

# ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS

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Trinity Valley Community College is committed to providing opportunities for quality instruction to students who are interested in completing an online degree or certificate with Trinity Valley Community College. The online curricula for the associate of arts degree (AA) are designed for the student planning to transfer to a senior college or university. The associate of applied science degree (AAS) is awarded for successful completion of a two-year prescribed workforce education curriculum not designed for transfer to a senior college or university. To see the delineation for online programs, view the Core Curriculum (<https://www.tvcc.edu/Distance-Learning/article.aspx?a=5258>) and Online Career Pathways (<https://www.tvcc.edu/Distance-Learning/article.aspx?a=5260>). For additional information, please contact [onlineprograms@tvcc.edu](mailto:onlineprograms@tvcc.edu) or the office of distance learning at 903-675-6324.

## The State Authorization Reciprocity (SARA)

**Only Texas residents are eligible to enroll completely in online courses at TVCC. Out of state and/or international students must be enrolled and participating in at least one face-to-face course each semester.**

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is "an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards; interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four regional education compacts." While being a SARA approved institution does not remove the need for state authorization for all online programs, since not all states are SARA members, being a SARA approved institution allows SVSU to deliver online programs to residents in any SARA member state without seeking additional authorization from that particular state. Participation in SARA is intended to allow students greater access to SVSU courses and programs offered in other states. Trinity Valley Community College is NOT CURRENTLY a SARA participating institution and is NOT CURRENTLY authorized under SARA to enroll students in online courses and field experiences such as: internships, field experiences or clinical practicums outside of TX.

## Professional Licensure Programs

Programs leading to professional licensure may be subject to additional state professional licensing requirements, which are not covered by SARA. If you are considering an academic program that leads to a professional license in your state, it is highly recommended that you first seek guidance before beginning the academic program located outside your state.