



ACC: Round Rock Campus What Parents 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!

Big Savings for Your Family

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

- Lower, in-district tuition of \$39 per credit hour (instead of \$118)
- Free Early College Start courses where students can earn up to one year of free, transferable college courses before graduation from high school
- 70 percent of RRISD families currently do NOT receive in-district benefits

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 and Records
 - Counseling and Advising
 - Financial Aid
 - Career Center
- **Expanded ACC Programs**
 - University Transfer Program – ACC is the No. 1 provider of transfer students to Texas State University 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 in high-demand career fields such as nursing and other allied healthcare areas that would 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 Excels in Education

- ACC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the same accreditation received by Texas' four-year colleges and universities.
- ACC requires the same faculty credentials as four-year colleges and universities.
- ACC transfer students do as well as or better than students who begin at four-year colleges and universities. ACC students who transferred to UT-Austin in fall 2006 earned an average GPA of 3.6.
- ACC students routinely excel on certification/licensing exams. ACC's nursing program has one of the highest pass rates in the state (97%).

Low Tax Impact

- At .0958 per \$100 valuation (.09 for maintenance and operations and .0058 to retire facilities bonds), ACC has one of the lowest tax rates among community colleges in the state (state average is. 15).
- The .09 M&O tax cannot be changed without voter approval, and has only been increased once in the 34 year history of the college.
- The tax impact on an average-priced home of \$184,780 in Round Rock, less the standard \$5,000 homestead exemption, would be \$173 per year or \$101 for seniors.
- ACC taxes would represent less than 4 percent of the collective RRISD property tax rate.

Return on Investment

- 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 Matters to Everyone!

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

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