RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT ADMISSIONS

The Director of Admissions/Registrar is responsible for student admissions and the day-to-day operations of the Office of Admissions, including the enforcement of admission policies and other related activities. All inquiries regarding student admissions should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

GENERAL ADMISSIONS

Galveston College maintains an open admissions policy and constantly works to provide programs beneficial to all students. General admission to the College, but not necessarily to specific courses or programs, may be achieved by one of the following methods:

1. **High School Graduate**. Graduates of accredited high schools will be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of an official transcript. Galveston College defines an accredited high school as a Texas public high school authorized through the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or if located in a state other than Texas, that state's comparable agencies and/or regional accrediting association.

2. **Home School Graduate**. Graduates of a home school will be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of a certified list of completed coursework. Galveston College defines a home school where the parent or guardian has been directly involved in the instructional process.

3. **General Education Development (GED) Test.** An individual who has passed the General Education Development Test (GED) will be admitted upon completion of an

Application of Admission and presentation of acceptable GED scores, as certified by the State of Texas.

4. **College Transfer.** Transfer students must be eligible for readmission to the institution in which the student was last enrolled (normally defined as being in 'good standing' - Ex: GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale) and must meet the academic requirements of Galveston College. Students not in good standing may be admitted by individual approval. For additional information, students should consult the Director of Admissions/Registrar.

5. **Individual Approval.** Students who enroll in Early Admission, Dual Credit, and Tech-Prep Programs, who have graduated from a non-accredited high school or academy, or who have the Ability to Benefit from the College's instructional programs may be admitted by Individual Approval. Specific requirements for each of these programs are listed below:
    a. **Early Admission Program** – Galveston area high school juniors and seniors are able to earn transferable college credit before graduating from high school. Students participating in the Early Admissions Program enroll in classes outside of high school.
    b. **Dual Credit** – High school students enroll in classes at the high school, in courses that have been approved for both high school and college credit.

    Note: Early Admission and Dual Credit Programs require parent/guardian permission, recommendation and approval of the high school principal or designee, completed Application for Admission, submission of high school transcripts, and College approval. Students must have qualifying scores

on the following tests to be considered for Early Admissions and Dual Credit:

i. SAT – 1070+ combined with 500 or higher math and/or verbal.
ii. ACT – 23+ composite with 19 or higher math and/or English
iii. TAKS (exit level) – 2200+ in math and/or 2200+ with a writing sub score of at least 3 in English/Language Arts (ELA)
iv. COMPASS (THEA Alternative test) - Reading Skills 81+; Algebra – 39+; Writing Skills (objective) – 59+; and Written Essay – 6+ or 5 with objective Writing Skills of 59

After high school graduation, students must submit a final transcript stating the date of graduation. While attending Galveston College, the student will be expected to adhere to all policies of the College.

c. **Tech-Prep** – Galveston College, in partnership with the Galveston Independent School District, has developed Technical Preparatory (Tech Prep) programs which provide high school students a unique opportunity to prepare for their careers while still in high school. Tech Prep students complete a sequence of courses necessary for success in their chosen occupations in high school and complete the coursework for an Associate of Applied Science degree at Galveston College. For further information regarding enrollment in a Tech Prep program, students should contact the GISD Career and

Technology Education Office or the Ball High School Career Center.

d. **High School Graduation from a Non-Accredited High School** – Graduates from a non-accredited high school (schools not accredited as defined in item 1 or 2 above) may be admitted upon completion of an Application for Admission and presentation of an official transcript. Special conditions may apply. Please contact the Director of Admissions/Registrar for additional information.

e. **Non-High School Graduate** - Persons who have not obtained a high school diploma or GED (but who are 18 years of age or older and whose high school class has graduated) may be admitted after demonstrating evidence of an ability-to-benefit from college instruction. Students admitted under ability-to-benefit are required to take the appropriate placement test. Special conditions may apply. Please contact the Director of Admissions/ Registrar for additional information.

6. **Non-Degree Seeking** – Students who enroll in classes for professional review, cultural, or personal growth and achievement will be classified as non-degree seeking students. Students who have declared a degree at another university or college, and are enrolled in classes at Galveston College for transfer purposes only, are also classified as non-degree seeking. Non-degree seeking students are required to submit the following documents:
   a. Application for Admission
   b. Appropriate transcript(s) for placement or TSI status.

Note: Students who wish to change to a "degree-seeking status" will be required to furnish all previous college transcripts and meet entrance requirements.

7. **Readmission**. A Galveston College student who has not attended the previous long semester (fall or spring) must apply for re-admission through the Office of Admissions. If the student has attended another college since his/her previous enrollment at Galveston College, a current transcript of all college credits is required.

8. **International Students.** Galveston College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant students. International students seeking admissions should submit the following:
    a. Application for Admission. The Application should be submitted along with a nonrefundable application fee at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of registration for any given semester.
    b. An official transcript of the last four years of secondary school. The official transcript must be an original copy translated into English and must show each course completed and the grade earned.
    c. An official transcript from each college or university attended (translated into English).
    d. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable score of 500 on the written examination, a minimum score of 173 on the computerized examination, a minimum of 61 on the internet examination, or a minimum score of 109 from an English Language Center (ELC) is required. Applicants are

exempt from the TOEFL requirement if they speak English as their native language. This exemption refers to students from Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, the British Isles, Cameroon, English-speaking Canadian provinces, the Cayman Islands, the Fiji Islands, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malta, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tobago, Trinidad, United Kingdom, the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

e. Statement of financial support.
f. Certificate of Immunizations.
g. Individuals must have proof of US insurance (medical and life) or purchase appropriate insurance.

9. Applicants not eligible for enrollment under one of the methods listed above should contact the Director of Admissions/Registrar for consideration.

ADMISSON TO SPECIFIC COURSES, PROGRAMS OF STUDY, OR A BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAM

Admission to Galveston College does not guarantee admission or placement in specific courses, a specific program of study, or a Bachelor of Applied Science* program (*pending SACSCOC approval). Prerequisites are required for some courses and some programs of study require specific approval or have additional requirements for admission in addition to those outlined for general admission to the institution.

The requirements for specific occupational / technical programs are set forth in the College Catalog. In addition, it is understood that licensing and/or accrediting bodies periodically change their requirements; therefore, Galveston College cannot guarantee future entrance requirements into these programs.

ACADEMIC FRESH START

An applicant for admission who is a Texas resident may enter Galveston College pursuant to the "academic fresh start" status, Texas Education Code, 51.931. Applicants can request a Petition For Academic Fresh Start from the Office of Admissions. Fresh Start must be declared upon entrance to the college. Students who do not declare upon entrance will not be considered after enrolled. An applicant who elects to apply under this statute may not receive any course credits or grades earned for courses taken 10 or more years prior to enrollment. This does not apply to Financial Aid or VA benefits.

ADMISSIONS OF VETERANS

Veterans are admitted on the same basis as other students. Galveston College is approved for Veterans Training under the GI Bill of Rights, Public Laws 358 and 550, and under the Vocational Rehabilitation Laws.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

The procedures for admission into a college credit program of study are as follows:

1. Obtain an Application for Admission from the Office of Admissions, the Galveston College website (www.gc.edu), or complete the Texas Common Application for Admission to community colleges on line at www.gc.edu.
2. Submit the completed Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions. Note: the submission of the application form authorizes the College to access the state THEA database for a student's test scores.
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Students with less than fifteen (15) college credits are required to submit an official high school transcript or certificate of high school equivalency / GED. (The submission of all transcripts is required for evaluation of high school and/or college curricular requirements.)

4. Submit official placement scores, as appropriate.
5. Submit an exemption from or proof of the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination.
6. Meet with a Counselor/Advisor prior to registration.

ACCESS TO COUNSELING AND ADVISING

Admission and registration procedures shall ensure that new students are given the opportunity to plan their academic program through counseling and advising prior to registration.

WITHDRAWAL

Procedures for student withdrawal from courses, programs, and/or the College shall be made available to all students. Information regarding the College's Withdrawal Procedures shall be published in the College Catalog and made available on the College's website (www.gc.edu). Additional assistance concerning withdrawing shall be made available to students through the Counseling and Advising Center.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Identification cards shall be issued or validated during the registration period prior to each semester. Identification cards may be required to access campus events and services, such as, but not limited to, the Library, concerts, campus movies, athletic events, the fitness center, use of the student center, and voting in campus elections.

Students shall report loss of I.D. cards immediately to the Office of Student Services and obtain a replacement.