

Men's Basketball

Lamar State College Port Arthur sponsors a Men's Basketball Team that competes in NJCAA Division I. Each year, approximately 14 student-athletes represent the Seahawks playing some of the best teams in the country. In 2011, the Seahawk Basketball team earned a spot in the National NJCAA Basketball Tournament by winning the Region XIV Tournament. Students interested in participating should contact the Head Basketball Coach.



Women's Softball

Lamar State College Port Arthur sponsors a Women's Softball Team that competes in NJCAA Division I. Each year, approximately 20 student-athletes represent the Seahawks playing teams from Texas to Florida. Each year there are approximately 25 home games that Lamar State Students can cheer on the home team! Students interested in participating should contact the Head Softball Coach.

Student Support

Students interested in a career in athletics can get first-hand experience assisting the coaches and staff.

Students may gain experience in such areas as operations, marketing, tutoring and coaching. Students interested in participating should contact the Director of Athletics.

Club Sports

Lamar State College Port Arthur is committed to providing student life experiences to our students. When students show an interest in forming a club sports team, the Fitness Center Staff work with the student group to help achieve the students' goals.

Club sports are designed to meet the competitive athletic desires of students, faculty and staff. Many student athletes choose Club Sports because their sport is not offered through the varsity or they do not wish to make the time commitment necessary for a varsity sport. Club Sports competes against other institutions of higher education from the local and regional area on a non-varsity level. Each Club Sports Team is a registered student organization providing instruction, organizing practice and scheduling competition in a specific sport. As a student organization each team is administered, developed and coached by students on that team. Teams may have larger or fewer members based on the level of interest in that sport. Club Sports are partially funded through the College, and no athletes are on scholarships.

Technology Services

Technology Services provides services to students who attend Lamar State College Port Arthur. The services include student e-mail, internet connectivity from all the computer labs on campus, access to our learning management system, access to Self Service Banner, distance education support, registration, and additional services as needed.

Educational Programs

Academic and Technical Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses that lead to Associate of Arts and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees. Courses for transfer to four-year institutions are offered in accounting, economics, anthropology, art, government, home economics, kinesiology, physics, history, speech, computer science, health, mathematics, psychology, biology, chemistry, geography, geology, sociology, criminal justice, music, drama, English, teaching and Spanish.

Students can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree.

Students can complete freshman and sophomore course work at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and be prepared to move into junior and senior level course work at a four-year institution.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers a technical education curriculum that leads to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in office administration, commercial music: performance, commercial music: sound engineer, audiovisual production, cosmetology,

automotive, instrumentation technology, paralegal, medical office administration, process technology, software developer, accounting, graphic design, medical coding, surgical technology, vocational nursing and upward mobility (registered) nursing (Pending approval by the Texas Board of Nursing).

The Associate of Applied Science Degrees can be completed in two-years. Certificates of completion are also available to those students completing one-semester and one-year programs of study in most of these fields.

Academic Programs

Associate of Arts Degree

Students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur who wish to take courses in an academic transfer field of study may choose to pursue an Associate of Arts Degree. The Associate of Arts Degree provides a Core Curriculum that will transfer to four-year institutions and parallels the first two years of most baccalaureate degree plans. Upon completion of the Core Curriculum, students may choose from several areas of emphasis to fulfill the remaining degree requirements. These areas of emphasis include Academic Studies, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Drama, Kinesiology and Studio Art.

1. Emphasis in Academic Studies / Department of Liberal Arts
2. Emphasis in Business Administration / Department of Business and Technology
3. Emphasis in Criminal Justice / Department of Mathematics and Science
4. Emphasis in Drama / Department of Liberal Arts
5. Emphasis in Kinesiology / Department of Health, Fitness, and Sports
6. Emphasis in Studio Art / Department of Liberal Arts

Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching

The Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching is designed for students that plan to complete a bachelor's degree in education at a four year institution of higher education. Upon completion of the Core Curriculum, students may choose an emphasis in several areas to fulfill the remaining degree requirements. The areas of emphasis include Art, Theater Arts, Music, and Physical Education.

1. Emphasis in EC-12 Art / Department of Liberal Arts
2. Emphasis in EC-12 Theater Arts / Department of Liberal Arts
3. Emphasis in EC-12 Music / Department of Liberal Arts

4. Emphasis in EC-12 Physical Education / Department of Health, Fitness, and Sports

Core Curriculum

The Academic Programs Division offers an Associate of Arts degree and an Associate of Arts in Teaching for students who do not wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree, or as an interim goal for students who intend to transfer to a four-year school. These degree plans are designed to parallel the first two years of most baccalaureate degree plans at senior institutions and to facilitate the student's transition to those institutions.

State law requires each state-supported college and university in Texas to adopt a core curriculum of 42 semester hours. This makes the transfer of courses between institutions more efficient and eliminates unnecessary course duplication.

Completion of the Core Curriculum is a requirement for earning an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Arts in Teaching degree at Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur has a core curriculum of 42 semester hours.

A student who completes the entire Core Curriculum and then transfers usually will not be required to take courses in the core curriculum of the institution to which the student transfers (receiving institution).

The exception will be if an individual department at the receiving institution has a departmental requirement it expects students to meet by taking certain courses as part of its institutional core curriculum. Therefore, a student should become familiar with the departmental requirements of the receiving institution, and should consult with an advisor prior to each registration.

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Chapter 61, each state-supported college and university in Texas is required to design and implement a Core Curriculum, with the courses comprising the curriculum totaling no more than 42 semester credit hours. Each Core Curriculum must be consistent with the Texas Common Course Numbering System, and must be consistent with the framework identified in the chart on Page 73. The chart specifies the minimum number of semester credit hours required in each of the component areas that, by law, a Core Curriculum must include.

A student successfully completing the Core Curriculum at Lamar State College-Port Arthur may transfer that block of courses to any other state-supported institution.

When transferred, the receiving institution must substitute the block of courses for its Core Curriculum. A transferring student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and may not be required to take additional Core Curriculum courses at the receiving institution.

A student who transfers from Lamar State College-Port Arthur to another institution without completing the Core Curriculum receives academic credit within the Core Curriculum of the receiving institution for each applicable course transferred. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student probably will be required to satisfy the remaining course requirements in the Core Curriculum of the receiving institution.

To eliminate the possibility of being required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution, students are strongly encouraged to complete the entire Core Curriculum before transferring.

A student concurrently enrolled at more than one institution of higher education must follow the Core Curriculum requirements in effect for the institution at which the student is classified as a degree-seeking student.

Technical Education Programs

Lamar State College Port Arthur offers a variety of technical programs that lead to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or to certificates of varying length. These programs are not designed to transfer to typical four-year programs and have as their focus providing students with the expertise necessary for employment in today's complex economy. Qualified instructors, using the latest technology, introduce students to the knowledge and skills that business and industry currently seek in potential employees.

Each Associate of Applied Science Degree program also contains a general education component that emphasizes humanities, communication, mathematics skills, and social awareness. These general education courses within the A.A.S. meet transfer level standards and will, in fact, transfer to four-year institutions.

Associate of Applied Science Degrees:

1. Accounting
2. Audiovisual Production
3. Cosmetology Instructor
4. Cosmetology Operator
5. Commercial Music-Performance
6. Commercial Music-Sound Engineer
7. Graphic Design
8. Instrumentation Technology
9. Medical Coding Specialist
10. Medical Office Administration
11. Office Administration
12. Paralegal

13. Process Technology
14. Software Developer
15. Surgical Technology
16. Upward Mobility Nursing (Pending approval by the Texas Board of Nursing)

Students interested only in gaining basic training in vocational areas can take advantage of several certificate programs offered by the Technical Programs Division. The programs normally can be completed in one calendar year. Students successfully finishing one of these programs should possess the basic skills required for entry-level employment in that particular occupational field.

Transfer Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate Arts in Teaching degrees. The courses in these degrees are designed to transfer to four-year institutions and include accounting, anthropology, art, biology, business, computer science, chemistry, criminal justice, drama, economics, education, English, geography, geology, government, health, history, home economics, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, speech, sociology, and Spanish. The College uses the State's Common Course Numbering System, which has been developed to help receiving institutions easily identify work eligible for transfer and has greatly improved the transfer of course work by students from two-year colleges to universities.

A student can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. In most majors, a student can complete virtually all of his or her freshman and sophomore course work at LSCPA and be fully prepared to move into junior and senior level course work at a senior institution.

Guarantee of Competency

The College makes certain guarantees to its students who earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificates of Completion in technical education programs.

If a graduate is judged by his/her employer as lacking in technical job skills that are identified as exit competencies for the degree program, the graduate will be provided up to nine tuition-free semester hours of additional skill training by the College. Certain conditions apply. Inquiries should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Courses that meet General Education Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees

All AAS degree plans include at least five general education courses.

Each plan must contain a minimum of one course selected from each of three categories: Natural Sciences/Mathematics, Humanities/Fine Arts, and Social/Behavioral Sciences. Most plans specify that students must complete certain general education courses for the degree. However, some plans allow students to select electives from one or more general education category. The courses listed below meet the general education requirements in AAS degree plans for the three categories shown.

Communication	ENGL 1301, SPCH 1315, 1318, 2335
Natural Sciences/ Mathematics	BIOL 1406, 2401; HECO 1322; CHEM 1405, 1411; MATH 1314, 1342; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1407, 1415, 1417
Humanities/Fine Arts	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, 1311, 1312, 1316, 2313, 2316, 2348, 2349; DRAM 1310, 1320, 1321, 1351, 1352, 2336; MUSI 1306, 1310; PHIL 1301; ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331, 2341
Social/Behavioral Sciences	HIST 1301, 1302, 2301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301, 2314; GEOG 1302; GOVT 2305, 2306; EDUC 1300/PSYC 1300; SOCI 1301, 1306, 2301

Core Curriculum

Core Component Area	SCH	Core Courses	Core Code
Communication	6	ENGL 1301 and 1302	10
Mathematics	3	MATH 1332 or 1314	20
Life & Physical Sciences	6	BIOL 1406, 1407, 2401, 2402 CHEM 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1411, 1412 GEOL 1403, 1404 PHYS 1401, 1402, 1405, 1407, 1415, 1417	30
Language, Philosophy, & Culture	3	ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331, or 2341 ARTS 1303 or 1304 DRAM 2361 PHIL 1301	40
Creative Arts	3	ARTS 1301 DRAM 1310 MUSI 1306 or 1310	50
American History	6	HIST 1301 and 1302	60
Government/Political Science	6	GOVT 2305 and 2306	70

Core Component Area	SCH	Core Courses	Core Code
Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	ECON 2301 or 2302 GEOG 1302 HIST 2301, 2321, or 2322 SOCI 1301, 1306, or 2301 PSYC 2301, 2314, or 2317	80
Component Area Option	6	SPCH 1315, 1318, or 2335 (one course) Labs for life and physical sciences (2 SCH) EDUC 1100 or PSYC 1100 (one course)	90
Total	42	14	

Department of Allied Health

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The Department of Allied Health houses educational programs that include the Vocational Nursing Program, Surgical Technology Program, and the Medical Coding Program. A Nurse Aide curriculum is also offered by the department.

Graduates of programs within the department provide specific services to people in a variety of health care settings, industries and private businesses. Graduates describe pleasant working conditions and competitive salaries following their education.

The goal of delivering services through a team of dedicated specialists working cooperatively characterizes each Allied Health program. Each educational program strives to give the student a quality education with the use of innovative teaching tools, clinical and job experiences and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The department offices are located in the Allied Health Building.

Admission to Selective Allied Health Programs

Students interested in programs including the Vocational Nursing Program and the Surgical Technology Program must apply to the program. Interested students must 1) complete an Application for Admission to an Allied Health program; 2) submit required official transcripts; 3) submit test scores; and 4) submit other documents on specific dates (see program statement).

Students will not be considered for admissions if they do not complete specific program application procedures. Applicants must pass all sections of the TSI or an approved test to be admitted to a program.

Applicants are urged to follow application instructions carefully to ensure processing by program admission committees. Enrollment is based on availability of clinical sites.

Applicants for Admission are evaluated on the following:

1. Admission to Lamar State College Port Arthur;
2. SAT or ACT scores; and
3. Transcripts and grades in high school and previous college work.

Additional costs above tuition and fees are required in all Allied Health and Sciences programs. Uniforms, equipment and instruments, liability insurance, health examinations, immunizations, licensure/registration examination fees, and transportation to clinical facilities are the responsibility of the student. Financial aid is available to eligible students. Liability insurance and health examinations are required each year of the program. Students may be assigned to clinical experiences during day, evening, night and weekend hours. Clinical agencies may require additional health examinations, dress codes or conformity with other policies. Students will be informed in advance of each requirement.

The Medical Coding Program does not have special admissions procedures or requirements.

The Allied Health Department offers courses that lead to one-year certificates in Vocational Nursing and Surgical Technology or two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in Surgical Technology and Upward Mobility Nursing (LVN to RN). (Pending approval by the Texas Board of Nursing)