

WILDCAT UNIVERSITY

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PALESTINE HIGH
SCHOOL

WHAT IS WILDCAT UNIVERSITY?

- ◉ Dual credit program through TVCC
- ◉ Dual Credit - Credit is earned for both high school and college at the same time
- ◉ Classes offered on PHS campus, online & through interactive tv
- ◉ Dual credit courses may count for both high school and college credit : minimum grade of “C”

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- ◉ Goal of Wildcat University – Students graduate from TVCC “Core Complete”
- ◉ Core Complete: Specific set of courses recognized by all Texas state colleges and universities

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- To be eligible the student must:
 - > Be classified as a junior or senior
(Sophomore students in the top ten percent of their class MAY participate)
 - > Meet the college entrance requirements
 - > Remain enrolled in and satisfy the requirement(s) of the college course(s)
 - > Meet Wildcat University deadlines

CONTRACT GUIDELINES

- Palestine High School will pay the dual credit tuition and/or fees and provide the textbooks necessary for ASSIGNED dual credit courses dependent on the student's GPA.
- If a student does not receive credit in the dual credit course for any reason (i.e.: fails a course or withdraws from the course before the end of the semester) PHS will not pay tuition and/or fees or provide books for the student again until he or she successfully completes a semester of dual credit at that student's expense.
- If a student is assigned to DAEP or is suspended or expelled from school they will be removed from the Wildcat University program.
- PHS will not pay tuition and/or fees or provide books for a student if the student fails to return a textbook or pay for a damaged textbook in the preceding semester(s).
- Other college credit courses that a student chooses to take will be taken at that student's expense.
- Students must meet all scheduling deadlines set by the counseling center to continue to qualify for Wildcat University.
- PHS will only pay "in-district" tuition. Students who live outside the PISD/TVCC district must pay the additional fees for living out-of-district.

WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

- Courses that will help you become “CORE COMPLETE”

COURSE LOAD

- TVCC limits the number of dual credit courses that may be taken per semester
 - Sophomore: 1 class per semester
 - Junior (above 3.0 GPA): 3 classes per semester
 - Junior (below 3.0 GPA): 2 classes per semester
 - Senior (above 3.0 GPA): 4 classes per semester
 - Senior (below 3.0 GPA): 2 classes per semester
- Students may need to attend summer classes to graduate core complete

TUITION/BOOKS

- ◉ Sophomore students in top ten percent
 - > Palestine High School will pay tuition/fees and books for 1 dual credit class per semester
- ◉ Juniors with 3.0 GPA or higher
 - > Palestine High School will pay the dual credit tuition and/or fees and provide the textbooks necessary for ALL assigned dual credit courses
- ◉ Juniors with GPA below 3.0
 - > Palestine High School will pay the dual credit tuition and/or fees and provide the textbooks necessary for ONE dual credit course
- ◉ Seniors with 3.0 GPA or higher
 - > Palestine High School will pay the dual credit tuition and/or fees and provide the textbooks necessary for ALL assigned dual credit courses
- ◉ Seniors with GPA below 3.0
 - > Palestine High School will pay the dual credit tuition and/or fees and provide the textbooks necessary for ONE dual credit course

TUITION/BOOKS

- WILDCAT UNIVERSITY students who fail a class:
 - > If a student does not receive credit in a dual credit course for any reason (i.e.: fails a course or withdraws from the course before the end of the semester) PHS will not pay tuition and/or fees or provide books for the student again until he or she successfully completes a semester of dual credit at that student's expense

TUITION COSTS

- \$126 per 3 hour course plus \$30 lab fees (if applicable)
- If you choose to take dual credit courses but do not qualify for Wildcat University, you will be required to pay your tuition directly to TVCC

I AM READY TO
SIGN UP FOR
WILDCAT UNIVERSITY...
WHAT DO I DO NOW?

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO TVCC

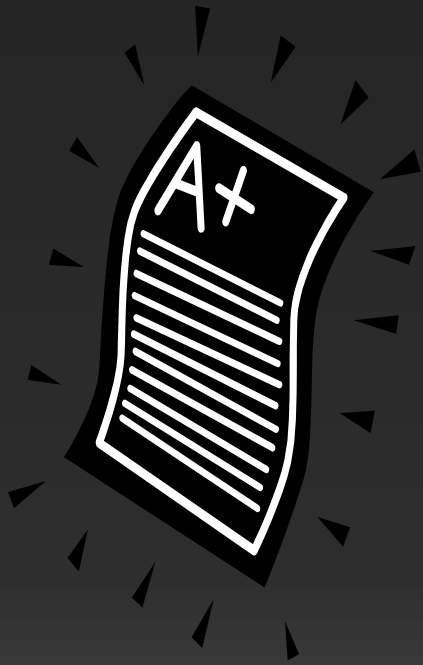
- HOW do I apply?

Complete your application, residency form and bacterial meningitis form ONLINE at applytexas.org with the Texas Common Application (submit to TVCC)

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINE

- ALL students who attend a class on a college or university campus **MUST** have a bacterial meningitis shot

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE



- The TSI is designed to measure competency in reading, writing & math
- It is used for placement purposes
- Prior to 2013: EXIT TAKS
- Beginning in 2013: THEA

TSI - WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO?

- ◎ THEA - \$39
 - > Given at PHS
 - > Students MUST preregister
 - > April 11 - Registration Deadline: April 5
 - > May 21 - Registration Deadline: May 13
- ◎ ACCUPLACER - TVCC or TJC

WHAT IF MY TSI SCORES ARE LOW?

- The purpose of this assessment is to find out what level you should start your coursework.
- If you do not place at “college level,” that means you need to focus on your high school work at this time. This is not uncommon.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Students **MUST** meet Wildcat University deadlines.
- If you miss the deadline you must register on your own and your tuition and books **WILL NOT** be provided even if you meet entrance criteria.
- Deadline for Fall 2013: **JUNE 14**

ADMISSION/REGISTRATION

- Students must complete:
 - > TVCC Application - ONLINE
 - > TVCC Residency Form - ONLINE
 - > TVCC Bacterial Meningitis Form - ONLINE
 - > Concurrent Form - return to Mrs. Johnson
 - > Wildcat University Contract - return to Mrs. Johnson

FALL 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

- THEA – Given at PHS
 - > Cost: \$39 – students MUST preregister
 - > April 11 – Registration Deadline: April 5
 - > May 21 – Registration Deadline: May 13

- June 14, 2013
 - > Deadline for Wildcat University paperwork

- August 20, 2013
 - > TVCC registration for students NOT participating in Wildcat University

Questions?

