

Term	Definition
AA	Associate of Arts
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AAS	Associate of Applied Science
AAT	Associate of Arts in Teaching
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ACCT	Association of Community College Trustees
AGB	Association of Governing Boards
AMP	Academic Master Plan
ARQIP	Administrator Response to Quality Improvement Plan
AS	Associate of Science
ASP	Academic Support Plan
ATD	Achieving the Dream
AVP	Associate Vice President
AY	Academic Year
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BOT	Board of Trustees
BOTI	Board of Trustees Institute (hosted by the Texas Success Center)
CCATT	Community College Association of Texas Trustees
CCC	Core Curriculum Completer.
CCRC	Community College Research Center
CCSSE	Community College Survey of Student Engagement
CE	Continuing Education
CH	Contact Hours
CHSE	Certificate of High School Equivalency
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs (from IPEDS)
CT1	Level 1 Certificate.
CT2	Level 2 Certificate.
CT3	Enhanced Skills Certificate.
CT4	Advanced Technical Certificate.
CTE	Career & Technical Education
CTS	Corporate Training Solutions
DCIL	Dual Credit Independent Learners
DFW	Drop Fail Withdrawl
DOE	Department of Education
DR	Data Request
DUAL CREDIT	college courses that may count for both high school and college credit upon successful completion.
EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (ECHS)	blends high school and college in a rigorous yet supportive program, compressing the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college.

EARLY COLLEGE START (ECS)	high school students that are taking college courses that may count for both high school and college credit upon successful completion.
EOT	End of Term
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
ESL	English as Second Language
EVP	Executive Vice President
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FDE	First Day Extract
FICE CODE	Federal Interagency Committee on Education Code (IPEDS)
FIELD OF STUDY (FOS)	facilitates transferability of lower-division academic courses among Texas public colleges and universities.
FIRST-TIME-IN-COLLEGE STUDENT (FTIC)	a student who has never attended college or any other postsecondary institution. Students are not reported as first-time-in-college until they have completed their high school work.
FISCAL YEAR (FY)	an accounting period for 12 months that begins on September 1 and continues through August 31 of the following year.
FOS	see Field of Study.
FTIC	First Time in College
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
FTSE	Full Time Student Equivalent
FULL-TIME STUDENT EQUIVALENT (FTSE)	the total semester credit hours divided by 15, which is considered to be a full-time course load.
FY	Fiscal Year
FYSE	First Year Seminar
GED	General Education Development
GLI	Governance Leadership Institute (hosted by ACCT)
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB)	establishes accounting standards for local and state entities including governmental colleges and universities.
GPA	Grade Point Average
GUIDED PATHWAYS	A movement that seeks to streamline a student's journey through college by providing structured choice, revamped support, and clear learning outcomes—ultimately helping more students achieve their college completion goals
HEGIS	(IPEDS) - The Higher Education General Information Survey
HiSET	High School Equivalency Test (alternative to the GED)
HR	Human Resources
HSE	High School Equivalency
IN-DISTRICT	students who live within the college's tax-paying districts and pay taxes in support of the college and receive lower in-district tuition rates.
IPC	Institutional Planning Council

IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
IPR	Instructional Program Review
IPRS	Instructional Program Review Summary
IR	Institutional Research
IRB	Institutional Review Board
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KRA	Key Result Area
LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE (CT1)	can be completed by a student in one calendar year or less. It must consist of at least 15 SCH and no more than 42 SCH. Level one certificate programs are exempt from TSI requirements, but certificate programs may perform local assessment and remediation of students, provided that these activities do not exclude the student from enrollment in the certificate program.
LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE (CT2)	any certificate for which a student must meet certain eligibility requirements prior to entry into the program. A CT2 program may consist of between 30 SCH and 51 SCH. Students enrolling in these programs are subject to the TSI requirements and may be subject to other eligibility requirements as determined by the institution.
MIP	Mini Improvement Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSA	Marketable Skills Award
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MTD	Mid Term Date. For Fall and Spring terms, this date refers to the last add/drop period of the 2nd 8-weeks session. For Summer term, this date refers to the last add/drop period of the 2nd 5.5-weeks session.
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NCBO	Non-Course Based Option
NCCBP	National Community College Benchmark Project
NCES	The National Center for Education Statistics
NLS	National Legislative Summit (hosted by ACCT)
NON-RESIDENT ALIEN	is self-reported race/ethnicity category for a student who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.
OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENT (OSA)	a sequence of credit courses totaling 9-14 semester credit hours or workforce continuing education courses totaling 144-359 contact hours.
ODS	Operational Data Store
OFFICIAL REPORTING DATES (ORD)	Fall/Spring: 12th Class Day - Summer: 4th Class Day (Second summer session)
OIRA	Office of Institutional Research and Analytics
OMA	Open Meetings Act

OUT-OF-DISTRICT	a student who is a Texas resident but lives outside the college's taxing district. An additional per credit hour out-of-district fee is charged to out-of-district students.
OUT-OF-STATE	a student who has not been a Texas resident for at least one year.
PART-TIME (STUDENT)	a student who is enrolled for less than 12 semester credit hours in the fall or spring semesters; or less than six semester credit hours in the summer semester.
PIR	Public Information Report
PRINT-BASED (PRN) COURSE	students use textbooks and study guides.
PROGRAM OF STUDY (POS)	represents the program area and is not an award.
PTK	Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society
QIP	Quality Improvement Plan
RFP	Request for Proposal
SACS	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SACSCOC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress
SAP	Standards of Academic Progress (Financial Aid)
SAS	Statistical Analysis System
SCH	Semester Credit Hour
SERVICE AREA	the territory in which the college provides services.
SGA	Student Government Association
SOC	Standard Occupational Classification
SQL	Structured Query Language
SSI	Student Satisfaction Inventory - Noel-Levitz Survey
SSI	Student Success Initiative
SSR	Support Services Review
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
SWOT	Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats
TAC	Texas Administrative Code (state agency rules)
TACC	Texas Association of Community Colleges
TACCA	Texas Association of Community College Attorneys
TACCBO	Texas Association of Community College Business Officers
TACCF	Texas Association of Community College Foundations
TACCM	Texas Association of Community College Marketers
TACCSAA	Texas Association of Community College Student Affairs Administrators
TACRAO	Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
TACTE	Texas Association of College Technical Educators
TAIR	Texas Association of Institutional Research
TASB	Texas Association of School Boards
TCCIA	Texas Community College Instructional Administrators

TCCTA	Texas Community College Teachers Association
TDCJ	Texas Department of Criminal Justice
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEC	Texas Education Code (rules in statute)
THECB	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Co-Board)
TJCSGA	Texas Junior College Student Government Association
Tri-Agency	The Texas Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative refers to the collaboration between the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
TSC	Texas Success Center
TSI	Texas Success Initiative
TUITION	amount of money charged to students for instructional services.
TWC	Texas Workforce Commission
U-LEAD	Unit-Level Effectiveness Assessment Documentation
UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT	the sum of students enrolled in credit courses with each student counted only once during the reporting period.
UNDUPLICATED RACE/ETHNICITY	students were counted in only one category based on their Race/Ethnicity selection. "Two or more" includes non-Hispanic students that selected more than one race category.
VFA	Voluntary Framework of Accountability
WBL	Work-Based Learning
WDC	Workforce Development Center