

AT NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE,
WE HAVE WHAT YOU NEED!

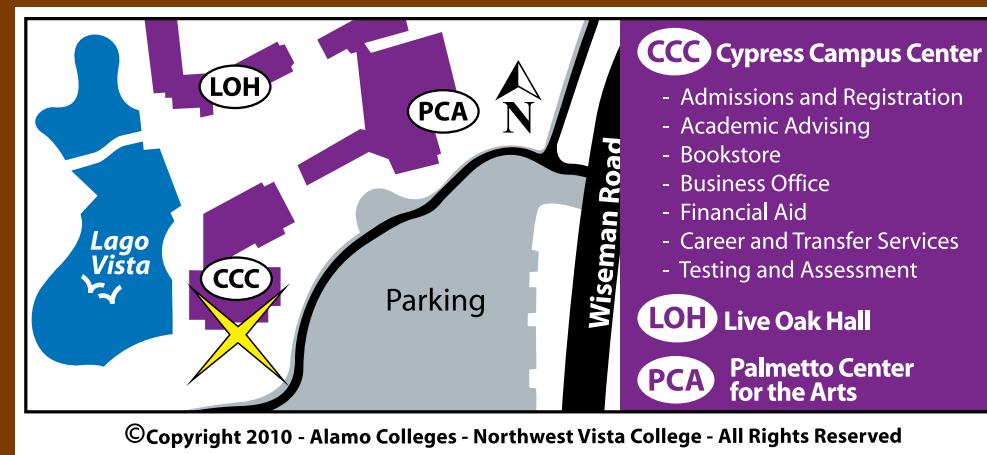
- Earn an *associate degree*.
- Complete a *technical degree or certificate* to help you enter the workforce quickly.
- Get a *head start*. Transfer to a four-year university with our college's 48-credit-hour core curriculum.
- Retrain for a *new career* or take continuing education classes.
- Take classes when you need them. We offer *flexible class schedules*: online, early mornings, evenings and weekends.



NEXT STEPS:

- Complete your online application at www.applytexas.org
- Review your complete enrollment checklist at alamo.edu/nvc/admissions
- Schedule your campus visit online alamo.edu/nvc/tours

I love NVC.
It's just a good school.
The environment is very accepting.
It's growing quickly but it's still capable
of providing many activities for students.



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- CCC Cypress Campus Center**
- Admissions and Registration
 - Academic Advising
 - Bookstore
 - Business Office
 - Financial Aid
 - Career and Transfer Services
 - Testing and Assessment
- LOH Live Oak Hall**
- PCA Palmetto Center for the Arts**

NVC = STUDENT-CENTEREDNESS.
OUR STUDENTS PERSIST, COMPLETE AND TRANSFER:

- Recognized for having the second highest persistence rate (students returning from fall-to-fall semester) in the state among first time in college students enrolled full-time
- #2 in the state for degrees completed amongst its peer group in 2009-2010
- Recognized for having the second highest transfer rate to four-year institutions in the state of Texas for students who complete 30+ hours with Northwest Vista College

NVC = EXCELLENCE:

- Named a finalist for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award – the only educational institution to receive this honor in 2011
- Named to President Obama's Community Service Honor Roll for completing 26,975 hours of service by 4,468 NVC students (2010)
- Received the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (TAPE) by the Quality Texas Foundation (2007)



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Northwest Vista College is an equal opportunity college of the Alamo Community College District

NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS



I would hear all the time that you hardly get to interact with your instructors at college, but that isn't the case at NVC.

I was surprised to see so much one-on-one attention given to students and the amount of time instructors spend with students.

The labs and tutoring have also been helpful.



BEST VALUE

(average costs in Texas tuition/fees for students who enroll in 15 credit hours in both fall and spring)

- \$1,952 – Northwest Vista College (Fall 2011)
- \$7,194 – Public Universities* (2011-2012)
- \$21,780 – Independent Universities* (2011-2012)

STUDENT SATISFACTION

- 97 percent of students surveyed would recommend Northwest Vista College to others***
- Students rate instructors highly (4.41 out of 5)**
- Ideal Learning Environment
 - Average class size = 23 students
 - Top in the nation for active and collaborative learning among large colleges (above 7,000 students)***

*Data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 **Alamo Colleges' instructional survey
 ***Community College Survey of Student Engagement



Have fun and join student groups.
 Share in the experiences outside the classroom.

Create your foundation, prepare for your future.



Keeping campus green, protecting our environment.

A new modern campus with advanced technology.

It's all about you – YOUR success is our mission.

I have liked every single teacher I have ever taken a class with.

It's been really great here. Even my yoga and Pilates instructor helped me sign up for the next semester by printing out my degree plan - and she's not even an advisor.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (AAT)
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AAS)

The curricula for the Academic Associate Degrees consist of core academic courses in concentrated areas. If you wish to transfer, please consult with the transfer center at NVC and the institution where you wish to transfer.

Area of Concentration	Degree
Allied Health-Transfer <i>(These areas may include: Nursing, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physical Therapy, and Respiratory Care)</i>	AS
Business Administration	AA
Business Administration - Management Information Systems	AA
Coaching	AS
Computer Science	AS
Criminal Justice	AA
Dance	AA
Drama	AA
Engineering	AS
Fine Arts	AA
International Studies	AA
Kinesiology	AS
Liberal Arts (General Studies)	AA, AS
Mathematics	AS
Mexican-American Studies	AA
Music	AA
Music Technology	AA
New Media Arts	AA
New Media Communications	AA
Pre-Med/Biology/Pre-Vet	AS
Teaching	AAT

NVC ALSO OFFERS COURSES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING AREAS, SEE CATALOG FOR COMPLETE LISTING:

Accounting
Anthropology
Biology
Chemistry
Economics
English
Environmental Science
Foreign Languages
Geography
Geology
Government/Public Administration
History
Humanities/Peace Studies
Leadership (Military ROTC)
Literature
Mass Communications
Math
Music Performance
Music Philosophy
Psychology
Sociology
Social Work
Physics
Pre-Professional: *Pre-Law, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Veterinary Science*
Speech Communication



WORKFORCE EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS): 60+ hrs.

The curricula for the Associate Degrees consist of core academic courses in concentrated areas. If you wish to transfer, please consult with the transfer center at NVC and the institution where you wish to transfer.

CERTIFICATE: 15-24 hrs.

A certificate offers students a program that may be completed within 1 year. A certificate can be the first step towards earning a degree or it can complement an already earned degree through enhanced skills.

MARKETABLE SKILLS AWARD (MSA): 9-14 hrs.

An MSA is a sequence of courses that provides training in high-demand skills or improves current skills. The awards may typically be completed within 2 semesters.

HEALTH CARE

Clinical Research Coordinator	AAS
Community Health Worker	AAS, Certificate
Pharmacy Technology	Certificate

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Cisco Networking Technologies	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Computer Forensics	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Information Security & Assurance	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Microsoft Systems Administration	AAS, Certificate, MSA

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Water Treatment	AAS, Certificate
Nanotechnology	AAS

MEDIA ARTS

3D Animation	AAS
C++ Gaming Programming	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Digital Video & Cinema Production	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Digital Media	AAS, Certificate, MSA
Game Production	AAS



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Northwest Vista College (NVC) is one of the most affordable educational options for students in Bexar County. Our Financial Aid and Business Office teams are dedicated to helping you find ways to pay for college. Learn more about the resources available to you! Contact us at:

Financial Aid: Cypress Campus Center, Room 108
210.486.4000

Business Office: Cypress Campus Center, Room 105
210.486.4200

Students should check the Northwest Vista website for payment deadlines to avoid being dropped from classes. NVC offers different methods to pay for classes:

Virtual Business Office: Check and credit card payments

In person: Cash payments for tuition can be made in the Business Office

Installment Plan: Virtual Business Office online with check or credit card;
in the Business Office with cash

HELPFUL TIPS:

- File your income taxes and complete the FAFSA early.
- Use the IRS data retrieval option on the FAFSA to report your income information.
- Check your Alamo Colleges e-mail account often.
- Regularly check your Financial Aid status through ACES
- Undocumented students should complete a paper FAFSA and bring it to the Financial Aid Dept.
- Review your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Pay close attention to the comments section.
- May 1: Submit all required Financial Aid documentation by this date to guarantee the processing of your FAFSA by the first day of school.

TUITION INFORMATION (Based upon Fall 2011)

IN-DISTRICT

CREDIT HOURS	TUITION	GENERAL FEE *	TOTAL **
1-6	\$336.00	\$130.00	\$467.00 - 472.00
9	\$504.00	\$135.00	\$648.00
12	\$672.00	\$135.00	\$819.00

OUT OF DISTRICT

CREDIT HOURS	TUITION	GENERAL FEE *	TOTAL **
1-6	\$468.00	\$130.00	\$598.00 - 603.00
9	\$636.00	\$135.00	\$771.00
12	\$804.00	\$135.00	\$939.00

Tuition and fees are subject to change by the Texas State Legislature and the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees.

*General Fee - a state mandatory fee that pays for equipment, supplies, and buildings.

** Student activity fee is also assessed at \$1/credit hour. For a complete list of tuition and fees and special programs tuition for all semesters, visit: alamo.edu/district/business-office

FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER:

Start scholarship searches at: alamo.edu/nvc/scholarships
Visit NVC's Career and Transfer Services (CaTS) Center for assistance with scholarship searches (Cypress Campus Center, Room 200)

Visit your high school Counselor/Career Center for resources

Visit fafsa.ed.gov to:

Learn more about the Financial Aid process
Apply for FAFSA PIN (Student and Parent*)
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Get an early estimate for federal student aid by completing the "FAFSA4caster"

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER:

Start gathering documents for the FAFSA
For complete list of documents, visit fafsa.ed.gov
NVC's Financial Aid Federal School code is 033723

Attend a Financial Aid presentation

JANUARY-FEBRUARY (FOR PRIORITY PROCESSING):

File income taxes

Submit FAFSA after completing income taxes: fafsa.ed.gov.
Students eligible for the Top 10% Scholarship must submit FAFSA by March 1.

Attend NVC's Financial Aid Visit Day on February 4, 2012.
(See alamo.edu/nvc for dates.)

Get help with your FAFSA
Learn about scholarships, grants, loans and work study

MARCH:

If you have not done so, file income taxes and submit FAFSA

Attend NVC's Financial Aid Visit Day on March 3, 2012.
(See alamo.edu/nvc for dates.)

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APRIL:

Submit online Alamo Colleges Scholarship Application by April 15

April 1: Financial Aid Priority Deadline

Due to limited funding, students with financial need who submit all Financial Aid documents by this deadline have a greater chance of receiving grant aid.

MAY-JULY:

If you have not done so, file income taxes and submit FAFSA

June: Request official High School transcripts to be sent to the Financial Aid Office by June. The FAFSA, transcript and full-time enrollment will ensure you are considered for a TEXAS Grant, an Academic Achievement Grant and the Top 10% Scholarship.

May 1, 2012: Processing Guarantee Deadline

Students who submit all required documents by this date are guaranteed processing of their financial aid application by the first day of school. Students determined ineligible for aid will have to make payment arrangements.









Attend NVC's Financial Aid Visit Day on May 5, 2012.
(See alamo.edu/nvc for dates.)

Get help with your FAFSA
Learn about scholarships, grants, loans and work study

* Parent information is required for students who are considered "dependent," as defined by the FAFSA (most students graduating from high school are considered to be dependent).

alamo.edu/nvc

STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT

	STEP	FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENT
	APPLY FOR ADMISSION	Complete and submit your admission application: www.applytexas.org An active application is required to move forward with the enrollment process.
	SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT(S)	Submit official high school transcript or GED certificate/scores. <i>See back for details.</i>
	PROVIDE PROOF OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION	A new state law requires that entering students show evidence of receiving a bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster dose during the five year period prior to enrollment. The law allows for few exceptions. You may obtain additional information at alamo.edu/nvc/vaccine-requirement
	APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID	You are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.edu.gov Please consult the Alamo Colleges' Student Financial Services website for Priority and Processing Guarantee Dates. NVC Federal School Code: 033723
	TAKE A PLACEMENT EXAM	Submit official SAT, ACT or TAKS scores for evaluation to determine if a placement exam is required. Information on the placement exam is available at alamo.edu/nvc/testing-thea
	ACADEMIC ADVISING	Fulfill your individual Academic Advising requirement. See information at alamo.edu/nvc/advising
	REGISTER FOR CLASSES (ONLINE)	Once an advising session has been completed and you have provided the required documentation for the bacterial meningitis vaccination, please register online. SDEV 0170 registration is required
	PAY TUITION & FEES Tuition payment must be made in cash at the Business Office or by credit card or check online.	Payment in full or by installments must be made by the payment deadlines or you will be dropped from your classes.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION www.applytexas.org

In order to complete the ApplyTexas application, you will need a valid email address. If you are considering applying for Financial Aid, your Social Security Number will be required.

Once your application has been processed, your admission status will be sent to the email address provided. All who apply and meet admission requirements are automatically admitted.

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS

First time in college (FTIC) students: A FTIC student who has not graduated from high school at the time of application must submit an official high school transcript or official GED test scores. Official high school transcripts must include at least six complete semesters and must be sealed or sent electronically by the school. By the end of the first semester of enrollment, a FTIC student must submit a final official transcript that includes the high school graduation date.

Transfer students: Submit official* transcripts from last college attended. To ensure all previous coursework is posted, submit all transcripts to Admissions and Records. If courses are in progress at another college, submit updated official transcripts once final grades are posted.

*Official transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope or sent directly from the host institution to: Northwest Vista College, 3535 North Ellison Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78251, ATTN: Transcripts

PROVIDE PROOF OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION

A new state law requires that entering students show evidence of receiving a bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster dose during the five year period prior to enrollment. The law allows for few exceptions. You may obtain additional information at alamo.edu/nvc/vaccine-requirement

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

You can apply for financial aid at any point during the academic year. However, we encourage you to allow a minimum of 3 to 4 months to complete the financial aid process. To look for Alamo Colleges Scholarships, visit: alamo.edu/scholarships and alamo.edu/nvc/scholarships

Your Alamo Colleges email is the official account for communication – make sure you check it regularly!

Submit your FAFSA plus all required documents by the Priority Guarantee Dates and your financial aid application will be processed by the first day of class.

TAKE A PLACEMENT EXAM

alamo.edu/nvc/testing-thea

SAT/ACT/TAKS scores may be submitted for further evaluation. Scores will be used to determine which classes you are eligible to take but are not related to admission requirements.

Helpful tip: Request a copy for yourself.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

alamo.edu/nvc/student-services

Academic advising will help you investigate degree programs, understand your course placement, and prepare you for course registration.

First time in college students: You are required to complete Academic Advising in order to register for classes. Sign up at: alamo.edu/nvc/advising

Transfer students: You must submit an official transcript from the most recent college attended prior to meeting with an advisor. If you plan to utilize any transfer credit from a previous college(s), you must also submit an official transcript from that college(s).

If you are on Academic Dismissal/Suspension, you must petition for admission through an Academic Advisor at least two weeks prior to the start of the semester.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES (ONLINE)

alamo.edu/district/registration/webforstudents.htm

It is highly recommended to register early and to follow an educational goal plan (NVC degree, certificate, and/or transfer plan)

NVC degree plans: mynvccatalog.alamo.edu
Transfer Plans:
alamo.edu/nvc/transfer-students

PAY TUITION & FEES

Tuition bills will not be mailed. You can view your account summary through ACES, our self-service online account. Deadlines/refunds/drop dates can be found at: mynvccatalog.alamo.edu

An Installment Plan is available to students online to set up and pay with a credit card or check through the Virtual Business Office. Installment Plans paid with cash can be set up in the Business Office. Payments in full or by installments must be made by the payment deadlines or you will be dropped from your classes.

STUDENT ID

Location: CCC 126

Once you have paid for your classes, you may obtain your student ID from the Student Life Center.

Photo ID required to discuss your personal record.

If you need accommodations due to a disability to complete these steps, contact the ACCESS Office: 210.486.4466
nvc-access@alamo.edu.

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Student Success
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