About Paris Junior College

Paris Junior College’s main campus is located in Paris, Texas. Paris Junior College (PJC) operates centers in Greenville and Sulphur Springs, and conducts classes on the Texas A&M University-Commerce campus.

PJC’s History

PJC was established by the Paris Independent School District on June 16, 1924, in response to the community’s need for an institution of higher learning.

The Board of Education elected B.E. Masters, principal of Paris High School, as dean, and the college opened its downtown campus in the high school building in September 1924 with seven faculty members and 91 students. Later, 39 extension students were added to the roll, for a total of 130 students that first year.

The college moved into its own facility, the old post office building, during the summer before starting its second year. The building was donated to the Paris Independent School District by the federal government. In 1931, the college became an independent unit of the school system, and J.R. McLemore became the first president.

In 1934, Paris Junior College became a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and in 1937 the board voted to establish the Paris Junior College District, independent yet coterminous with the Paris Independent School District.

The campus was moved to its present site of 54 acres in 1940, and in 1949 the first board of regents was elected and began meeting. J.R. McLemore served as president until 1961. Charles Clark took over the duties until Frank Grimes became president in 1963. Louis B. Williams succeeded Grimes in 1967 and served until 1983 when he was named president emeritus. Dennis Michaelis followed Williams and served as president until 1988. Bobby R. Walters became president in 1988 and served until 2003 when he was named president emeritus. Dr. Pamela Anglin succeeded Walters in 2003.

The college began adding new facilities at its campus in 1963 and a building program continued until 1978 during which time the J.R. McLemore Student Center, dormitories, Natural Sciences and Mathematics Center, applied science annexes, Aikin Center for Applied Sciences, Center for Musical Arts, Lifelong Learning Center, married student apartments, and the Mike Rheudasil Learning Center were built. Included in the Learning Center/Library is the A.M. and Welma Aikin Jr. Regional Archives, which contains the papers of the late Senator A.M. Aikin Jr., co-sponsor of the Gilmer-Aikin Bill and member of the Texas legislature for forty-six years.

In 1988, the Hunt Physical Education Center was completed to provide additional space for kinesiology instruction and is the home of the PJC Dragons basketball and Lady Dragons basketball and volleyball teams. It includes classrooms and the Dragon Hall of Fame. The college acquired and completely remodeled a building on the north side of Clarksville Street adjacent
to the campus that has become the Bobby R. Walters Workforce Training Center. It houses the Health Occupations Programs, Continuing Education, Electrician, Mechatronics, Drafting and Adult Basic Education.

In 2010, the new South Campus Residence Hall was completed and opened its doors with 60 beds for women residents in August of that year. In 2011, a second wing was opened with 64 new beds for men. The new 42,000-square-foot Math and Science Building opened for classes in 2013. The Grimes Center was renovated in 2013 and houses Social Sciences.

The campus of 54 tree-shaded acres includes 20 major buildings and residence halls and provides students a unique and pleasant environment for learning.

Paris Junior College offers Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science degrees, as well as Certificates of Proficiency in technical/workforce fields.

The college has expanded its academic curriculum through the years to encourage associate degree and university transfer candidates. Since establishing its first vocational program, jewelry and watchmaking in 1942, the college has been aggressive in adding technical/workforce programs that will benefit students entering the workforce.

Affiliations

In 1924, the Texas Department of Education recognized Paris Junior College as a standard two-year institution. In the same year, the Association of Texas Colleges ranked this college as one of first class.

In December 1934, Paris Junior College was admitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has maintained full accreditation since that time.

The Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701, 512.305.7400, www.bon.texas.gov.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701, 512.305.7400, www.bon.texas.gov. The ADN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, 404.975.5000, www.acenursing.org.


The Medical Records Coding program is approved by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), 233 N. Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601, 312.233.1100, www.ahima.org.
The Radiology Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educa
tion in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago,

The Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on
Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 US Highway 19 North, Clearwater,
Florida 33763, 727.210.2350, and by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Pro-
grams for the Emergency Medical Services Programs (CoAEMSP), 8301 Lakeview Parkway,

Paris Junior College’s Vision

To be the educational provider of choice for the region.

Paris Junior College’s Mission

Paris Junior College is a comprehensive community college serving the region’s educational
and training needs while strengthening the economic, social and cultural life of our diverse
community.

Texas Education Code 130.003

The purpose of each public community college shall be to provide:

1. Technical programs up to two years in length leading to associate degrees
   or certificates;
2. Vocational programs leading directly to employment in semi-skilled and
   skilled occupations;
3. Freshman and sophomore courses in arts and sciences;
4. Continuing adult education programs for occupational or cultural up-
   grading;
5. Compensatory education programs designed to fulfill the commitment of
   an admissions policy allowing the enrollment of disadvantaged students;
6. A continuing program of counseling and guidance designed to assist stu-
   dents in achieving their individual educational goals;
7. Workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide
   needs;
8. Adult literacy and other basic skills programs for adults;
9. Such other purposes as may be prescribed by the Texas Higher Education
   Coordinating Board or local governing boards in the best interest of post-
   secondary education in Texas.

Paris Junior College’s Strategic Goals

» Maintain a level of high quality instruction.
» Increase workforce training in program offerings and in number of students.
» Increase the tax base to secure the institution’s future.
» Continue to focus on and strengthen student retention and success agenda.
Obtain and make available current technology for administrative and student use.

Greenville and Sulphur Springs Centers

Paris Junior College has centers located in Greenville and Sulphur Springs where full-service educational opportunities are available to all students.

Greenville Center

The Greenville Center is located at 6500 Monty Stratton Parkway in Greenville. The Center offers general academic courses that lead to an associate degree and provides technical programs where students can earn a certificate of completion.

HELPFUL HINT: See your Student Success Coach and get your degree plan filled out prior to registration.

The college has a variety of certificate programs in office occupations, computer training, heating and air conditioning, and nursing. Learning skills programs are in place to help students’ progress in areas where they are deficient. Free tutoring for math, English, science and Spanish is available. Free GED classes are available. Call 903.454.9333 for more information.

The Greenville Center also offers a variety of continuing education classes. There is an active chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a student honor society that is involved in many community service programs.

Sulphur Springs Center

The Sulphur Springs Center is located at 1137 Loop 301 East in Sulphur Springs. A wide variety of technical, workforce and academic courses are offered, both days and evenings, at this Center. The educational programs available at the Center are designed so students can
complete an associate degree and/or prepare them for advancement in the workforce.

Many technical/workforce courses are available, including computer information systems, drafting-3D printing, and office technology. Learning skills programs are in place for those needing help in advancing.

Continuing education programs in health, business occupations and other topics are available through the Center to residents of the community.

The Paris Junior College Adult Education Consortium offers a variety of educational opportunities to adults seventeen years of age and older through the Sulphur Springs Center. Those interested or in need of improving reading, writing and math skills, learning English as a Second Language (ESL) and completing the GED program can call 903.885.1232 for further information.

There is an active chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a student honor society that is involved in many community service programs.

**Texas A&M University – Commerce**

Paris Junior College, in partnership with Texas A&M University – Commerce, offers an elementary algebra course to assist students in meeting TSI requirements. This course is offered on the TAMU-Commerce campus.

**HELPFUL HINT: Returning student? Passed all sections of the Texas Success Initiative Assessment? You can register early and online. Check a current class schedule for dates.**
Quick Reference Numbers

Student Services

Academic Probation or Suspension ................................................. 903.782.0211
Admissions and Records ............................................................. 903.782.0425
Adult Literacy ........................................................................... 903.782.0424
Advising & Counseling ................................................................. 903.782.0426
Bookstore .................................................................................. 903.782.0344
Campus Police .......................................................................... 903.782.0399
Disability Services ...................................................................... 903.782.0426
Distance Learning ........................................................................ 903.782.0315
Educational Opportunity Center .................................................. 903.782.0353
Educational Talent Search ............................................................. 903.782.0350
Financial Aid ............................................................................... 903.782.0429
Food Service ............................................................................... 903.782.0408
Greenville Center ...................................................................... 903.454.9333
Housing ...................................................................................... 903.782.0433
International Students Information ............................................. 903.782.0430
Library ......................................................................................... 903.782.0415
Math Center ................................................................................ 903.782.0209
Student Life ................................................................................ 903.782.0402
Sulphur Springs Center ................................................................. 903.885.1232
Testing Center ............................................................................ 903.782.0446
Transfer Programs Office ............................................................... 903.782.0338
TSI Information .......................................................................... 903.782.0211
Tutoring ....................................................................................... 903.782.0270
Veterans Affairs .......................................................................... 903.782.0432
Writing Center ............................................................................ 903.782.0314

Administrative Departments

President’s Office ......................................................................... 903.782.0330
Academic Studies ........................................................................ 903.782.0338
Business Services ........................................................................ 903.782.0232
Student Services ......................................................................... 903.782.0277
Workforce Education .................................................................. 903.782.0381

Paris Junior College Divisions

ACADEMIC STUDIES
Vice President: Dr. Pamela Millsap

COMMUNICATIONS
Division Chair: Diann Mason ....................................................... 903.782.0374
Area of Emphasis:

English .................................................... AA, AS
Foreign Language ........................................ AA, AS
Journalism .................................................. AA, AS
Education .................................................. AA, AS

FINE ARTS
Division Chair: Diann Mason ................................. 903.782.0374
Area of Emphasis:

Arts ...................................................... AA, AS
Drama ..................................................... AA, AS
Music ..................................................... AA, AS
Speech ..................................................... AA, AS

KINESIOLOGY
Division Chair: Dr. Jack Brown ............................... 903.782.0319
Area of Emphasis: Kinesiology ................................. AA, AS

LIBRARY
Director: Joe Jackson ........................................... 903.782.0215

MATH & SCIENCE
Math Division Chair: Mallie Hood ............................ 903.782.0335
Science Division Chair: Dr. Jack Brown ..................... 903.782.0319
Area of Emphasis:

Biology .................................................... AA, AS
Chemistry .................................................. AA, AS
Engineering ............................................... AA, AS
Geology .................................................... AA, AS
Mathematics ............................................... AA, AS
Physics ..................................................... AA, AS

SOCIAL SCIENCE
Division Chair: Lisa Johnson ................................. 903.782.0752
Area of Emphasis:

Government ............................................... AA, AS
History ..................................................... AA, AS
Sociology .................................................. AA, AS
Psychology ............................................... AA, AS

WORKFORCE EDUCATION
Vice President: John Spradling ............................... 903.782.0381
Areas of Emphasis:

Agriculture ................................................ AS

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY
Chair: Anthony Sawyer ....................................... 903.782.0318
Areas of Emphasis:
Accounting .......................................................... AS, C
Agriculture ..................................................... AS
Business Administration ....................................... AS
Computer Science ............................................. AS, C
Cosmetology .................................................... C
Criminal Justice ................................................. AS, AAS
Economics ....................................................... AS
Gemology ........................................................ C
Horology ........................................................ AAS, C
Jewelry ............................................................. AAS, C
Jewelry CAD/CAM ............................................. C
Medical Transcription / Billing, ............................. C
Networking ....................................................... AAS, C
Office Technology ............................................. AAS, C

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS
Director of Nursing: Stephanie Parker .................... 903.782.0734
Areas of Emphasis:
  Associate Degree Nursing .................................. AAS
  Emergency Medical Services .............................. AAS, C
  Enhanced Nurse Aide ........................................ C
  Medical Records Coding ..................................... C
  Radiology Technology ....................................... AAS
  Surgical Technology ......................................... C
  Vocational Nursing ........................................... C

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES
Chair: Charlie Hodgkiss .................................... 903.782.0465
Areas of Emphasis:
  Air Conditioning & Refrigeration ....................... AAS, C
  Computer Aided Design .................................. AAS, C
  Direct Digital Controls ..................................... C
  Electrician ..................................................... C
  Machining ..................................................... CE
  Mechatronics ................................................ AAS, C
  Welding ....................................................... AAS, C

STUDENT SERVICES
Vice President: Sheila Reece ............................. 903.782.0211
Areas of Emphasis:
  Admissions ................................................... 903.782.0425
  Advising & Counseling ................................... 903.782.0426
  Financial Aid ............................................... 903.782.0429
  Housing ...................................................... 903.782.0433
Recruitment ........................................... 903.782.0425
Records .............................................. 903.782.0212
Special Populations ......................... 903.782.0430
Student Life/Student Activities ......... 903.782.0433
Testing Center ................................ 903.782.0446
TRIO Programs
   Educational Opportunity Center 903.782.0353
   Educational Talent Search 903.782.0350
   Upward Bound 903.782.0355

Athletics
Director of Athletics: James Dawson. 903.782.0218