UT Rio Grande Valley™ HISTORY

Accreditation Milestones

1930
Texas Southmost College is accredited to offer associate degrees

1932
Edinburg College is accredited to offer associate degrees

1947
First bill is filed to create a medical school in the Rio Grande Valley

1952
Edinburg College is renamed Pan American College

1956
Pan American College is approved to offer bachelor's degrees

1971
Pan American College is renamed Pan American University

1988
Pan American University at Brownsville becomes separately accredited

1989
Pan American University becomes part of The University of Texas System and is renamed The University of Texas-Pan American

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1991
The University of Texas-Pan American at Brownsville is renamed The University of Texas at Brownsville

1995
The partnership of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College (UTB/TSC) becomes accredited as a single institution

2012
The University of Texas System Board of Regents casts historic vote to approve plan to create a university with an integrated School of Medicine in the Rio Grande Valley

2013
Texas Legislature creates The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley making it eligible for the Permanent University Fund

2015
The University of Texas-Pan American is renamed The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley welcomes its inaugural class

2016
The University of Texas at Brownsville is closed

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine welcomes its inaugural class

1930s | 1940s | 1950s | 1960s | 1970s | 1980s | 1990s | 2000s | 2010s