

ACC Interest Form Instructions and General Information

The enclosed "Interest Form" is used to inform TDCJ Rehabilitation Programs Division (RPD) in Huntsville of which educational program you are interested in pursuing. Please look over the form and make a selection. If you select more than one program, you will be placed on a waitlist for **each one you select**, and RPD will choose only **ONE** of your program selections. Since there is no priority system when choosing your program, we encourage you to make only **one** selection.

After this form is received, your selection will be entered into the TDCJ Education system. You will either be approved or denied. If approved, it is possible for you to remain on the waitlist for a maximum of **three** years. This **does not necessarily mean you will be waiting for three years**. Rehabilitation Program Division (RPD) in Huntsville will assign you to the college that has the program you selected on this form. Please be patient as it takes a while for that process to take place. If you are denied, you will get a denial letter directly from RPD.

- **The Associates Degree (AA)** is a general 2-year Academic degree that can be used towards a Bachelor's degree upon completion. This degree takes a minimum of two years to complete.

**The AA degree is good for you if you plan on moving on to a Bachelor's degree afterwards.

- **The Associates of Applied Science Degree (AAS)** is a 2-year vocational degree. You can select this option and also select a vocational trade to go along with it. (Example: AAS degree plus Substance Abuse Counseling). This degree takes a minimum of 2 years to complete. This degree is NOT transferrable to a Bachelor's degree. **If you choose to pursue this degree, then decide to get a Bachelor's degree, you will need to get an AA degree, then a Bachelor's.

- **The Business Management Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)** is a 2-year vocational business degree. Like the AAS degree, this degree takes a minimum of two years to complete. However, you can only transfer this degree to the Bachelor Applied Arts and Science degree. **If you choose to pursue this degree, then decide to get a traditional Bachelor's degree, you will need to earn an Associate of Arts Degree (AA) before you will be eligible to pursue a Bachelor's Degree.

- **Vocational Certificate Only** is only the certificate of a trade. It can take less than 12-months to obtain. Per TDCJ's rule, you are only allowed to take one vocation.

- **Bachelor's Degree** There are two types of bachelor's degrees you can pursue while in TDCJ. If you have an AA degree, you may be eligible to pursue the traditional Bachelor of Arts degree (BA). If you have a Business Management AAS degree, you may be eligible to pursue the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science degree (BAAS).

If you are selected for a program that is not offered by Alvin Community College (ACC), you will be transferred to a different Unit and contacted by the college who does offer that particular program. We do not know when you will be transferred for that program, so your patience is required. After you have been contacted by the college, tuition payment options will be discussed. Please do not reach out to ACC to request information about Financial Aid or completing your FAFSA. Once you are approved for an ACC educational program, we will meet with you to discuss all payment options.

In addition, ACC will **not** request transcripts on your behalf from any of your previous institutions **prior** to you becoming a student with ACC. If you would like to obtain a copy of your transcript from a previous institution **prior** to you being approved for an ACC program, it is 100% your responsibility to obtain that transcript. Once you are approved for an ACC educational program, we will meet with you and discuss your previous college coursework.



**Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Rehabilitation Programs Division / Post-Secondary Correctional Education**

**Academic/Vocational
Interest Form (Male)**

TDCJ#:

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Inmate Name: _____ **Unit of Assignment:** _____

Please select the type of Academic Degree or Vocational Certificate you are MOST interested in. If you make more than one selection, you must be willing to attend whichever college program you are selected to attend first. If an inmate refuses college participation after being moved for that purpose, he/she shall be restricted from further college program enrollment for a period of two years. If you do not meet the basic criteria for a program(s) selected below, you will receive a denial letter from Post-Secondary Education.

<input type="checkbox"/> Associates Degree (An academic degree that may transfer to a bachelor's program) * General Studies * Not available at all colleges			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Management (This is a technical degree does not transfer to a bachelor's program) *This program includes vocational and academic classes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Associates of Applied Science Degree (This is a technical degree does not transfer to a bachelor's program) *This program includes vocational and academic classes		<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Certificates Only *No academic classes (6 to 8-month program)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Technology**	<input type="checkbox"/> A/C & Refrigeration (HVAC)**	<input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet Making	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Technology**
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Carpentry**	<input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts**	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Processing	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics	<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture**	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Design (Drafting)**	<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse Counseling
<input type="checkbox"/> Welding**	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel Mechanics**		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Certificates Only *No academic classes (6 to 8-month program).			
<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Body	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck Driving (CDL) *Outside Trusty/G1 custody only	

College Funding: please select the type of funding you anticipate using to pay for the academic/vocational courses. Below are various payment methods available for inmates.

- Post-Secondary Education Reimbursement** – No upfront tuition fees; college expenses incurred by the of inmate *shall be repaid* by inmate upon release. Upon release, if total owed cannot be paid, a monthly payment plan is established with the Parole Officer.
- Direct Pay** – Payment of tuition fees paid directly to the college or university by an outside source (e.g., family member, friend).
- I-25** – Offender payment of tuition fees with an I-25 from his/her Inmate Trust Fund.
- Hazelwood Benefits** – Available for Texas residents with an honorable discharge from their military service. Inmate is required to provide copy of DD-214 for verification.

Interest Forms submitted are valid for 3 years from date of submission, after this time period a new form must be submitted to remain active on the interest list.

Inmate's Signature: _____ **Date Signed:** _____

*** Remit completed form to: Rehabilitation Programs Division; P.O. Box 99; Huntsville, Texas 77342