

MISSION STATEMENT

Texas College is a Historically Black College founded in 1894, by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). Our mission continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The College shall prepare students with competencies in critical and creative thinking related to the knowledge, skills and abilities as defined in the areas of study using different modalities of instruction. Additionally, the College shall provide an environment to inspire intellectual, spiritual, ethical moral and social development, which empowers graduates to engage in life-long learning, leadership, and service. (Restated and approved by the Board of Trustees, October 24, 2024).

CORE VALUES

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

Academic Excellence - Developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills.

Integrity - Instilling the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

Perseverance - Implanting diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

Social Responsibility - Promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

Tolerance - Emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

Community Service - Encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

VISION STATEMENT

Texas College - a creative, culturally diverse, inclusive environment, preparing students who aspire to be purpose-driven, financially secure and marketable leaders.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT TEXAS COLLEGE

Texas College's Early Childhood Education Program is an associate degree program, in which students that successfully complete the program requirements are eligible to earn the Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. To earn the associate degree, students must complete the required hours in the general education core, the institutional course requirements, and the content (major program) area requirements.

BENEFITS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

An Early Childhood Education degree provides a strong foundation for a fulfilling career dedicated to the growth and development of young children, offering numerous opportunities for professional and personal advancement. Congruently, an Early Childhood Education degree offers a range of benefits that contribute to personal, professional, and societal growth. Key benefits include:

1. Diverse Career Opportunities

- **Teaching:** Positions in preschools, kindergartens, and early learning centers.
- **Administration:** Roles such as program directors, coordinators, or educational administrators.
- **Special Education:** Opportunities to work with children who have special needs or developmental delays.
- **Childcare:** Work in daycare centers or as a private nanny or childcare provider.
- **Policy and Advocacy:** Jobs in organizations focused on child advocacy, educational policy, and program development.

2. Impact on Children's Lives

- **Foundational Development:** Directly influence children's cognitive, social, and emotional development during critical early years.
- **School Readiness:** Prepare children for future academic success and lifelong learning.
- **Positive Relationships:** Foster trusting relationships with children and their families, creating a supportive learning environment.

3. Professional Growth and Advancement

- **Specialization:** Opportunity to specialize in areas like special education, curriculum development, or administration.
- **Further Education:** A foundation for pursuing advanced degrees in education, psychology, or related fields.
- **Continued Learning:** Stay updated with the latest research and practices in early childhood education through professional development.

4. Skill Development

- **Teaching Skills:** Develop effective teaching strategies and classroom management techniques.
- **Communication:** Enhance communication skills for interacting with children, parents, and colleagues.
- **Assessment and Observation:** Learn to assess children's developmental progress.

5. Personal Fulfillment

- **Sense of Purpose:** Many find deep satisfaction in contributing to children's growth and development.
- **Creative Expression:** Opportunities to design engaging and creative learning experiences.
- **Community Contribution:** Play a vital role in supporting families and strengthening communities.

6. Job Stability and Growth

- **High Demand:** Increasing recognition of the importance of early childhood education leads to a growing demand for qualified educators.
- **Government Support:** Many regions have government initiatives and funding for early childhood education, ensuring job stability.
- **Variety of Settings:** Opportunities to work in diverse environments, from public schools to private childcare centers.

7. Economic Benefits

- **Competitive Salaries:** Although salaries vary, specialized roles and advanced positions can offer competitive compensation.
- **Benefits and Security:** Many positions offer benefits such as health insurance, retirement plans, and paid leave.

8. Contribution to Society

- **Equity and Inclusion:** Work towards creating inclusive educational environments that support all children, including those from diverse backgrounds.
- **Community Impact:** Support the development of well-rounded individuals who will contribute positively to society.

9. Networking Opportunities

- **Professional Connections:** Build a network of colleagues, mentors, and professionals in the field of education.
- **Collaborative Projects:** Engage in collaborative efforts with other educators and organizations to enhance educational practices.