



## ACC: Round Rock Campus What Business Leaders Need to Know

**Access to higher education is everyone's business!** Round Rock is a dynamic, fast-growing community. Demographics are changing. And, Round Rock's continued economic development is dependent on an educated community of highly skilled professionals. A comprehensive "in-district" ACC: Round Rock Campus, built next to Texas State University's Round Rock Higher Education Center (RRHEC), will provide expanded allied healthcare and college transfer programs, state-of-the-art learning facilities and essential workforce training for high-demand careers—critical resources, close to home!

### **ACC Drives Economic Development**

Economic development and diversification is dependent on the quality of the local workforce, as well as the resources available to educate, train, and retrain workers who are updating their skills. Did you know?

- ACC awards associate degrees, the fastest growing workplace credential.
- ACC provides customized training to help local businesses respond changing industry needs.
- The majority of Round Rock residents currently enrolled at ACC must commute to Austin to get the class/training they need, and pay nearly three times as much.

### **Return on Investment: More Equitable Distribution of Taxes**

- ACC provides high-quality, affordable education that helps Round Rock citizens find better jobs, earn higher wages, spend more at local businesses, and contribute to the local tax base.
- According to the State Comptroller for every dollar invested in higher education \$5.50 is returned to the local economy.
- With an educated community, the need for social services decreases, lowering taxes that go toward paying for the social services of the under- or unemployed.

### **ACC is the Area's Leader in Workforce Training**

- Access to affordable training in areas such as advanced technology, applied technology, healthcare, multimedia, public service and business
- Customized training, such as management skills, technical or leadership training, tailored to meet individual needs of businesses and organizations
- Entry-level job-training programs that can be completed in a year or less
- Employee training tailored to meet the needs of your business

### **Big Savings for Round Rock Citizens**

In 2005, the part of Round Rock Independent School District (RRISD) that lies within the City of Austin became ACC "in-district" partners. All of RRISD families would receive the same benefits:

- Lower, in-district tuition of \$39 per credit hour (instead of \$118)
- Free Early College Start courses – high school students can earn up to one year of free, transferable college courses before graduation

### **ACC: Round Rock Campus Offers Access to Opportunity**

- **Expanded ACC services**
  - Free computer labs and tutoring (*not available at RRHEC*)
  - Day, evening, and weekend classes (*limited at RRHEC*)
  - Full-range of Student Services (*not available at RRHEC*)
    - Admissions & Records
    - Counseling and advising

- Financial Aid
- Career Center
- **Expanded ACC programs**
  - University Transfer— ACC is the No. 1 provider of transfer students to Texas State and UT Austin.
    - General education core curriculum courses that are transferable to any public college or university (*limited at RRHEC*)
    - Science courses and labs (*not available at RRHEC*)
  - Workforce Education programs in high-demand career fields, such as nursing and other allied health programs that will meet community needs and align well with the expansion of hospitals in Round Rock
  - “Access programs” - Developmental Education and Adult Education - preparing students, who are not yet ready, for college and better paying careers
  - Student Life programs engaging students in clubs, events, and organizations

**ACC Matters to Everyone!**

- ACC is the gateway to higher education/training for more than 50 percent of all high school graduates and adults.

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