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TWC and THECB Unveil New Online Resource for Prospective College Students

Texas CREWS Web application compares wage, employment and student loan data across Texas colleges

AUSTIN – Prospective college students exploring higher education options in Texas now have an additional resource to help them choose the right college and program of study. As part of a federal Workforce Data Quality Initiative, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) partnered to create Texas CREWS (Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics). This user-friendly Web application compares employment, wage and student loan debt data across Texas’ public two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Texas CREWS can be accessed online at txcrews.org.

“Texas CREWS assists students and parents in connecting the value between a college program of study with marketable workplace skills essential to employment prospects and long-term career success,” said TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “This interactive tool provides students with better information to guide their decisions about post-secondary fields of study.”

With easy-to-use scroll-down menus and color charts, Texas CREWS features actual labor market data for graduates up to 10 years post-college. This online tool also allows for side-by-side comparisons of programs across multiples institutions.

“Texas CREWS provides students and parents with comparative data for the diverse higher education opportunities in Texas,” said THECB Commissioner Raymund Paredes. “This enables students to make informed decisions about their college and career choices.”

Alongside Texas CREWS, prospective students can use the information from TWC’s other online tools, such as [Texas CARES](#) (Career Alternatives Resource Evaluation System) to:

- estimate their monthly living expenses
- create a budget
- access regional labor market information, including salary and job projections
- view more than 320 occupational videos
- utilize self-scoring assessment tools to determine what careers and areas of study match their interests and values

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“Texas CREWS and TWC’s other online tools allow students to evaluate their career and college options based not solely on their interests, but also on that program and the ability of the college to provide them with the skills and training needed to secure a good job and prepare them for long-term success in the workforce after graduation,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

Users may also find information on the availability and location of jobs in their chosen field at WorkInTexas.com, TWC’s online job-matching website.

“Texas CREWS is a cutting-edge research tool that prepares Texas students with the information they need to succeed and contributes to developing the high-skilled workers that will meet the future demand of Texas employers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “We need to make sure that every student in Texas is aware of this most important tool for them to access while planning for their future.”

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board promotes access, affordability, quality, success, and cost efficiency in the state’s institutions of higher education, through Closing the Gaps and its successor plan, resulting in a globally competent workforce that positions Texas as an international leader in an increasingly complex world economy.