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 eight 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 from M1: Master's Colleges and Universities-Larger Programs to Doctoral/Professional University, and 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 the East Texas 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.

UT Tyler offers more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, two post-master’s certificates, and three HSC graduate programs following the merger. Doctoral programs include two professional doctoral programs, three Ph.D. programs, and one Ed.D. program. The university awards approximately 2,000 degrees a year. The University is organized into five academic colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Psychology, College of Engineering, The Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy, and the Soules College of Business and three schools, School of Nursing, School of Rural and Community Health and School of Biological Medical Sciences.

The University of Texas Tyler employs more than 950 full-time employees, including 600 faculty members with more than 70 percent fulltime faculty. 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 service, 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 also come from around the United States and from dozens of countries around the world. The university is committed to providing a setting for free inquiry and expects excellence in the teaching, research,
artistic performances and professional public service provided by its 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, international understanding for participation in the global society, professional knowledge and skills to enhance economic productivity, and commitment to lifelong learning.

Within an environment of academic freedom, students learn from faculty scholars who have nationally recognized expertise in the arts and sciences, and in such professions as engineering, public administration, education, business, health sciences, and technology. The faculty engages 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 also 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. 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).