy.html

Qualifications for the Islander Academy:

- You must be a current high school student
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- You must enroll in a course selected from the list of approved dual credit courses for TAMU-CC
- You must be prepared to function in an adult learning environment
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High school students admitted under the Islander Academy will be advised by the Department of Undergraduate Studies. All students admitted into Islander Academy are subject to all Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University System, State of Texas, and federal rules and regulations applicable to degree-seeking students.

Students admitted under this program who wish to continue their degree with TAMU-CC following high school graduation must reapply for admission.

Readmission
Students who have a previous enrollment history with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi but have not been enrolled for one (1) or more years are required to complete a new ApplyTexas Application. Re-enrollees who have not been enrolled in any postsecondary institution prior to the term for which they are applying and are in good academic standing with the University are eligible for admission.

Students who have enrolled at another institution prior to their return to the University are required to submit official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended since leaving A&M-Corpus Christi and must satisfy transfer admission requirements.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)
The Texas Success Initiative is a state-legislated program that requires students to be assessed in reading, writing, and math skills prior to enrolling in a Texas public institution and to be advised based on that assessment. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has approved the TSI Assessment offered by College Board as the only acceptable assessment instrument for entering students. The assessment or the results of the assessment are not a condition of admission, but a condition of registration to an institution.

If a student's score on any section of an assessment is below passing, the student must enroll in appropriate developmental classes. Placement and participation in developmental education is determined on an individual basis for students by the Center for Academic Student Achievement. Students may contact an Academic Success Coach at 361-825-2977 or visit the office in the Glasscock Student Success Center. Students may re-test to meet the TSI standard. Institutions may consider the performance in developmental education, in college-level courses, and on an assessment instrument in determining college readiness. If a student does not participate in the specified courses or program prior to completing all TSI requirements, the student may be dropped from all registered courses. The hours of the required developmental courses will count toward determining full-time status.

If the student fails one or more portions of an assessment and has 60 or more cumulative college level hours in the current semester, the student may not be permitted to enroll in any senior level courses (4000 level) until the student passes the developmental program.

A student is exempt from the TSI if any of the following applies:

- The student has an associate or baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
A student qualifies for a waiver from the TSI if one of the following applies:

- The student, on a single test administration prior to March 2016, has an SAT composite score of 1070 with at least 500 on the Verbal (Critical Reading) and Math sections.*

- The student, on a single test administration on or after March 2016, has a score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) test and a score of 530 on the mathematics test. (There is no combined score).*

- The student, on a single test administration, has an ACT composite score of 23 with at least 19 on the Math and English sections.*

- The student has an exit-level TAKS score of 2200 on the Math and a 2200 on the English Language Arts section with a 3 on the Writing subscore.*

- The students has a minimum score of 2000 (Level 2) on the STAAR English III EOC for reading or writing and a minimum score of 4000 (Level 2) on the STAAR Algebra II EOC.*

- The student was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the U. S. or the Texas National Guard, or served as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces on or after August 1, 1990.

- The student has met the readiness standard at another Texas public higher education institution.

- The student transferred from an accredited Texas private institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution with acceptable college-level course work determined by the receiving institution. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has elected to use the following course work with the grade of A, B, C, or Pass/Credit to meet the following standards:
  
a. Math readiness standard – College Algebra [MATH 1314 College Algebra (3 sch)].

b. Reading readiness standard - A three-credit hour course in history, political science/government, economics, philosophy, literature, or composition,

c. Writing readiness standard – Composition I [ENGL 1301 Composition I (3 sch)] or Composition II [ENGL 1302 Writing and Rhetoric (3 sch)].

A student qualifies for a waiver from the TSI if one of the following applies:

- The student is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U. S., Texas National Guard, or Reserve Component of Armed Forces and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment.

- The institution waives the TSI requirement for non-degree seeking students. (The student must complete a TSI waiver contract). At the point a student becomes degree-seeking, TSI standards must be met by the student.

- The student has successfully completed a college preparatory course under Texas Education Code §28.014 with one of our partnering school districts or institutions of higher education.¹

SAT, ACT, TAKS, and STAAR EOC scores are valid five years from the date of testing to the first day of enrollment in an accredited Texas public institution of higher education. After April 1, 2004, students holding the composite score on the SAT/ACT may be exempt from a portion of the TSI approved examination in the individual area in which they met the required score. Partial exemptions also exist for TAKS and STAAR EOC scores. Students must have both the required reading and writing TAKS score to be partially exempt from the reading and writing portion of an assessment. Mixing or combining scores from the SAT administered prior to March 2016 and the SAT administered on or after March 2016 is not allowable.

In regards to the college preparatory course, the waiver is good for a period of two years from the date of high school graduation with respect to the content area of the course.

For additional information, contact the Center for Academic Student Achievement at (361) 825-5933 or the Academic Testing Center at (361) 825-2334.

Academic Fresh Start Legislation
The “Right to an Academic Fresh Start” legislation, passed by the 73rd Texas Legislature, entitles residents of this state to seek admission to public institutions of higher education as undergraduate students without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. This law gives students the option of electing to have coursework taken ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll either counted as usual or ignored for admission purposes. Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law and who are admitted as students may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment.

The intent of the “Fresh Start” legislation is to provide students with an opportunity to clear their academic records, if they choose to do so, of all college-level work accumulated ten or more years ago. Students may not pick and choose what is to be ignored and what is not. Either all college hours ten or more years old are ignored or they are counted. Applicants interested in seeking a “Fresh Start” should contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

Immunization and Related Requirements

Recommended Vaccinations
Students are encouraged to submit immunization records voluntarily in order to assure the availability of a more complete medical record while a student at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Student Health Services strongly recommends that every student, and their family members, review our updated list of immunizations most appropriate for university students. This list of recommended vaccines was compiled by the American College Health Association (ACHA) with assistance from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See Recommended Immunizations (https://www.achap.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA_Immunization_Recommendations_Feb2021.pdf).

Tuberculosis Screening Procedure
Tuberculosis (TB) is a potentially life-threatening disease that has the ability to spread quickly in the close confines of classrooms and student residences on a university campus. Nearly one-third of the world’s population has the disease. Students from countries with a high incidence of tuberculosis (https://www.who.int/tb/en/) (as designated
by the World Health Organization) and other students who have had extended visits to those countries are at a greater risk for carrying the disease. Of those with the disease, most have the latent form. Even so, on a college campus it is important to take precautionary measures.

**TB Testing Procedure for Newly Admitted International Students**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), in consideration of the recommendations from the American College Health Association (April 2016), has developed a procedure for mandatory TB screening of newly admitted international students from countries where there is a high incidence of tuberculosis (https://www.who.int/tb/en/) (as designated by the World Health Organization).

All international students who apply to TAMU-CC will be asked screening questions during the application process. If a student is identified as someone who is at high risk for exposure to TB, a hold will be placed on their account and they will be contacted via email by the TAMU-CC Health Center so that they may begin a TB testing process, as outline below.

The student may enroll in the first semester of classes while being tested for TB but must comply with the procedure below in order to enroll in a second semester of classes.

- A newly admitted international student who is identified as in need of a PPD skin test will be required to provide proof of a skin test and reading to TAMU-CC Health Center (located in Sandpiper building) by the 8th day of class.
  - Students can take the PPD test at the TAMU-CC Health Center for a cost of $10¹ or at the Nueces County Health Department for $15¹. The test can also be taken at many pharmacies and physicians' offices at the student's expense.
  - The PPD skin test must be taken in the United States no more than six months prior to the start of the semester but after the visit or residency in the high-incidence country.
  - If the skin test is negative, the student is cleared and the TB Hold is removed from the student's account.
  - If the PPD skin test is positive, the student must have a chest X-ray and provide proof of the X-ray to the TAMU-CC Health Center by the 12th day of class.
    - In Corpus Christi, X-rays can be done as a walk-in patient at Radiology Associates, 5742 Spohn Drive (begins with Route 37 on the RTA bus from campus; involves transfers), or Radiology & Imaging of South Texas, 3226 S. Alameda Street (Route 5 on the RTA bus from campus; no transfers). Students can pay in cash for the X-rays (around $30¹ at RA and $65¹ at R&I) or present their insurance cards.
    - If the X-ray is negative, the student is cleared and the TB Hold is removed from the student's account.
    - If the X-ray is positive, the student must make immediate contact with the Nueces County Health Department at 361-826-7247 for further testing. The Health Department is located at 1702 Horne Road (begins with Route 5 on the RTA bus from campus; involves transfers).

**Non-compliance with the above TB Testing Procedure can:**

- Cause serious illness and death.
- Result in disenrollment from the university.
- Affect a student’s ability to stay in the US on an F-1 or J-1 visa.
- Require intervention by a university official.

**TB Testing Recommendations for Continuing Students and Faculty**

It is recommended that students and faculty who travel to countries with high incidence of tuberculosis discuss their specific travel circumstances before the trip with a health care provider who can determine the appropriate evaluation. If a month or more is spent in the country, it is recommended that a TB skin test be conducted 4-6 weeks after returning to the US.

**For More Information about TB**

- Center for Disease Control (https://www.cdc.gov/tb/)
- The World Health Organization (https://www.who.int/health-topics/tuberculosis/#tab=tab_1)
- TAMU-CC Health Center (http://healthcenter.tamucc.edu/)

**Appeals**

Appeals can be made to the associate vice president for Academic Affairs by calling 361-825-3060.

**Campus Contact**

For additional information on this procedure, please contact the TAMU-CC Campus Contact by calling 361-825-2601.

¹ Prices are subject to change.

**Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Policy**

In accordance with Texas Senate Bill 1107 (amended by SB 62, effective October 1, 2013), Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi requires all new students under the age of 22 to provide certified proof from a health practitioner that they have received a valid bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster within the last five years. Students must submit proof of vaccination or booster at least 10 days prior to the intended start of the term of enrollment.

A new entering student includes a first-time student of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education and includes a transfer student, or a student who previously attended an institution of higher education before January 1, 2012, and who is enrolling in the same or another institution of higher education following a break in enrollment of at least one fall or spring semester.

Students are strongly encouraged to obtain the bacterial meningitis vaccination before entering the United States or moving to the Corpus Christi area. A list of U.S. approved meningococcal vaccines is available: English (http://admissions.tamucc.edu/assets/CDC_Handout_vis-mening.pdf), Español (http://admissions.tamucc.edu/assets/CDC_Handout_sp_men05.pdf)

**Important Facts about Bacterial Meningitis** (https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/)

Students who fail to submit certified proof of vaccination or a valid booster within the required time frame will be unable to register for their intended term. Please note, vaccinations older than 5 years will require a booster and all bacterial meningitis vaccinations and boosters must be administered by a health practitioner authorized by law to administer an immunization.

**Valid Proof of Vaccination**

1. A complete Evidence of Vaccination against Bacterial Meningitis Form (http://admissions.tamucc.edu/assets/Evidence_of_Vaccination_Against_Bacterial_Meningitis_Form.pdf). Use this form if you plan to obtain your vaccination somewhere other than your personal physician's office.
2. A document bearing the signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel (must include the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered).

3. An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority (must include the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered).

4. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state (must include the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered).

Valid Proof of Vaccination Exemption
1. An affidavit or a certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician’s opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student.

2. Conscientious Objection Form: An affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. A conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) must be used and can be downloaded from the following link: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FORM (https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/EF11-13140.pdf). Please complete following the instructions provided on the conscientious exemption form. Please allow several weeks for delivery.

Other Vaccination Exemptions
A student is not required to submit evidence of receiving the vaccination against bacterial meningitis, or a booster dose, if:

1. The student is 22 years of age or older by the first day of the start of the semester; or
2. The student is enrolled only in online or other distance education courses; or
3. The student is enrolled in a continuing education course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, or continuing education corporate training; or
4. The student is enrolled in a dual credit course which is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a higher education institution campus; or
5. The student is incarcerated in a Texas prison.

Students are encouraged to visit their primary care provider prior to enrollment at the University. The cost of the bacterial meningitis vaccination may be less expensive in a student’s home country or through the student’s primary care provider. Students may also obtain the Meningitis vaccination or booster from their local County Public Health Department or other local pharmacies.

For medical questions concerning the meningitis vaccination or booster, students may contact the University Health Center Nurse Line at 361.825.5735. For questions regarding document submission and approval, students should contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions at 361.825.2624.

All new students must receive the bacterial meningitis vaccination at least 10 days prior to the start of the intended term of enrollment.

How to Submit Evidence of Vaccination or an Affidavit to Decline Vaccination
All documents pertaining to compliance with the bacterial meningitis vaccination policy should be mailed, faxed, emailed, or hand-delivered to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Office of Recruitment and Admissions. Applicants who wish to fax their documentation are asked to use the Office of Recruitment and Admissions Fax Cover Sheet (http://admissions.tamucc.edu/assets/BMV_Fax_Cover_Sheet.pdf).

- Mailing Address:
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
  Office of Recruitment and Admissions
  6300 Ocean Drive, Unit 5774
  Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5774
  Phone: 361.825.2624 or 1.800.4.TAMUCC

- Fax: 361.825.5887, Fax Cover Sheet (http://admissions.tamucc.edu/assets/BMV_Fax_Cover_Sheet.pdf)

- E-mail: admiss@tamucc.edu (Please type Meningitis Vaccination in the Subject Line)

- Hand-Delivered: Student Services Center, Office of Recruitment and Admissions, Customer Service Kiosk

Student Services Center Hours of Operation:
Monday – Friday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST)

Graduate Admission
For information on graduate admission requirements, see the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.tamucc.edu/graduate/).