SAT and ACT scores are valid five years from the date of testing to the first day of enrollment in an accredited Texas public institution of higher education. TAKS scores are valid for three years. After April 1, 2004, students holding the composite score on the SAT/ACT may be exempt from a portion of the TSI approved examination in the individual area in which they met the required score. Partial exemptions also exist for TAKS scores. Students must have both the required reading and writing TAKS score to be partially exempt from the reading and writing portion of an assessment.

For additional information, contact the Tutoring and Learning Center at (361) 825-5933 or the Academic Testing Center at (361) 825-2334.

ACADEMIC FRESH START LEGISLATION

The “Right to an Academic Fresh Start” legislation, passed by the 73rd Texas Legislature, entitles residents of this state to seek admission to public institutions of higher education as undergraduate students without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. This law gives students the option of electing to have course work taken ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll either counted as usual or ignored for admission purposes. Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law and who are admitted as students may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment.

The intent of the “Fresh Start” legislation is to provide students with an opportunity to clear their academic records, if they choose to do so, of all college-level work accumulated ten or more years ago. Students may not pick and choose what is to be ignored and what is not. Either all college hours ten or more years old are ignored or they are counted. Applicants interested in seeking a “Fresh Start” should contact the Office of Admissions.

IMMUNIZATION AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS

International students are required prior to the first day of classes or move-in to campus housing, whichever occurs first, to provide documentation from a U.S. health care provider of a negative TB skin test (Mantoux tuberculin test) or negative chest X-ray. The report should be submitted directly to the University Health Center. In accordance with the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, USA, a skin test is required even if the student has had a BCG (Bacille Calmette-Guerin) vaccine. A chest x-ray is recommended for persons with a history of positive TB skin tests.

Students in nursing, the clinical laboratory science track in biomedical sciences, and education programs must meet specific immunization requirements. Information about the requirements may be obtained from the appropriate departments.

INFORMATION ON BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

State law requires all public institutions of higher education in Texas to notify all new students about bacterial meningitis (Chapter 51, Education Code, Section 51.9191; Chapter 38, Education Code, Section 38.0025). All students are required to confirm receipt of this information. The requirement can be completed online at www.tamucc.edu/~hsweb. Failure to meet the requirement will result in a registration hold. The vaccine is not required but strongly recommended.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

For information on graduate admission requirements, see the Graduate Catalog.