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Texas State will offer the following degrees through the Academic Alliance:

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Major in
Computer Science**

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Sports Science (BESS)
Major in
Exercise and Sports Science**
(Clinical Exercise Science Concentration)

**Bachelor of Applied Arts
and Sciences (BAAS)
Major in
Applied Arts and Sciences**

Pending approvals from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

What if you could co-enroll at Collin College and a distinguished university, earn an associate degree, seamlessly transfer to earn a bachelor's degree, and save thousands of dollars? And what if you could do all of that and never have to leave Collin County?

A new, exclusive partnership will provide area residents with all of this and much more. Texas State University, The University of Texas at Dallas, and Collin College have altered the look and feel of higher education with an innovative opportunity — the Collin College Academic Alliance.

Located at the Technical Campus in Allen, the Alliance will begin this fall. Students will soon be able to reap the benefits of this collaboration as they take Collin College and university classes.

The Alliance partnership creates outstanding opportunities for its students, including saving about \$20,000 by taking courses at Collin College.

"At Texas State University, we are proud of our unwavering belief in the power of education to transform lives and communities," said Texas State University President Dr. Kelly Damphousse. "We know that our shared mission with Collin College makes us great partners to support the incredible population growth in and around Collin County. Students will not just be going to our classes at Collin's Technical Campus, but they will also be a part of the Texas State experience while saving thousands of dollars through this agreement."

This new endeavor provides the community with a new higher education model.

"The University of Texas at Dallas is proud to be at the forefront

of significant initiatives, and this collaboration is no exception," said The University of Texas at Dallas President Dr. Richard C. Benson. "We have a longstanding, robust relationship with Collin College, and together we are paving the way for students to succeed."

Collin College will serve as the hub of the Alliance, providing the location, advisors, and a full complement of student support services. Alliance students will have access to a central academic advisement office, career services, counseling, disability services, and enrollment services.

"We are thrilled to take our partnerships with Texas State University and The University of Texas at Dallas to a new level," said Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin. "This alliance creates true streamlined pathways that guide students from Collin College degrees to top programs at exceptional universities while offering tremendous cost savings."

Pending approvals, the Collin College Academic Alliance university programs will include Applied Arts and Sciences, Business Analytics, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems & Technology, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Technology, and Exercise and Sports Science.

Alliance students will receive a variety of partner university perks ranging from library services to football game tickets. Students

UTD THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

The University of Texas at Dallas will offer the following degrees through the Academic Alliance:

**Bachelor of Science
in Computer Information
Systems & Technology**
(BS CIS Tech)

**Bachelor of Science
in Business Analytics**
(BS BUAN)

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will also have opportunities to participate in Collin College student organizations and receive similar opportunities to attend local fine arts and athletic events.

In addition, Collin College will be working with Academic Alliance partners in the near future to explore additional programs, including education certification programs.



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For more information about the Collin College Academic Alliance, visit www.collin.edu/academics/alliance.

DESTINATION 2030

Master Plan

Major focus on new and expanding health care pathways creates opportunities for students

Collin College's master plan, a comprehensive outlook for all college facilities and programming, was designed to provide opportunities for students like Sheeka Jackson who have transformed their lives by choosing to invest in themselves through education.

"Becoming a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) has changed my life professionally, educationally, and financially," said Jackson. "I am now able to work as a nurse in an acute care setting which is something that wasn't always available as an option for LVNs. However, I think the biggest change has been my increase in income. Prior to becoming a nurse, I never made more than \$20 an hour. Becoming an LVN has given me the opportunity to help provide for my family better than I ever could before."

Emphasis on Health Care Programming

Over the past two years, college leadership has taken proactive steps to seek firsthand input from business leaders throughout the district to gain a clearer understanding of the workforce challenges facing local

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SHEEKA JACKSON

Trustee Profile: Andy Hardin dedicates his life to service

For more than 40 years, Andy Hardin has dedicated himself to Collin County.

From his time on the McKinney City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission to his role as a founding member of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation, Hardin's leadership has left an indelible mark.



Hardin's commitment extends to Collin College, where he serves as an invaluable asset as a leader on the Board of Trustees. Hardin was elected to Place 9 in 2012, has served as chair since 2021, and is also an active participant on the Board's Finance and Audit Committee. Hardin, as part of the nine-member Board, plays a pivotal role alongside Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president, in the college's rapid growth and continued success.

"Mr. Hardin's devotion to help students succeed and enhance our college community has been vital to our success," Dr. Matkin said. "His work and dedication as chair have set the standard of excellence in leadership and service. We are grateful to have someone like Andy on our team."

Hardin's relentless pursuit of excellence has positively impacted Collin College and the communities it serves.

"As we continue to foster Collin College's core values, we've seen quite the expansion in our locations, programs, and services in the last few years," Hardin said.

Hardin has been a champion of the college's rapid growth. This expansion has directly addressed the needs of a growing county and expanded Collin College's ability to serve more surrounding communities. Since 2016, four new campuses have opened – Celina Campus, Farmersville Campus, Technical Campus located in Allen, and Wylie Campus – alongside facilities such as the Public Safety Training Center, the Cary A. Israel Health Science Center, the Andrea-Mennen Welcome Center, and the IT Center at the Frisco Campus. Additionally, the college launched the iCollin Virtual Campus in 2021.

"With the building of new campuses and the addition of new programs and baccalaureate degrees, we strive to provide the best education to all Collin County residents at the lowest possible price," he said. "Our goal is to have easily accessible higher education at a reasonable driving distance for our communities."

Not only is keeping education accessible at the forefront of the Board's mission, but it is also important for the Board to create opportunities to help bridge the gap between community workforce shortages and education. This involves implementing programs that meet the needs of a diverse student body, enhancing faculty development, and maintaining strong community partnerships.

"We spend time and effort evaluating degrees and connecting with corporations in our communities to ensure we address the different critical job needs in our area," Hardin said. "This is evident through the success of our four-year degrees. We want the best faculty and facilities for these programs that, in turn, will prepare our students for success in the workforce after their time at Collin College."

As Collin College grows, so does the community it serves. The Board, with Hardin actively involved, is firmly committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on each campus. With the Board's approval, Collin College now participates in Texas' school marshal program allowing the college to designate licensed district employees to carry concealed weapons. The marshals, whose identities are private, are only authorized to respond to active shooter or emergency situations that threaten lives on a campus and can only act before police arrive. The Board has also approved the increase of security cameras across the district, as well as the labeling and numbering of buildings and parking lots to ensure anyone on a campus can effectively describe their location in case of an emergency.

"We've been able to gain from the knowledge and experience that other people have had," Hardin said. "The Board has never been approached with an opportunity to enhance safety that we have turned down. Investing in safety is one of our highest priorities."

From simple adjustments such as labeling areas to more complex approaches involving Collin College's police force and security on campuses, Hardin said Board members are constantly engaged in these conversations.

"I feel privileged to work alongside the devoted leaders of the Board to successfully keep moving Collin College forward," Hardin said.

The Board's dedication is instrumental in guiding Collin College toward continued growth and an even brighter future.

Hardin and his wife, Amy, live in Frisco. They have two children—Thomas, a commercial architect who lives with his family in London, and Blaine, a highly-functioning adult with Down Syndrome who lives in Melissa.

To learn more about Collin College's Board of Trustees, visit www.collin.edu/leadership/board_of_trustees.html.

School marshal program highlights district safety initiatives

Collin College became the first Texas community college to authorize school marshals on its campuses after the Texas Legislature approved the program's expansion from independent school districts to community colleges in 2018. Today, the college's second cohort of school marshals is in the selection and background check portion of the qualification process, and the Collin College Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) is one of just five marshal training sites in Texas.

"Ensuring the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and community is always a top priority," said Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president. "It takes both courage and commitment to step into this school marshal role, and it is great to know we have such a highly trained group of employees ready to serve in the event of a crisis."

The school marshal program and other emergency response training offered at the district emphasize Collin's commitment to safety.

That commitment is evident in the training required. In addition to being 21 years of age and meeting federal qualifications for owning a gun, a school marshal candidate must also complete

80 hours of state-mandated training designed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Training also includes instruction in physical security, improving campus security, use of force, active shooter response, and weapon proficiency.

"At Collin, our Board has been committed to ensuring a safe campus environment," said Andrew Hardin, Board of Trustees chair. "We are pleased to see our school marshal training program serving as a blueprint for others."

Due to the exceptional training in place at the PSTC, TCOLE has authorized the Collin College Law Enforcement Academy (CCLEA) to conduct that training for school districts and other community colleges around the state. It is one of only five school marshal training sites in Texas and was the third to receive TCOLE approval.

Scott Donaldson, director of Law Enforcement at Collin College, noted that all school marshals who take state-mandated training through CCLEA receive that instruction from experienced law enforcement, emergency medical services, and firefighting personnel.

"We are combining all of the college's resources, bringing in true subject matter

experts," Donaldson said. "We bring in people who have worked in the field and have firsthand knowledge that our trainees can benefit from."

CCLEA has trained three school marshal cohorts – about 60 people – over the past two years, and another course is set to begin in July.

"The feedback that instructors Lt. Don Mewbourn and Sgt. Scott Knight and our other part-time subject matter experts get is just phenomenal," said Scott Jenkins, Collin College police chief. "We've seen people adding paper to the program's evaluations to express how great the program was."

While exceptional for its reach, school marshal training is just one of the safety-related training opportunities spearheaded by the college's Law Enforcement personnel. Police officers and local experts train hundreds of district employees and students annually in ways that they can respond to emergencies, including the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense programs.

Along with school marshals, programs like these continue to emphasize Collin's commitment to safety.





Student veterans at Collin receive ‘Gold’-level services

Transitioning from the military to civilian life offers unique challenges for veterans. Collin College works closely with military-connected students and veterans to ensure they achieve their goals, and multiple organizations have recognized the college for the services and environment it offers.

In March, the college was awarded a Military Friendly Schools rank of “Gold” among large community colleges for the 2024–25 awards list published by VIQTORY, publisher of G.I. Jobs® magazine. This is the first time that Collin has been awarded “Gold” by the publication, although it has received “Silver” status many times before.

Collin’s efforts to assist veterans with their post-military transition have also been recognized by the state of Texas and Military Times. The college received gold-level Veterans Education Excellence Recognition Awards (VEERA) from the Texas Veterans Commission in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Collin was named to the Best for Vets: Colleges 2023 rankings by Military Times. It was the 11th year that the college earned this distinction.



Terica Shepard, an Army veteran, knows the services Collin offers well. As an Army recruiter, she was welcomed at Collin College and was aware of the work Collin’s staff does with veterans. When she retired from the Army, she returned to Collin as a student and saw firsthand how veterans services specialists employed by the college make a difference in student veterans’ lives.

“As a student veteran, I was really happy to see that there was support for us,” Shepard said. “There are a lot of places where you go that they don’t support veterans. Collin does.”

Shepard said that support can begin before student veterans and their families even register. Information about and links to veterans services are available online at www.collin.edu/studentresources/veteransresources, providing potential students with background on the

assistance available. Early registration is open to student veterans, and Collin staff can help them with the registration process.

Shepard said that the college’s Veterans Resource Centers (VRCs) are especially helpful to students on campus.



“Anytime I had any issues with my benefits or anything I had to do for my school, that office was there to show me the way,” said Shepard, who is now a student worker in the Wylie Campus VRC and president of the Collin Student Veterans of America chapter. “It can be confusing and a little overwhelming. Having someone help you navigate through it is great.”

In addition to in-person assistance with admission guidance, academic assistance, and other support services, the VRCs are a convenient place for student veterans to socialize with one another. Interacting is an essential aspect of the VRC’s and Collin’s approach to working with student veterans, according to Jacqueline Grayczyk, assistant director of Financial Aid and Veterans Services at Collin.

“Many student veterans find the camaraderie and sense of community with other veterans at these centers to be invaluable,” Grayczyk said. “These centers provide a safe space where veterans can study, enjoy a snack, and be around other student veterans.”

Tennis facility, endowed scholarship named for coach Marty Berryman

Martin “Marty” Berryman, Collin College Tennis’ founding and longest-serving coach, made his mark on the tennis world and in the hearts of his students and players for more than 43 years in public education. Collin College will mark his accomplishments in the classroom and on the court by naming its tennis complex the Marty Berryman Tennis Center and establishing a scholarship endowment in his memory.

The Collin College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the tennis center naming on April 26 in accordance with a policy that allows for naming facilities to honor a person who “has made an exceptional contribution to” or “a substantial benefactor” for the college district.

Berryman passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 20, 2022. About 200 of his former students and players attended his memorial. Sharon Berryman, Marty’s wife, who attended the Board of Trustees meeting where the honorary naming was approved, said the attendance at the memorial was indicative of how well he was loved.



Marty Berryman

“He was a big tree with many branches,” Sharon said, adding that she was pleased that the college honored him with the facility name. “Collin College needed him, and he needed to be at Collin College. It was just a perfect fit for 33 years.”

Marty joined Collin College in 1988 after coaching multiple state-ranked tennis teams at Plano High School. Colleagues said Marty brought boundless energy to Collin’s tennis program, coaching the women’s team to its first National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship in 1991. The Collin College program won NJCAA national titles nine times – five men’s and four women’s championships – under his direction.

The women’s team finished in the top three in the nation 12 times. The men’s team finished in the top three 15 times. Both men and women finished in the top 10 in the country 27 times during Marty’s career with Collin. The program also produced 88 NJCAA All-Americans in that time. As a yearly fall community service project, starting in 2003, Marty and his players worked one-on-one with Special Olympians.

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Coach Marty Berryman, center, stands with the Clark family, five members of which played for and earned associate degrees at Collin College. Left to right, Sharon Clark-Heil, Lauren Clark-Justesen, Paul Clark (Father), Melissa Clark (Mother), Berryman, Rachel Clark, Mary Clark, and Rebekah Clark.

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EDUCATION

Ready for takeoff: Collin College dual credit student selected to the Naval Air Forces Private Pilot Scholarship Program



TAYLOR CARROLL

From dual credit college courses to basketball practice and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) drills, Collin College and Allen High School student Taylor Carroll has become an expert in time management at 17. She took those skills to a new level as she conquered a new challenge last summer – the Naval Air Forces Private Pilot Scholarship Program.

Selected from more than 300 applicants from all Navy and Marine Corps JROTC programs nationwide, Carroll filled one of only 26 spots to participate in the program. The eight-week program allows high school students to obtain a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

private pilot certificate while earning college credit. The scholarship covers costs for all transportation, housing, and food, as well as the \$25,000 course.

"At first, I really wasn't even sure about applying. I knew it was a competitive and intense program," Carroll said. "But getting selected was such a huge deal for me. I was so eager to learn and wear my first flight uniform. Looking back, there were some really hard days, but the experience was worth it."

Carroll was one of three students from Allen High School named recipients of the scholarship. She said it's a rare occurrence to see multiple students from the same school earn spots in the highly sought-after program.

"My instructors really pushed me to be my best. Flying on my own was of course terrifying at first, but the views were beautiful," Carroll said. "Every single day I was working on something new and learning a new lesson to make sure I was equipped with all the knowledge and practice to earn my certificate."

As a Collin College dual credit student, Carroll felt more prepared than ever to head to college in North Carolina where she was fully immersed into an active Marine Corps base while completing her orders for the scholarship program.

"Being in the associate degree program at Collin while in high school has taught me to be more responsible with my time and test my determination," Carroll said. "It's also been the reason for improving my communication skills and giving me the confidence to apply to something like this in the first place. It has pushed me to get involved in so much, too."

The dual credit program at Collin College is an opportunity for students in public, private, and charter high schools and home schools to simultaneously earn college and high school credit.

"We love to see success stories from students like Taylor," Raul Martinez, Collin College associate vice president of P-12 partnerships, said. "She's truly an example of a dedicated and hardworking student. This speaks volumes to the level of preparedness our dual credit students can achieve and the amazing opportunities they so richly deserve."

The Naval Air Forces Private Pilot Scholarship Program allows students to earn up to six college credit hours through the certification process. Carroll said she's confident her time with Collin set her up for the life-changing opportunity.

"I think having that background has allowed me to gain so many life skills," she said. "I'm very thankful and excited for what's to come!"

Carroll was able to earn her flight certificate in the condensed eight-week time frame and said this is only the start of her future in military service — a decision made at an early age.

"I grew up in a very patriotic family. My dad was in the Army, and my grandpa was in the Air Force. Being around them made me realize how much my country has done for me," Carroll said. "And right now, I'm just trying to give back to my community. But one day, I'll give back to my country."

Carroll is well on her way to making her dreams a reality. With her FAA private pilot certificate in hand and earning both her associate degree and high school diploma, she hopes to soon become a military commissioned officer after applying to the Naval or Air Force Academy.

"This opportunity has opened so many doors for me," Carroll said. "I just keep telling myself to keep going after my goals and to keep pushing."

To learn more about Collin College's dual credit classes, visit www.collin.edu/express/dualcredit/.



Raul Martinez



"Being in the associate degree program at Collin while in high school has taught me to be more responsible with my time and test my determination." Taylor Carroll

Dual Credit

Save time and money! Students can earn high school credit AND college credit through dual credit classes.
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NELSON J. WONG, D.D.S., J.D.

Seasoned professional finds new flavor in life at Collin College

Nelson J. Wong, D.D.S., J.D., defies the traditional image of a college student. At 71 years old, the retired lawyer and dentist has traded in legal briefs and dental tools for spatulas and whisks, embarking on a new chapter focused on the culinary arts.

After a distinguished career spanning four decades, Dr. Wong found himself restless following retirement. Extensive travel initially filled the void, but the global pandemic lockdowns left him yearning for a new intellectual and creative outlet. It was during this introspective period that the idea of culinary school blossomed. Fortunately, Texas law provides that seniors over 65 can take six credit hours at most colleges tuition-free, making this culinary adventure both stimulating and financially accessible.

“Cooking for family and friends has always brought me joy,” said Dr. Wong. “But during the shutdown, I had the time to truly explore it. It ignited a passion I didn’t know I possessed.”

Dr. Wong began his culinary journey at Collin College with online courses, starting with the foundational Sanitation and Safety class. He quickly realized this was just the first step on a delicious adventure.

“Before I knew it, I was enrolling in hands-on cooking classes,” he chuckled. “Here I am, surrounded by students young enough to be my grandchildren, but I wouldn’t trade this experience for anything.”

Despite the age difference among his classmates, Dr. Wong has seamlessly integrated into the college community. His background is a fascinating tapestry: a bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of Houston, a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry, a law degree from Southern Methodist University (SMU) Law School, and a graduate studies certificate from the Dallas Theological Seminary, all complemented by extensive volunteer work. This diverse experience brings a unique perspective to the classroom, which Dr. Wong readily shares, fostering a sense of camaraderie with his fellow classmates.

Though new to knife skills and cooking techniques, Dr. Wong’s background in dentistry lends itself to precise knife work and meticulous recipe execution. His analytical skills from law school helped him grasp complex recipes and understand the science behind cooking.

Professors are impressed by Dr. Wong’s dedication and enthusiasm. They appreciate his willingness to ask questions and delve deeper into the “why” behind culinary techniques.

“Nelson’s transition from dentistry to culinary is truly inspiring,” said Ron Reczek, culinary arts professor. “His boundless energy and

unwavering passion in his pursuit of culinary and pastry expertise are commendable.”

Culinary ambitions and giving back

Dr. Wong’s dedication to service extends beyond the classroom. He graduated last spring with a Level 1 Certificate in Culinary Arts. This accomplishment coincides with another family milestone – his youngest son, Patrick, completing his residency and joining the faculty at UT Southwestern Medical School next fall after completing his fellowship in cleft lip/cleft palate surgery.

This commitment to service extends even further. Friends Of Grace (FOG), a non-profit organization founded by Dr. Wong’s family, which has a long history of sending medical professionals overseas to aid the underprivileged and promote religious faith, is planning to sponsor a free cleft lip/palate surgery event in Kenya next summer. Patrick, Dr. Wong himself, and other dentists and doctors from FOG will collaborate with the renowned Dr. Meshack Onguti to provide care for infants and children.

Continuing the culinary journey

While Dr. Wong has achieved his level 1 certificate, his education continues. He balanced his studies with travel during the first eight weeks of the spring semester, taking classes in Laminated Dough and International Cuisine before venturing to Taiwan, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Hong Kong with his wife and friends.

Looking ahead, Dr. Wong plans to continue his culinary education. He is undecided between pursuing a certificate in Pastry Arts or a higher-level Culinary certificate, demonstrating his unwavering enthusiasm for exploring new flavors and perfecting his skills.

Dr. Wong’s story is a testament to the lifelong pursuit of learning and the power of reinvention. He serves as an inspiration to those considering a career change or simply wanting to explore new passions, regardless of age. His journey demonstrates that it’s never too late to ignite a new flame, whether in the courtroom, the dentist’s office, or the kitchen.



Ron Reczek



Workforce Profile: Physical Therapist Assistant

Students interested in entering the job market quickly, improving their skills, or changing careers can choose from dozens of Collin College workforce programs ranging from animation to welding that will train them for rewarding futures. These programs prepare graduates to enter the workforce ready to succeed, armed with the technical skills and knowledge that employers are seeking.

Collin College took a significant stride in advancing healthcare education with the introduction of its Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program in August 2023. Nestled in the heart of the vibrant Frisco Campus, this initiative aims to equip aspiring healthcare professionals



Dr. Michael Cox assists a student during a physical therapist assistant lab session.

with the abilities and comprehension to excel in the dynamic field of physical therapy.

Physical therapist assistants hold a crucial position in the healthcare sector, collaborating closely with physical therapists to provide comprehensive care to individuals spanning all age groups, from newborns to seniors nearing the end

of life. Whether it entails rehabilitating injuries, managing disabilities, or addressing various health conditions, PTAs are instrumental in facilitating recovery and enhancing the quality of life for numerous patients.

Dr. Michael Cox, director of the Collin College program, emphasized the pivotal role of the PTA program in shaping the future of physical therapy.

“The PTA program at Collin College provides students with the skills needed to become vital members of the physical therapy profession by assisting patients with improving their motion and daily functional activities,” Dr. Cox said.

The beginning of this venture traces back to Fall 2020 when the college initiated the Rehabilitation Aide program at the Collin College Technical Campus located in Allen. Among the program’s first student cohort was Abigail Whitehead, who hailed the experience as invaluable, laying a solid foundation for her enrollment in the PTA program.

Reflecting on her journey, Whitehead underscored the program’s affordability and its profound impact on her learning trajectory.

“My experience in the Rehab Aide program gave me confidence that the PTA program would be the best option for me to be highly successful,” Whitehead said.

Whitehead expressed gratitude for the unwavering commitment of Dr. Cox and the program staff in nurturing students’ potential and readiness for the professional landscape. Despite the challenges in being part of the inaugural cohort, Whitehead praised the collective efforts aimed at refining the program’s efficacy in producing skilled PTAs dedicated to elevating patient care standards.

Looking ahead, Whitehead plans to pursue a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, and she said she is confident that Collin College is helping her get there.

Collin College’s launch of the PTA program marks a significant milestone for anyone passionate about improving lives through physical therapy. This program is poised to cultivate a new generation of PTAs ready to make lasting contributions to the field of physical therapy.

For detailed information regarding the program and its accreditation status, please visit the Physical Therapist Assistant program webpage at www.collin.edu/departments/physicaltherapist/.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Starting Salary ... \$49,200

Average Salary ... \$83,100

Job growth.....38.3%

*Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O*Net. Average salary is as of 2024, and job growth is projected from 2023-2030.



Collin College Continuing Education is offering exfoliating and rejuvenating programs

Collin College can help you alleviate stress and bring out your inner beauty.

Students, community members, and employers can take advantage of new Continuing Education (CE) Esthetician and Medical Massage Therapy programs and receive affordable skin care and therapeutic services.



ESTHETICIAN PROGRAM

CE’s Esthetician program welcomed its first cohort earlier this year. The program is an entry-level, noncredit certificate designed to prepare students for state licensure. Students are provided with the skills, knowledge, and training necessary to transition into thriving careers as

facial estheticians and skin care specialists. The program consists of 750 state-required classroom and lab training hours.

“Because we’re a community college, one of the rewarding pieces of this program is that we’re offering the esthetician services to the community,” said Ketia Bradley, program coordinator for the Esthetician program. “On April 22, we opened our esthetician services to our community neighbors and already had a waiting list of excited new clients ready to experience our skin care treatments.”

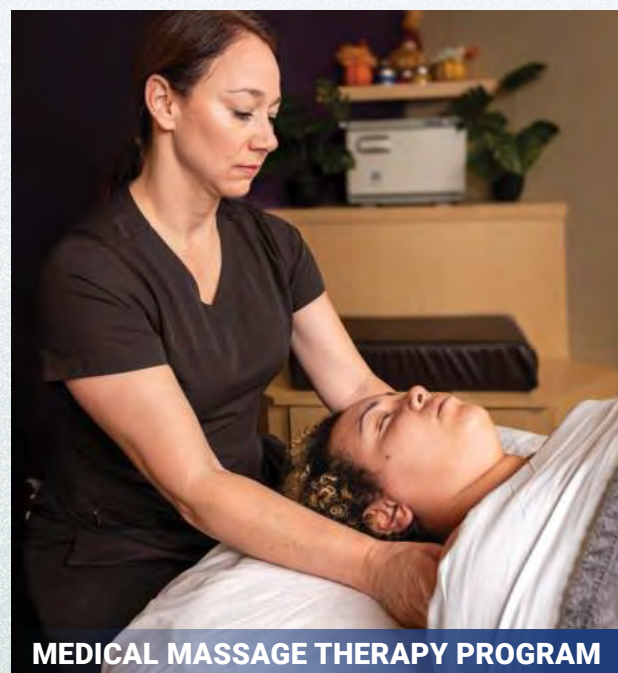
To schedule an appointment with a student esthetician, call 972.985.3764 or email CEEsthetic@collin.edu.

To learn more information about the program, visit www.collin.edu/ce/classes/esthetician.html.

The new Medical Massage Therapy program is scheduled to launch this summer, pending regulatory approval. This program will train students for a certification to become licensed medical massage therapists, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to serve patients with medical conditions and provide general spa treatment.

“We are very excited about this program,” said Nicole Green, Medical Massage Therapy coordinator. “In this program, students will have an opportunity to learn the medical skills required to work in a physician’s office and the general massage therapy skills required for a spa. This is a distinctive program because it is

a part of a community college and not a small or independent training institute or academy. Students will be able to enroll in other courses in addition to the Medical Massage Therapy program all while attending Collin College.”



MEDICAL MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM

For more information about the Medical Massage Therapy program and services provided to the community, contact nicolegreen@collin.edu.

To learn more about noncredit course offerings in CE, visit www.collin.edu/ce/.

To stay up to date with all the programs at Collin College, visit www.collin.edu.

Master Plan

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employers and hospitals in particular. A large part of this feedback included a thorough listening tour with more than a dozen hospital executives to pinpoint programming gaps specific to health care.

As North Texas continues to grow, the need for these high-demand occupations increases steadily each year with no tangible relief in sight. As a result, the college has prioritized health care programming districtwide to help meet this need, starting with the development of an additional Health Sciences Center. While the location is still being determined, the building will prioritize health science and medical imaging programming, including Nursing, Radiologic Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Cardiovascular Technology, and more, all pending regulatory and accreditation approvals.

U.S. Department of Commerce Invests in Health Care Programming

Underscoring a districtwide commitment to health care programming, in May 2024, the U.S. Department of Commerce awarded Collin College a \$2 million grant in support of building infrastructure improvements to support workforce training in healthcare fields to prepare students for high-demand jobs. The grant will support new programming at the Plano Campus, including Licensed Vocational Nursing, Certified Nurse Assistant, Patient Care Technician and Medical Assisting Advanced Practice.

“Real progress to tackle the challenge of ongoing healthcare needs depends on the success of vibrant partnerships to do more together,” said Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin. “Talk is not enough. When hospitals must pay skyrocketing prices to ensure the talent

is on hand to provide world class services, it becomes an economic development issue for all of us.”

Changes Coming to Courtyard Center

The college also has plans to incorporate a variety of health care programming at the Courtyard Center, including Continuing Education for local health care professionals such as CPR and Basic Life Support. Additional programs will include Central Sterile Processing, Phlebotomy, Certified Nurse Aide, Electrocardiography, Patient Care Technician, Medical Massage, and Esthetician. Pending appropriate approvals, the college is exploring adding Barbering and Cosmetology in the near future.

According to Collin College Board of Trustees Chair Andrew Hardin, these changes will provide new options for area residents. “We are excited to meet the community’s needs by expanding and providing new programs throughout the district,” Hardin said. “Our goal is to continually be forward-looking, provide accessible high-quality education at a low cost to enable upward mobility for our students, and strengthen our vibrant local economy by training the dynamic workforce of the future.”

The best measure of success is summarized in the student perspective. “My ultimate career goals are constantly evolving,” Jackson said. “I plan on earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After that, my options are limitless.”

For more information about the college’s master plan, visit www.collin.edu/masterplan. Want to help? Visit www.collin.edu/foundation/give/districtenhancement.html.



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Tennis facility, endowed scholarship named for coach Marty Berryman

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The program lasted for 16 years into his final year at the college and was enjoyed by both sets of players.

Michael Mabe, a Collin College tennis player from 1999–2001 and assistant coach under Marty from 2004–06, said that Marty was a champion of the facility that will soon bear his name, encouraging the college to add multiple courts, spectator areas, and better lighting during his time as coach.

“The courts are immaculate now compared to when I first started,” Mabe said.

Still, Marty’s primary focus was always his students and players. Mabe said Marty always wanted his students and players to be the best people they could be, teaching them to handle adversity, to adjust on the fly when needed, and the importance of hard work and dedication.

“He really had that ability to transcend tennis,” Mabe said. “I am sad that he is not here to enjoy this, but it is an honor he richly deserves.”

The Collin College Foundation has also established the Coach Martin Berryman Endowed Scholarship fund to further honor Marty and give alumni and friends a chance to contribute in his memory. Cindy Brinker Simmons, a Dallas author, businesswoman, and philanthropist, shared a family connection with Marty and was delighted to join the campaign to honor his legacy.

“It was a joy to give the seed money, and there is already a groundswell of support for the endowment,” Brinker Simmons said. “I am confident that the campaign ahead will be successful because of the love, respect, and excitement to honor this amazing man by all of those who were impacted by him.”

Visit www.collin.edu/foundation/give/berryman.html for more information on the Coach Martin Berryman Endowed Scholarship and other opportunities to give the gift of education.

Marty Berryman’s Coaching Awards

Intercollegiate Tennis Association
Coach of the Year (1994, 1996, 2006)

United States Professional
Tennis Association Texas
Professional Coach of the Year (1998)

NJCAA Division II
Coach of the Year (1990–95,
men’s and women’s)

NJCAA Tennis Hall of Fame inductee
(2001)

NJCAA Division I
Men’s Coach of the Year (2010)



Did you know?

Collin College offering summer camps in June, July

Collin College offers a variety of summer camps for students entering sixth through 12th grades, as well as one adult camp. Camp options range from American Sign Language to video production, with some subjects available at multiple campuses.

The following is a selection of camps hosted by the college. For a complete list, including cost and registration information, visit www.collin.edu/community/summercamps.html.



ALLEN

Robotics Camp
Monday-Friday, July 15-19,
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Technical Campus,
2550 Bending Branch Way, Allen

Unleash your creativity to build and test small robots at the Robotics Camp. This is designed for students entering seventh through ninth grades. This camp is sponsored by the Department of Engineering and Engineering Technology and the Collin Robotics Club.

CELINA

Content Creators Camp
Monday-Thursday, July 15-18,
9 a.m.-Noon
Celina Campus,
2505 Kinship Parkway, Celina
For grades 8-12

Content Creators Camp is an opportunity for students to engage in writing “content” about history. Campers will explore research and writing practices, writing different genres in a multimodal approach. Campers will read and respond to published texts and images, and they will write their own original works inspired by these texts and images.

FRISCO

Video Production Camp
Monday-Wednesday,
July 8-10, 1-4 p.m.
Frisco Campus, IT Center,
Room 103,
9700 Wade Blvd., Frisco
For ages 13-18

This camp will dedicate three half-days to learning how to operate professional video equipment in order to collaboratively create a project. Previous projects have ranged from commercials to mini-documentaries and live TV shows. The camp will cover hands-on instruction from Collin College faculty, and campers can take home a USB flash drive containing their work.

PLANO

Summer Dance Festival
Monday-Friday, July 8-12,
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Plano Campus,
2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

The Collin Summer Dance Festival is a weeklong dance intensive welcoming beginning through advanced dancers, ages 14-adult. Classes include modern, ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, tap, swing, musical theatre, hip-hop, improvisation, and more.

Young Artist Masters Camp
Monday-Friday, July 15-19,
1-4 p.m.
Plano Campus,
2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

The Young Artist Masters Camp instructors are excited to host amazing local artists/educators for a weeklong summer art camp. Students entering sixth through eighth grades will learn about historical and contemporary master artists while creating their own studies investigating the theme of “The Living World.” A variety of techniques, mediums, and compositions will be investigated in media-specific studios to help students find their artistic voices. Instructors Alana Boyce, an art teacher for 20 years and now Bolin Elementary School’s counselor from Allen ISD, and Suzy Jones, director of the Art Centre of Plano and adjunct professor at Collin College, will be the lead camp teachers. Jennifer Seibert, a Collin College art professor, is the camp director.

WYLIE

Teen Summer Art Camp
Monday-Friday, July 8-12,
9 a.m.-Noon
Wylie Campus,
Student Center Building,
391 Country Club Road, Wylie

Collin College Wylie Campus art faculty and staff are excited to offer the annual Teen Summer Art Camp. Join us to learn about contemporary art

in the context of different mediums. The camp introduces students ages 13-18 to a variety of mediums, techniques, and compositions. The camp is designed to help students find their artistic voices. The students will focus on a new medium every day of camp, including drawing, painting, printmaking, digital photography, and sculpture.

Creative Writing Workshop
Tuesday-Friday, July 9-12,
and July 16-19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wylie Campus,
Library Building, Room 217A,
391 Country Club Road, Wylie

Members of the Collin College Wylie Campus are excited to offer our second annual Teen Summer Creative Writing Workshop. Join us to learn about canonical and contemporary poets and writers while creating your own poems and short fiction. The camp will introduce students ages 15-18 to a variety of writing genres, techniques, and styles, such as micro fiction, formal poetry, free verse, ekphrastic poetry, and flash fiction. Each student will write stories and poems and have the opportunity to read published writers’ and poets’ work and speak with award-winning writers and poets via Zoom about their writing process.

Adult Summer Art Camp
Tuesday, July 16, Thursday, July 18,
Tuesday, July 23, Thursday, July 25,
and Friday, July 26, 6-8 p.m.
Wylie Campus,
Student Center Building,
391 Country Club Road, Wylie

Collin College Wylie Campus art faculty and staff are excited to offer the annual Adult Summer Art Camp. The camp will introduce students ages 19 and older to a variety of mediums, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. All levels of proficiency are welcome. Come explore or discover your passion for art with this five-day camp spanning two weeks.

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