

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley™

GRADUATE *College*

2021-2022



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IS GRADUATE SCHOOL *Right for You?*

Your undergraduate education gave you a strong foundation of knowledge and skills to start your career. These days, however, to become an expert in your field, a graduate education is often required.

Specialized skills that you'll learn and practice in graduate school are the key to career growth, a better income, and unlocking your full potential. More and more, employers look for hiring candidates to hold a graduate degree that demonstrates their expertise.

Even if you're currently satisfied with your career, you might have a passion for lifelong learning or want to take a deeper dive into a particular subject. Investing in self-development is never a bad decision, and a graduate degree can create surprising benefits for you in the future.

As a graduate student, you'll connect with supportive faculty who are leaders in their fields, as well as other motivated graduate students who share similar goals and interests. You have the flexibility to choose the pathway that's right for you, including research, accelerated online master's programs, on-campus master's or doctoral programs, and certificates.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM Graduate School?

- You can expect to be more responsible for your success than you were as an undergraduate. You may even help with research or teaching.
- You'll need to plan ahead to ensure you don't miss out on required classes. Since some classes are only offered, for example, in the spring, you will prepare a graduation plan to guide you towards on-time completion of your program.
- You'll take rigorous classes alongside driven classmates like yourself. Being in graduate school raises the bar for expectations. You'll need to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Unlike large undergraduate classes with hundreds of students, graduate classes are smaller. You will be on a first-name basis with your professors, who will be both instructors and valuable mentors.
- As an undergraduate, you may have assisted graduate students or faculty with their research. As a graduate student, depending on your program, you'll be expected to carry out your own research, present it, and publish it.
- If you're taking classes on campus, you can expect most of them to be in the evening. Many graduate students have jobs and families, so most on-campus graduate classes are offered after 5 pm, twice a week. Online students need to prioritize and allocate time for classwork in their schedules.
- You can expect to be proud of your hard work and for pursuing your passion. Get ready to positively transform your community and the world.



Why UTRGV?

A high-quality education at an affordable price

Graduate school at UTRGV is the perfect fit for ambitious leaders, dreamers, researchers, educators, and creators.

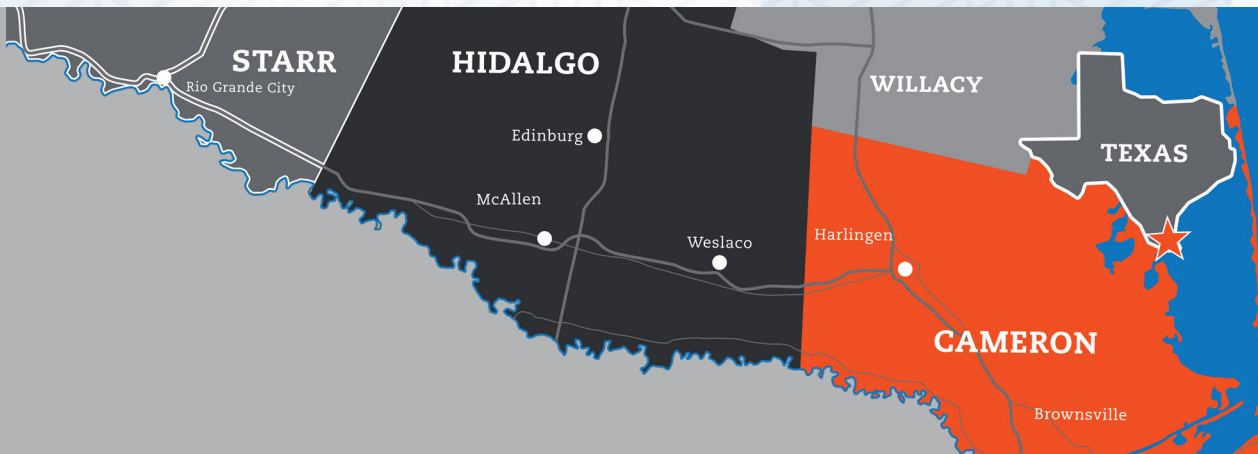
We welcome you to join our vibrant community, whether on campus or online. This is your opportunity to leap forward in your career with an excellent graduate education that's both rigorous and affordable.

Pursuing a graduate degree is a commitment to your future, and we understand that our students have different learning styles and real-world responsibilities. We have options to suit your lifestyle and give you the flexibility to choose between 100% online or on-campus programs. All students receive the same high level of training and support from faculty and staff.

UTRGV offers unique research and resources through the STARGATE partnership with SpaceX, the Coastal Studies Laboratory on South Padre Island, and UT Health RGV clinics from our School of Medicine.

The Valley itself has a low cost of living that's 10.2% below the national average, with easy access to the beautiful Gulf Coast.

Demand for trained professionals in the Rio Grande Valley, the United States, and around the world continues to grow, and UTRGV equips graduate students with the necessary competitive edge.



UTRGV RANKINGS


 **1st**
In net price among national universities by Washington Monthly (2018)

 **19th**
In the nation for top master's universities by Washington Monthly (2019)

 **6th**
Best online college in Texas by OnlineColleges.com (2019)

 **3rd**
Most affordable university in America by BestValueSchools.com (2018)

 **4th**
Best college in Texas by BestColleges.com (2018)

 **79th**
Among 300+ national universities by Washington Monthly (2018)

 **1st**
in the nation among public institutions for least student debt according to U.S. News & World Report (2020)

 **3rd**
America's Best Bank for the Buck Colleges: South by Washington Monthly (2020)

QUALITY · FLEXIBILITY · AFFORDABILITY

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 101 occupations require a graduate degree for entry.
- The number of jobs requiring a master's degree is projected to increase by 17% between 2016 and 2026.
- Students who obtain master's degrees earn, on average, \$12,000 more in entry-level positions.
- UTRGV offers graduate programs that align with the fastest growing careers.

Fastest Growing Occupations	% change 2018-2028	Medium annual wage (2018)
Occupational therapy assistants	33.1	\$60,220
Information security analysts	31.6	\$98,350
Physician assistants	31.1	\$108,610
Statisticians	30.7	\$87,780
Nurse practitioners	28.2	\$107,030
Speech-language pathologists	27.3	\$77,510
Physical therapist assistants	27.1	\$58,040
Genetic counselors	27.0	\$80,370
Mathematicians	26.0	\$101,900
Operations research analysts	25.6	\$83,390
Software developers, applications	25.6	\$103,620
Health specialties teachers, postsecondary	23.2	\$97,370
Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	22.5	\$44,630
Marriage and family therapists	22.3	\$50,090
Physical therapists	21.9	\$87,930
Respiratory therapists	20.8	\$60,280
Market research analysts and marketing specialists	20.4	\$63,120
Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary	20.0	\$73,490

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, [Fastest Growing Occupations], on the Internet at [<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing.htm>] (visited [October 2019])." * U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

55+

ON-CAMPUS AND ONLINE MASTER'S PROGRAMS
16-week-long semesters

Full-time students (9 hours/semester) can finish in as little as 2 years

40+

ACCELERATED ONLINE PROGRAMS
7-week-long modules

Full-time students (6 hours/module) can finish in as little as 1 year

9

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

34

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

SCHOLARSHIPS & ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$0

APPLICATION FEE

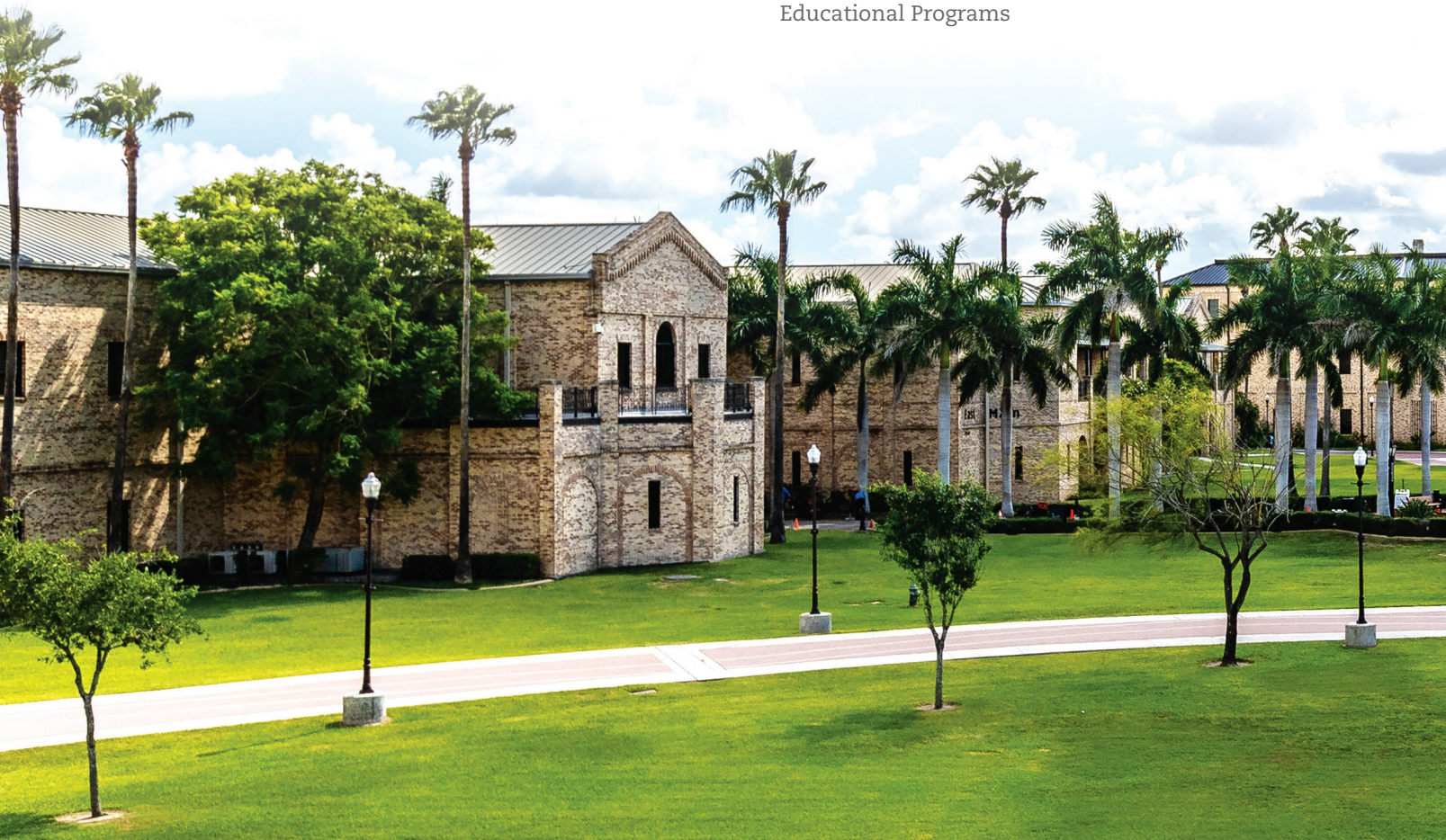
Except: Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and Physician Assistant Studies - Bridge.

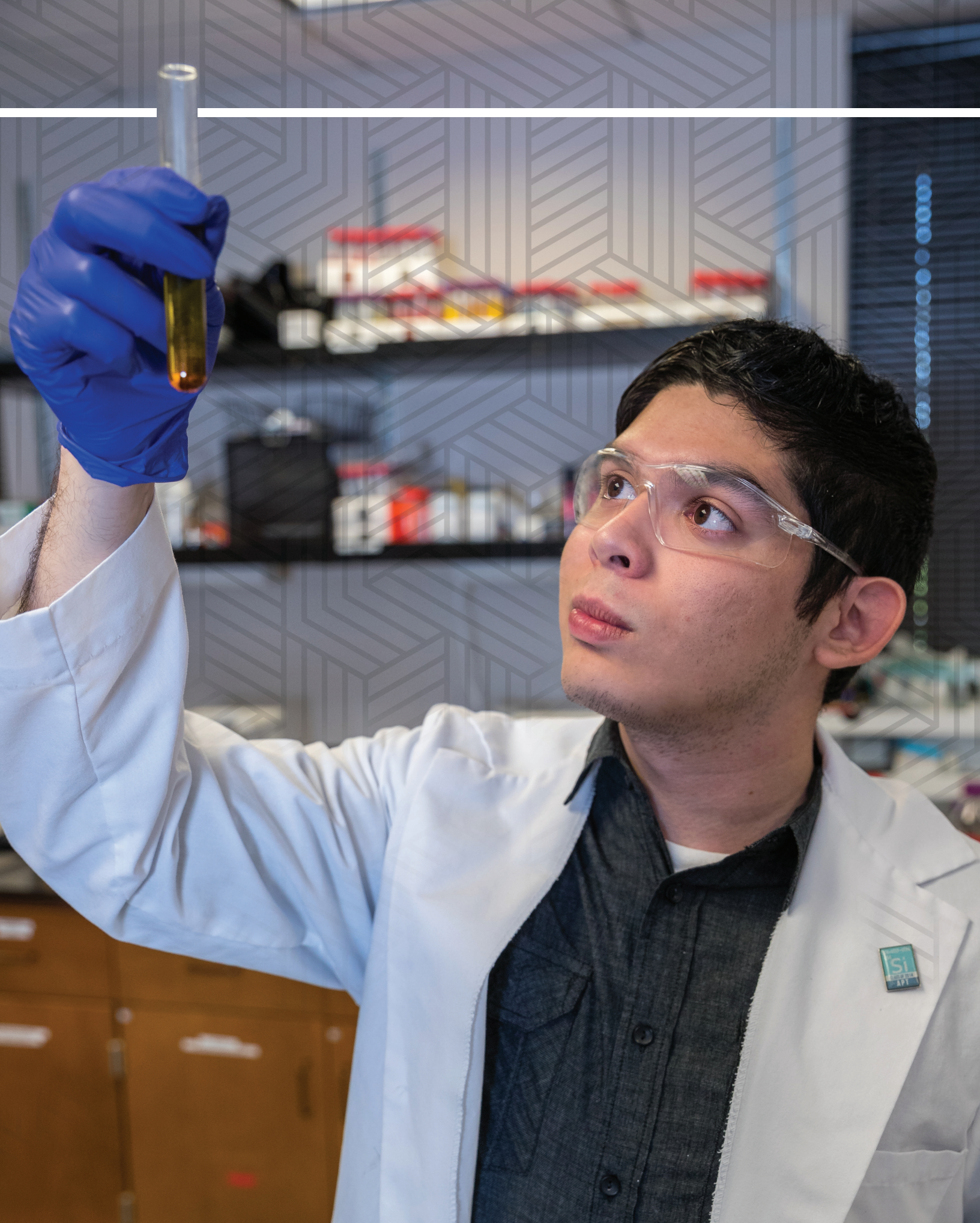
INSTITUTIONAL Accreditations

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Individual Program Accreditations and Recognitions

- **Robert C. Vackar College of Business & Entrepreneurship**
AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- **Educational Leadership (EdD) and Curriculum and Instruction (EdD)**
Admitted to the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)
- **Social Work (MSSW)**
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- **Music (MM)**
National Association of School of Music (NASM)
- **Department of Occupational Therapy**
Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
- **Department of Physician Assistant Studies**
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
- **School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling**
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- **Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders**
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- **Master's Degree in Nursing and Post-Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate**
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- **Counseling (MEd)**
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs





GRADUATE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND P-16 INTEGRATION

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Bilingual Education (MEd)²
Board Certified Behavior Analyst
(Certificate)
Certificado Avanzado en Educación
Bilingüe²
Counseling (MEd)
Content Specialization in English (MEd)³
Content Specialization in Mathematics³
Content Specialization in Elementary Math
and Science Education (MEd)³
Content Specialization in Mathematics
Education (MEd)³
Curriculum and Instruction (EdD)
Early Childhood Education (MEd)
Educational Leadership (EdD)
Educational Leadership (MEd)⁴
Educational Technology (MEd)³
E-Learning (Certificate)³
Higher Education Teaching (Certificate)³
Online Instructional Designer (Certificate)³
Principal Certification (6 Credit Hours) (Certificate)⁴
Reading and Literacy (MEd)²
Reading Specialist Certification (Certificate)²
School Psychology (MA)
Secondary Bilingual Education (Certificate)²
Special Education (MEd)³
Superintendent Certification (Certificate)
Teacher Leadership (MEd)⁴
Technology Leadership in Education
(Certificate)³
TxVSN Digital Literacies (Certificate)²

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

utrgv.edu/coec

Civil Engineering (MS)
Computer Science (MS)
Electrical Engineering (MSE)
Engineering Management (MS)
Information Technology (MS)
Manufacturing Engineering (MSE)
Materials (Certificate)
Mechanical Engineering (MSE)
Mechanics and Design (Certificate)
Thermal Fluid Science (Certificate)

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

utrgv.edu/cofa

Art (MFA)
Creative Writing (MFA)
Design (Certificate)
Latin American Art History (Certificate)
Music (MM)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

utrgv.edu/coha

Bilingual Counseling (Certificate)²
Bioethics (MS)²
Clinical Laboratory Science (Certificate)³
Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS)
Dietetics (MS)
Exercise Science (MS)
Expressive Arts Therapy (Certificate)
Health Sciences (MS)³
Concentration in Clinical Laboratory Sciences³
Concentration in Health Professions Education
and Technology³
Concentration in Healthcare Administration³
Concentration in Healthcare Informatics
Concentration in Nutrition³
Health Science Nutrition (Certificate)³
Healthcare Informatics (Certificate)³
Kinesiology (MS)²
Concentration in Physical Education³
Concentration in Health Health Professions
Education and Technology³
Concentration in Sport Management³
Occupational Therapy (OTD)
Physician Assistant Studies - Bridge
Program (MPAS)²
Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)
Rehabilitation Counseling (PhD)

ROBERT C. VACKAR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

utrgv.edu/cobe

Accountancy (MAcc)⁴
Advanced Business Administration
(Certificate)⁴
Business Administration (MBA)
General⁴
Specialization in Accounting (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Business Analytics (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Entrepreneurship (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Financial Planning (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Health Care
Administration (MBA)⁴

Specialization in Human Resource Management (MBA)⁴
Specialization in International Trade (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Marketing (MBA)⁴
Specialization in Philanthropy and Non-Profit Organizations (MBA)

Business Administration (PhD)
Business Administration in Spanish (MBA)³
Business Analytics (Certificate)⁴
Business Analytics (MS)³
Specialization in Healthcare Analytics⁴
Entrepreneurship (Certificate)
Healthcare Administration Leadership (Certificate)
Healthcare Analytics (Certificate)³
International Sustainability Management (Certificate)⁵
User Experience and User Interface Design (UX/UI) (Certificate)³

SCHOOL OF NURSING

utrgv.edu/nursing

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)
Nursing Administration (MSN)²
Nursing Education (MSN)²
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Certificate)²

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

utrgv.edu/social-work

Social Work (63-Hour)(MSSW)⁴
Social Work (MSSW)⁴
Concentration in Administration and Community Practice (Advanced Standing) (MSSW)⁴
Concentration in Direct Practice with Latino Individuals, Families, and Groups (Advanced Standing) (MSSW)⁴

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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Advanced Placement Spanish Literature (Certificate)²
Board Certified Behavior Analyst (Certificate)
Clinical Psychology (MA, PhD)
Communication (MA)
Communication Training and Consulting (Certificate)
Court Interpreting (Certificate)²
Criminal Justice (MS)⁴
Disaster Studies (MA)
English (MA)
English as a Second Language (MA)
Experimental Psychology (MA)
Gender and Women's Studies (Certificate)
Healthcare Interpreting (Certificate)²

History (MA)
Interdisciplinary Studies (MA)
Concentration in Anthropology
Concentration in Art History
Concentration in English
Concentration in History
Concentration in Mexican American Studies
Literary Translation (Certificate)²
Localization and Audiovisual Translation (Certificate)²
Media Relations and Strategic Communication (Certificate)
Mexican American Studies (Certificate)
Political Science (MA)
Public Affairs (MPA)⁴
Secondary English Language Arts (Certificate)
Sociology (MS)
Spanish (MA)
Spanish Translation and Interpreting (MA, Certificate)²

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

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Agricultural, Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (MS)
Applied Statistics and Data Science (MS)
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MS)
Biology (MS)
Chemistry (MS)
Interdisciplinary Studies (MS) Concentration in Science and Technology
Mathematics (Accelerated BS/MS 5-Year Program, MS)
Mathematics and Statistics with Interdisciplinary Applications (PhD)
Ocean, Coastal, and Earth Sciences (MS)
Physics (MS, PhD)[▲]

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

utrgv.edu/school-of-medicine

Bioethics (MS)²
Human Genetics (PhD)
Medical Science (MMS)²

Instructional method is traditional (face-to-face) unless otherwise noted.

² Online (16-week Semesters)

³ Accelerated Online (7-Week Courses)

⁴ On-Campus & Accelerated Online Options

⁵ Online (16-week semester) and Accelerated Online Options

[▲] Pending approval by the Department of Education

Graduate ADMISSIONS

While most of our graduate programs have rolling admissions, ideally, you should begin the application process several months in advance to ensure that you submit all documents on time and to have the best chance for scholarships and assistantships.

Admissions Checklist:

- Apply online: utrgv.edu/gradapply
- Submit your credential evaluation from Foreign Credential Service of America (FCSA) or World Education Services (WES). Applicants are required to select the course-by-course report option – general reports will not suffice.
- Submit official English Proficiency exam scores. (TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English Test)
- Send your official GRE or GMAT scores (if applicable)
- Other documents requested by the program (varies by program). Review requirements at utrgv.edu/grad
- The application fee is waived for all graduate programs, except for Physician Assistant Studies, Occupational Therapy, Communication Sciences & Disorders, Physician Assistant Studies Bridge Program, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Check the status of your application and review the final decision, through your self-service center at utrgv.edu/selfservice.
**If you will be pursuing your degree as an *International Student, please complete the following steps with International Admissions & Student Services to finalize your admissions process. *International Student is defined as someone who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident and has a visa status or will require one to pursue their studies in a U.S. higher education institution.*
- Submit financial documentation
- Submit immigration documents

FAQ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does my program require the GRE or GMAT?

Visit www.utrgv.edu/gradprograms to see if your program requires the GRE or GMAT exam.

Where can I register for the GRE? What is UTRGV's GRE code?

You can register to take the GRE at ets.org/gre and send us your scores using the **GRE Code 6570**.

Where can I register for the GMAT? What is UTRGV's GMAT code?

You can register to take the GMAT at mba.com and send us your scores using the **GMAT Code 9P3**.

I attended a legacy institution (UT Pan American, UT Brownsville, or Texas Southmost College). Do I need to request those transcripts to be sent to UTRGV?

No, we have access to all transcripts from our legacy institutions and can upload them to your application.

I started a graduate application. How do I log back into my application?

Visit utrgv.edu/selfservice to log in with your username and password that you previously created. Do not create another application.

Where do I send my official transcripts?

You can get them sent electronically to gradapps@utrgv.edu or mail them to: The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
The Graduate College
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158
1201 W. University Dr., Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

What are the minimum English Proficiency Exam scores?

TOEFL minimum: 550 paper based, 79 internet based
IELTS minimum: 6.5
Duolingo English Test score minimum of 105
(Applicants with a score of 105 or above may also be required to participate in a Zoom or Skype interview before receiving a final decision.)



How long is a TOEFL or IELTS score valid?

The TOEFL and the IELTS exam scores have a two year validity period.

Do you have exemptions for the English Proficiency Exam (TOEFL or IELTS)?

To view a list of exempt countries visit UTRGV.edu/grad

Do I need to get my transcripts evaluated by an evaluation agency?

International applicants are required to use the following credential evaluation services: Foreign Credential Service of America (FCSA) or World Education Services (WES). Applicants are required to select the course-by-course report option – general reports will not suffice.

How many credit hours do I need to be enrolled if I have a F1 visa?

Nine credit hours per semester is the minimum; please contact the International Admissions and Student Services Office at international@utrgv.edu for more details.

Is proof of health insurance required for international students?

Medical insurance is mandatory for any enrolled international students on non-immigrant visa J-1, J-2, F-1, F-2. An insurance waiver is available for students with medical coverage. Although, medical insurance is strongly recommended, F-1/F-2 Mexican students are exempt from this health insurance requirement. For information on waivers, contact the International Admissions and Student Services office at international@utrgv.edu

Who should I contact to assist me with inquires on the student visa process?

International Admissions and Student Services
1-(956) 882-7092 | 1- (956) 665-2922
utrgv.edu/iass | international@utrgv.edu

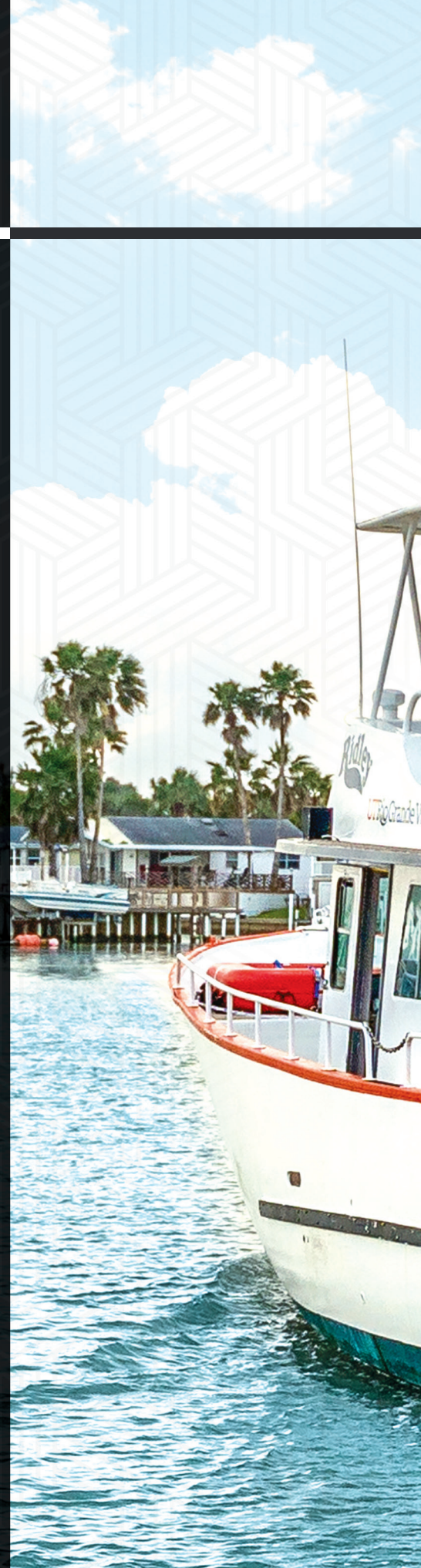
Research CENTERS

At UTRGV, we have **15 research centers and institutes**

- Center for Advanced Radio Astronomy (CARA)
- Center for Excellence in STEM Education
- University Transportation Center for Railway Safety (UTCRS)
- Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC)
- South Texas Industrial Assessment Center
- Spacecraft Tracking and Astronomical Research into Gigahertz Astrophysical Transient Emission (STARGATE)
- Nanotechnology Center of Excellence
- The Institute for Neuroscience
- Center for Vector-Borne Disease (CVBD)
- Coastal Studies Laboratory
- Center for Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Advancement (SARA)
- Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy (CGWA)
- The South Texas Diabetes and Obesity Institute (STDOI)
- Dr. Cristina V. Torres Memorial Astronomical Observatory
- Center for Innovation and Commercialization

KEY RESEARCH Areas

- Diabetes, Obesity, and Human Genetics
- Gravitational Wave and Advanced Radio Astronomy
- Space Science Technology (STARGATE)
- Material Science and Engineering
- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- Optics
- Coastal Resilience and Disaster Studies
- Ocean Intelligence
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Advanced Renewable Energy
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Biophysics
- Computational Biology
- Applied Statistics and Data Science
- Mathematics (nonlinear waves, fluid dynamics, solitons, integrable systems)





Costs & FINANCING

Scholarships

UTRGV scholarship opportunities for graduate students can all be found in one place. Visit utrgv.edu/gradscholarships for more information or contact us at scholarships@utrgv.edu.

Assistantships

Assistantships give students the opportunity to work on campus (up to 20-hour work weeks) and are based on college/institutional demands and funds. Three types of assistantships are offered:

- Teaching
- Research
- Graduate

Please see your program director about the different assistantships available in your field of study. Visit careers.utrgv.edu for additional graduate assistantship opportunities.

Texas Resident Tuition Rate

The Texas resident tuition rate may be granted to students who receive a teaching or research assistantship in their discipline or who are awarded a competitive scholarship of over \$1,000.

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Payment Options

UTRGV provides payment plans to assist with the cost of tuition and fees. Eligible students may elect one of two payment assistance options during the term of registration:

- **Installment Plan:** This plan is available to any student unable to pay the full amount or partial amount due by the university due dates. Installment plans consist of 4 payments.
Note: This is not available for summer sessions and accelerated online students.
- **Emergency Tuition and Fee Loan:** This plan defers the payment of qualified tuition and fee charges to a future date.

You can set up payment plans online through your my.utrgv.edu account within the ASSIST application. For additional information, contact student_billing@utrgv.edu or call 956-665-7824 or 956-665-2191.

Tuition Rates for Fall 2021 - Summer 2022

Traditional (16-Week Semester) Programs		
Residency	Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Per 9-Credit-Hour Semester
Texas Resident	\$1,584.89	\$4,754.67
Non-Resident/International	\$2,808.89	\$8,426.67
Accelerated Online (7-Week Term) Programs		
Per 3-Credit-Hour Course	Average Program Cost	No Additional Fees!!
\$1,333.32 - \$1,416.66	~\$15,000	
Tuition for Accelerated Programs stays the same regardless of residency!		





IMPORTANT CONTACT *Information*

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