

## The University of Texas at Tyler University Description

The University of Texas at Tyler was established in 1971 as Tyler State College, renamed as Texas Eastern University in 1975, and joined The University of Texas System (UTS) as The University of Texas at Tyler in 1979. As one of nine UTS academic institutions, UT Tyler is governed by the Office of the System Chancellor and the UTS Board of Regents in compliance with all UTS policies and procedures. In 2018, UT Tyler moved up in Carnegie Classification to Doctoral/Professional University. In December 2021, UT Tyler moved up again to R2: Doctoral Universities-High Research Activity. In 2021, UT Tyler was officially named as a full member of NCAA Division II by the national committee.

In 2020, the UTS Board of Regents announced the consolidation of UT Tyler and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (HSC) into one institution operating as UT Tyler and announced plans to establish a School of Medicine. The Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees approved the proposal for the merger in December 2020. The UTS Board of Regents named Kirk A. Calhoun, MD, FACP as the fifth President of the new unified UT Tyler in January 2021. In December 2022, SACSCOC reaffirmed institutional accreditation. The Fifth Year Interim Report to include the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Impact Report is scheduled in 2027 and the next decennial reaffirmation will be in 2031.

The University of Texas at Tyler offers 48 baccalaureate degree programs, 37 master's degree programs, two professional doctoral programs, three Ph.D. programs, one DNP program, one Ed.D. program, and two post-baccalaureate certificates. The university awards approximately 3,000 degrees a year. The University is organized into six academic colleges and three schools: The Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Psychology, College of Engineering, the Soules College of Business, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, and the Honors College.

UT Tyler employs 430 Full-Time Faculty as reported in the 2022 IPEDS Human Resources Survey. Instructional locations include the main Tyler Campus, and on the Health Science Center, the Houston Engineering Center, the Longview University Center, and the Palestine off-campus instructional sites in addition to online courses and programs. The University receives revenue from a variety of sources, including state appropriations, federal appropriations, philanthropic donations, and tuition revenue.

**UT Tyler Mission Statement:** *UT Tyler is a comprehensive public university. We help our students, patients, and community members achieve their educational and health goals by offering a combination of excellence in higher education, research, public services, and advanced healthcare delivery.*

**UT Tyler Vision Statement:** *We aspire to be an impactful, values-centered institution unified in common purpose; a community that fosters opportunity, committed to providing a uniquely balanced student experience and improving the quality of human life.*

### **UT Tyler Values:**

**Servant Leadership:** *We put the needs of our students, patients, colleagues, and community, first.*

**Excellence:** *We work collaboratively every day to be better and strive to establish and achieve exemplary outcomes.*

**Accountability:** *We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards and manage the resources of UT Tyler wisely.*

**Diversity:** *We respect and value diversity in ideas, peoples, and cultures and strive to create an inclusive and equitable community.*

The university is dedicated to supporting students primarily within the 14-county East Texas region. However, UT Tyler students come from around the United States and dozens of countries around the world. The university is committed to providing a setting for free inquiry and expects excellence in teaching, research, artistic performances and professional public service provided by faculty, staff, and students. As a community of scholars, the university develops the individual's critical thinking skills, appreciation of the arts, humanities and sciences, an international understanding for participation in a global society, and professional knowledge and skills to enhance economic productivity with a commitment to lifelong learning.

Students learn from faculty scholars with national recognition as experts in their disciplines and in professions as medicine, engineering, public administration, education, business, health sciences, and technology. Within an environment of

academic freedom, faculty and students engage in research and creative activity, both to develop and maintain their own scholarly expertise and to extend human knowledge. The results of that research and other creative efforts are made available to students in the classroom and to the general public through publication, technology transfer, and public service activities. The institution seeks to serve individuals who desire to enhance their professional development, broaden their perspectives, or enrich their lives.

The University of Texas at Tyler is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The University of Texas at Tyler may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of The University of Texas at Tyler may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).