

Office of Workforce Development

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The Office of Workforce Development at Texas A&M University–Kingsville strengthens the university's mission by directly supporting students as they complete their academic degrees through applied learning, professional training, and workforce-aligned credentials. The office provides opportunities for students to connect classroom theory with real-world practice, earn industry-recognized certifications, and develop the practical skills needed to transition successfully from college to career. By offering hands-on experiences, flexible learning options, and career-focused programs that complement degree coursework, the Office of Workforce Development empowers TAMUK students to achieve academic success and professional advancement in a competitive job market.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Continuing Education Units are awarded for select noncredit programs to document participation in structured learning experiences under qualified instruction. CEUs provide students and professionals with an official record of completed continuing education activities for career and licensing purposes.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

In collaboration with academic departments, the Office of Workforce Development coordinates Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) pathways that allow students to earn academic credit for verified skills, prior coursework, or industry-recognized certifications. CPL helps students accelerate degree completion, reduce educational costs, and gain recognition for prior learning experiences, internships, military service, and professional achievements.

DEC Makerspace

Located in Room 306 of the Jernigan Library, the DEC Makerspace is a creative, hands-on learning environment where students can design, build, and prototype ideas. The Makerspace provides access to 3D printers, laser cutters, and other digital media tools that foster creativity and innovation across all disciplines. It supports research, capstone projects, and entrepreneurial ventures that connect classroom learning with real-world application.

Microcredentials and Digital Badges

The Office of Workforce Development offers self-paced and instructor-led courses that allow students to gain additional skills while completing their degree. Through a robust portfolio of online microcredential programs, students can earn digital badges that verify mastery of targeted competencies in areas such as leadership, project management, communication, and technical disciplines. These credentials are stackable, align with academic coursework, and appear on students' professional profiles to demonstrate verified skills to employers.

Professional Development and Industry Certification

Students can expand their skill sets and prepare for career advancement through short-term, noncredit training and professional development opportunities. Programs are designed to align with degree pathways and industry standards, offering workforce credentials in high-demand sectors including construction, energy, and industrial technology. These programs help students apply academic learning in practical settings and strengthen their readiness for internships and employment.

Testing Center

The Office of Workforce Development oversees the Testing Center which provides secure, convenient testing services for students and the community. The center offers Pearson VUE, CLEP, TCOLE, TCEQ, and other state and national exams, supporting students' pursuit of professional licensure and certification. By expanding testing opportunities on campus, the office helps TAMUK students fulfill certification requirements without leaving the university.