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Information in this catalog pertains to Lamar State College-Port Arthur. For information concerning other Lamar campuses, consult their respective catalogs.

The institution is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educational institution and employer. Students, faculty and staff members are selected without regard to their race, color, creed, handicap, age, sex or national origin, consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246 as issued and amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Inquiries concerning application of these regulations should be referred to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gary Stretcher, by phone (409) 984-6209 or by mail at P.O. Box 310, Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310.

Any person who needs information about filing a grievance based on the conditions set forth by Title IX as indicated above should go the Student Handbook as published on our Web Site at www.lamarpa.edu and follow the procedures also provided under the heading of "Academic Grievance Procedures." If further assistance is required, you may contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the address and/or phone number listed above.

Cover photo:

A group of Lamar State College-Port Arthur students check out the college's new float, which features the new Seahawk mascot and new school colors, Columbia Blue and Navy Blue. The college appears in a variety of parades and events in the Golden Triangle every year.

Lamar State College Port Arthur Mission Statement

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open-access, comprehensive public two-year college offering quality instruction leading to associate degrees and a variety of certificates. The college, a member of The Texas State University System, has provided affordable, quality educational opportunities to residents of the Southeast Texas area since 1909.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur embraces the premise that education is an on-going process that enhances career potential, broadens intellectual horizons and enriches life. The faculty, staff and administration share a commitment to a mission characterized by student learning, diversity and community service.

The foundations for student success include compensatory education programs designed to fulfill our commitment to accommodate students with diverse goals and backgrounds, technical education programs that provide for the acquisition of the skills and demeanor necessary for initial and continued employment, and a core curriculum that develops the values and concepts that allow the student to make a meaningful contribution in the workplace or community.

Student achievement is measured by the completion of courses and programs of study, successful performance following transfer to a baccalaureate program and the attainment of individual goals.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur operates in the belief that all individuals should be:

- * Treated with dignity and respect;
- * Afforded equal opportunity to acquire a complete educational experience;
- * Given an opportunity to discover and develop their special aptitudes and insights;
- * Provide an opportunity to equip themselves for a fulfilling life and responsible citizenship in a world characterized by change.



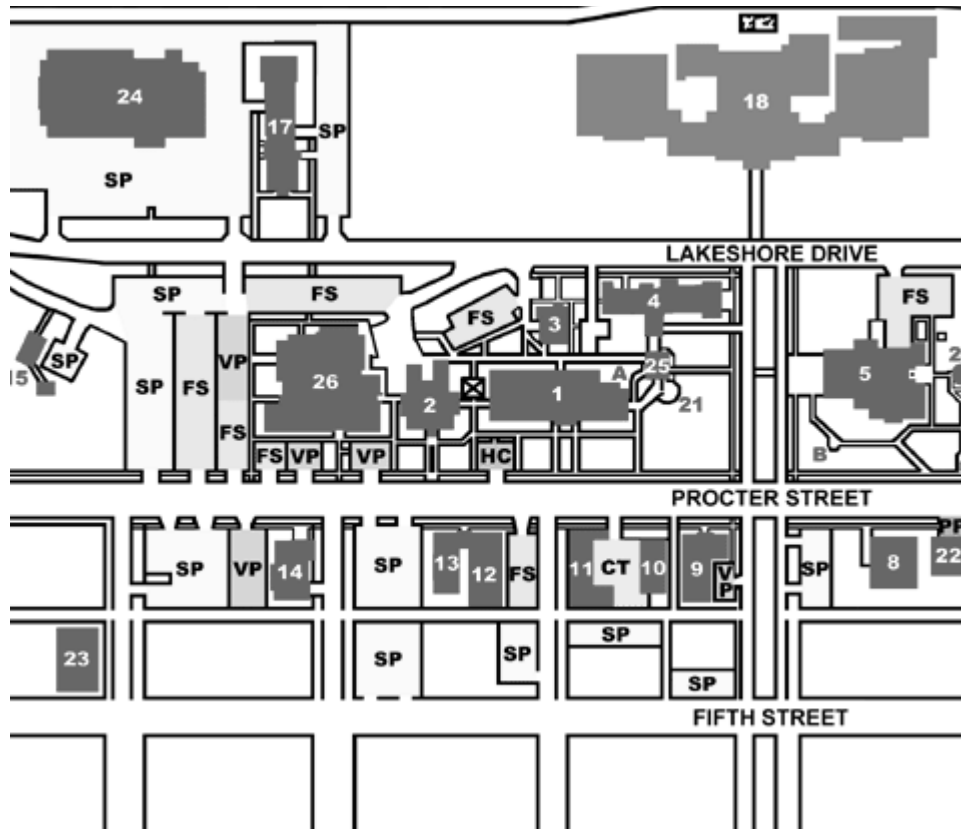
Lamar State College Port Arthur



Founded in 1909 and committed to quality education

Campus Map

1. Madison Monroe Building (MMED)
2. Student Center (PAMP)
3. Faculty Offices & Bookstore (FOB)
4. Ruby Fuller Building (RFED)
5. Gates Memorial Library
6. Engineering Technology (PAET)
7. Cosmetology Center (PACB)
8. Child Care Development Center (PACC)
9. Business Office
10. Automotive Technology Center (PAME)
11. Auto Body Center (PABD)
12. Educational Annex (PAEA)
13. Process Technology Building (PAPT)

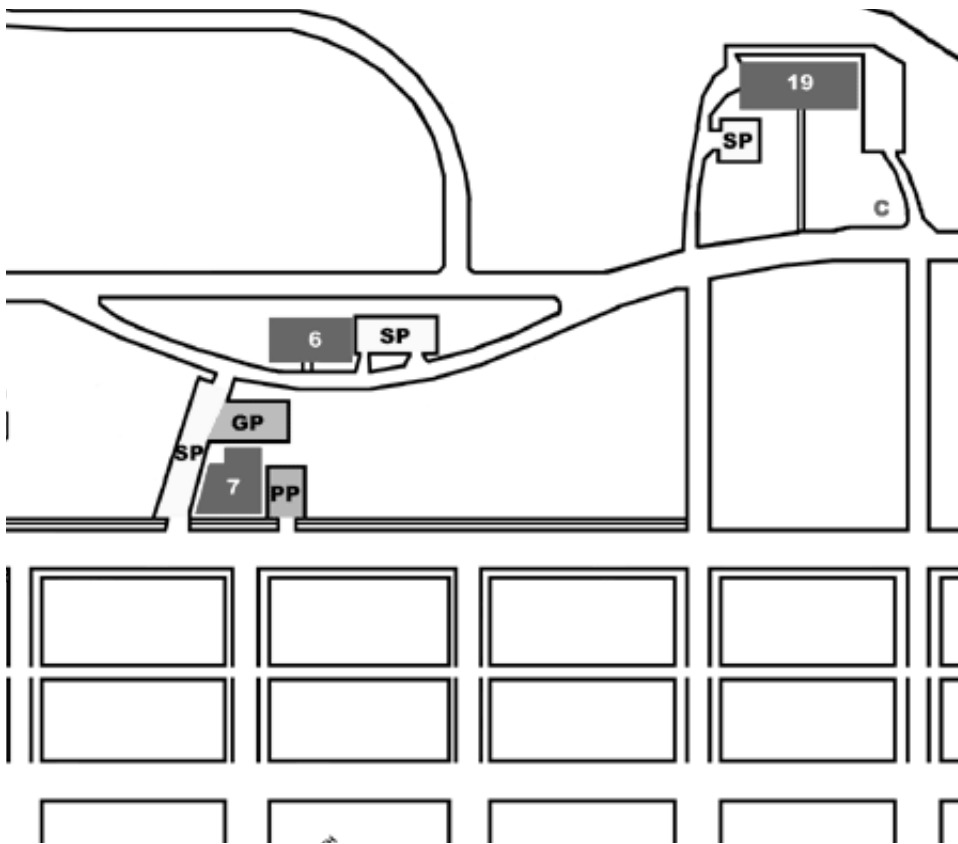


SP = Student Parking

FP = Faculty Parking

GP = General Parking

- 14. Allied Health (AH)
- 15. Vuylsteke Home
- 16. Physical Plant Office/Supply Center
- 17. Lamar Lecture Hall (LECT)
- 18. Woodrow Wilson Middle School
- 19. Armory/Welding & H.V.A.C. Building (AMRY)
- 20. Bandstand
- 21. Student Plaza
- 22. Small Business Development Center
- 23. Physical Plant Garage
- 24. Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center (PMPC)
- 25. Faculty Office Pavilion (FOP)
- 26. Performing Arts Center (PAC)



PP = Patron Parking

HC = Handicap Parking

VP = Visitor Parking

2005-2006 Calendar

Fall Semester 2005

July 2005

14 New student orientation

August 2005

3 Payment deadline for early enrollment students

4 New student orientation

12 Commencement

23 Final day of Fall 2005 general registration

24 Classes begin – schedule revisions, late registration with penalty fee

26 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee

Applications for December 2005 graduation begin

27 Saturday classes begin

Required orientation meeting for students enrolled in on-line courses

August, 2005						
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September 2005

5 Labor Day – no classes, offices closed

9 Twelfth class day

28 First tuition and fee installment payment due

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October 2005

5 Final day to drop or withdraw from classes without academic penalty

Final day to petition for no grade

26 Second and final tuition and fee installment payment due

28 Distribution of Winter Mini-Session and Spring 2006 Semester class schedule

29 Fall semester is 60 percent complete – critical date for financial aid students*

31 Advising for Winter Mini-Session and Spring 2006 Semester begins

November 2005

4 Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans

7 Registration for Winter Mini-Session and Spring 2006

Semester begins

11 Final day to drop or withdraw from all classes (a grade will be recorded)

14 Final day to apply for December graduation

Final day to pay for diploma, cap, and gown

23 Thanksgiving Holidays begin at 5 p.m. No evening classes

24-26 Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes, offices closed

28 Classes resume

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December 2005

6 Finals preparation day – no classes prior to 5 p.m.

6 Final examinations begin at 5 p.m.

7-13 Final examinations continue

14 Grades for graduating students due by 4:30 p.m.

15 All other student grades due by 9 a.m.

16 Commencement

19 Winter Mini-Session begins

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Spring Semester 2006

January 2006

- 10 Final day of Spring Semester general registration (without late fee)
Final examinations for Winter Mini-session courses
Mini-Session grades due by 4 p.m.
- 11 Spring Semester classes begin
Schedule revisions and late registration with penalty fee
- 13 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration
with penalty fee
- 14 Saturday classes begin
Required orientation meeting for students enrolled in on-line courses
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observed, no classes, offices closed
- 17 Applications for May 2006 graduation begin
- 27 Twelfth Class Day

January, 2006						
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February 2006

- 15 First tuition and fee payment installment due
- 22 Final day to drop or withdraw without academic penalty
- 22 Final day to petition for no grade

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March 2006

- 11 Spring recess begins at 5 p.m.
- 13-18 Spring Break
- 20 Classes resume
- 21 Second tuition and fee installment payment due
- 28 Spring semester is 60 percent complete – critical date for financial aid students*
- 31 Distribution of 2006 Summer/Fall class schedule

March, 2006						
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April 2006

- 3 Advising for Spring Mini-Session, Summer and Fall begins
- 7 Registration for Spring Mini-Session, Summer and Fall
begins
Final day to apply for May graduation
Final day to pay for diploma, cap, and gown
Final day to drop or withdraw from all courses (a grade will be recorded)
Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Spring Semester
- 14-15 Easter Holidays – no classes

April, 2006						
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May 2006

- 2 Finals preparation day - no classes prior to 5 p.m.
Final examinations begin at 5 p.m.
- 3-9 Final examinations continue
- 10 Grades for graduating students due by 4:30 p.m.
- 11 All other grades due by 4 p.m.
- 12 Commencement
- 15 Spring Mini-Session begins
- 29 Memorial Day – no classes
- 30 Final examinations for Spring Mini-Session courses
Spring Mini-Session grades due by 4 p.m.

May, 2006						
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Summer Session 2006

First Term

May 2006

- 30 Final day of Summer I general registration
 31 Classes begin - day and evening courses
 Schedule revisions, late registration with penalty fee

June, 2006						
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June 2006

- 1 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
 2 Application for August graduation begins
 6 Fourth class day
 12 Final day to drop or withdraw without academic penalty
 Final day to petition for no grade
 22 Summer I is 60 percent complete
 29 Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Summer I
 30 Final day to drop or withdraw from Summer I courses (a grade will be recorded)

July, 2006						
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July 2006

- 3 Final examinations in evening courses
 4 Independence Day Holiday – no classes, offices closed
 5 Final examinations in day classes. Summer I term ends
 6 All grades due by noon
 7 Final day to pay for diploma, cap, and gown
 Final day to apply for August graduation

Second Term

July 2006

- 6 Summer II day and evening classes begin
 Schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
 7 Final day for schedule revisions and/or late registration with penalty fee
 12 Fourth Class Day
 14 Final day to drop or withdraw from all classes without academic penalty
 Final day to petition for no grade
 18 New Student Orientation
 28 Summer II is 60 percent complete

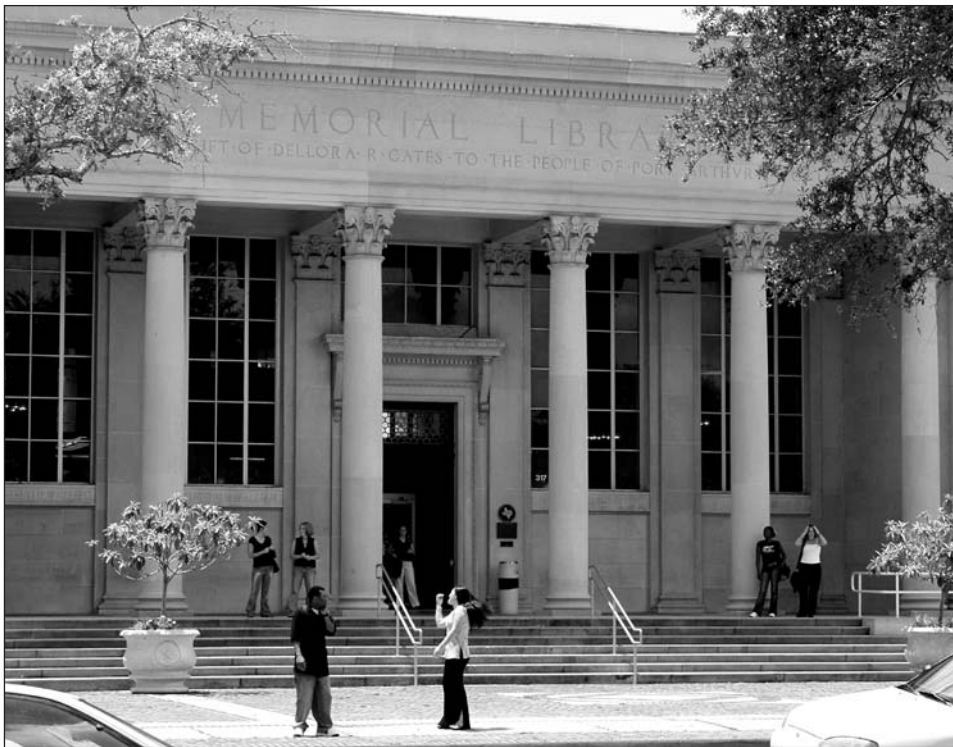
August 2006

- 1 New Student Orientation
- 2 Final day to drop or withdraw from all classes
- 4 Final day to pay short-term TPEG loans for Summer II
- 8 Final examinations in evening courses
- 10 Final examinations in day courses. Summer II term ends.
- 11 Final grades for graduating students due by 8:30 a.m.
All other grades due by noon
- 11 Commencement

August, 2006						
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* The 60-percent date is extremely important for financial aid students who withdraw during a semester. It determines what reimbursements they may have to make to grant or loan programs.

For details, see the Financial Aid section of this bulletin.



The Gates Memorial Library is on the National Register of Historic Places. The library includes a student computer lab, a quiet study carrel area, group study areas, a periodical reading room, extensive book stack areas, a microfilm room, audiovisual services, a reference desk and an on-line catalog network.



A ship in the Sabine-Neches waterway passes Lamar-Port Arthur's new \$5.9 million Performing Arts Center, which opened in December 2004. The building provides space for seven classrooms, an art studio, a 400-seat theater, a black box rehearsal theater and a state-of-the-art recording studio.

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General Information

Location

Lamar State College-Port Arthur, a two-year, state-supported institution, is a member of The Texas State University System. Located in Port Arthur, an industrial and cultural center of Southeast Texas, the college offers freshman- and sophomore-level work in numerous academic and technical/vocational fields. The campus sits between the 1,000 and 1,800 blocks of Procter Street and Lakeshore Drive.

The city has modern public schools, churches, shopping districts and recreation areas serving a community of approximately 70,000 persons. Principal area industries are oil refining, chemical production, shipping and shipbuilding. The metropolitan area, known as the Golden Triangle, includes the cities of Beaumont, Orange, Vidor, Port Neches, Nederland, Groves and Bridge City. All lie within 25 miles of Port Arthur and form the heart of the upper Texas Gulf Coast where approximately 350,000 live.

History

John W. Gates of New York City, one of the founders of Texaco, established Port Arthur Business College in 1909, to train people for the petrochemical industry, then in its infancy. The college became Port Arthur Collegiate Institute in 1911, when the school was presented to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, a forerunner of the present United Methodist Temple. The church operated the growing campus until 1918, when it was turned over to a non-profit Texas corporation. This corporation had no capital stock and was overseen by a self-perpetuating board of trustees. The name of the school was changed back to Port Arthur Business College and finally, in 1932, to Port Arthur College.

On July 31, 1974, another milestone in the school's history was reached. W. Sam Monroe, president of Port Arthur College and a Lamar University regent, presented his fellow members of the Lamar board a resolution seeking merger of Port Arthur College into Lamar University. The 21 trustees of the school agreed that the merger would be in the best interests of both institutions and their constituencies.

The 64th Legislature of the State of Texas authorized the merger and appropriated \$600,000 for creation of the Lamar University Center at Port Arthur. On Aug. 21, 1975, the trustees presented the deed for Port Arthur College to the Lamar University Board of Regents. Classes began on the Port Arthur campus on Aug. 28, 1975.

Since the merger in 1975, enrollment increased from 151 students to a peak of more than 3,000 and the curriculum has been expanded to more than 50 areas of study.

In 1977, the 65th Legislature approved **House Bill 1134** renaming the campus as Lamar University-Port Arthur; the "Extension Center" designation was dropped.

In 1983, the 68th Legislature passed three bills which directly affected the college

1. **Senate Bill 409** in effect deleted the restrictive language of H.B. 130 (passed in 1971 by the 63rd Legislature), thereby making Lamar University-Port Arthur eligible, on an equal basis with other state institutions, for state funds to be utilized in the purchase of land and/or buildings.

2. **Senate Bill 410** provided Lamar University regents with the authority to levy a fixed student fee and the authority to bond against said fee for construction of a student center building on the Port Arthur campus. This legislation was validated by a majority vote of the Lamar University-Port Arthur student body in November 1983.

3. **Senate Bill 620** created the Lamar University System. Lamar University-Port Arthur thus became a component institution of that system on Aug. 29, 1983.

In 1985, two bills affected the school:

1. **Senate Bill 578** in 1985 provided that Lamar University-Port Arthur should be renamed a beneficiary institution and receive funds through the Higher Education Assistance Fund.

2. **The General Appropriations Act of 1985** directed that a formula be developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide operational funding to Lamar University-Port Arthur on the same basis as other state-supported institutions of higher education.

Senate Bill 78 in 1989 removed restrictions imposed by earlier legislation on the acquisition of real estate and the construction of facilities on campus.

Senate Bill 843 in 1991 clarified the issue of degree-granting authority by granting permission for Lamar University-Port Arthur to issue associate degrees in its own name.

Effective Sept. 1, 1995, by action of the Texas Legislature, the Lamar University System was abolished and Lamar University-Port Arthur along with sister institutions in Orange and Beaumont joined The Texas State University System. With offices in Austin, TSUS includes Angelo State University, Sam Houston State University, Southwest Texas State University and Sul Ross State University.

House Bill 1297 was signed into law in June 1999, changing the name of the institution to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

Accreditation

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Facilities

The Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus contains 22 buildings situated on approximately 40 acres. Most of these facilities were donated for the creation of the institution. The following is a listing of the institutions and organizations whose facilities contributed to Lamar State College-Port Arthur: Port Arthur College, the City of Port Arthur, the Port Arthur College Foundation, Southern Union Gas, the First United Methodist Church of Port Arthur and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Academic and Technical Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur offers general academic courses leading to Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. Courses for transfer to four-year institutions are offered in accounting, economics, anthropology, art, government, health, home economics, physical education, physics, history, speech, computer science, mathematics, psychology, biology, chemistry, geography, geology, sociology, criminal justice, music, drama, English and Spanish.

A student can complete two full years of course work and satisfy the majority of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. In most majors, a student can complete virtually all of his or her freshman and sophomore course work in Port Arthur and be fully prepared to move into junior- and senior-level course work at Lamar University in Beaumont or another senior institution.

The technical education curriculum at Lamar State College-Port Arthur includes programs in accounting, administrative assistant, air conditioning and refrigeration, automotive technology, child development/early childhood, computer information systems, cosmetology, electronics, industrial instrumentation, legal assistant, legal secretary, management development, medical office administration, microcomputer support specialist, substance abuse counseling, surgical technology, vocational nursing and upward mobility (registered) nursing. Most of these are two-year programs leading to associate of applied science degrees. Certificates of completion are also available to those students completing one-semester and one-year programs of study in most of these fields. These programs are not designed for transfer to a university.

Entering Dates

Courses and schedules have been arranged so students may enter Lamar State College-Port Arthur four times each year. The current calendar contains information regarding registration periods and starting dates for classes.

Evening Classes

Classes offered after 4:30 p.m. are considered evening classes. Day and evening classes are taught by faculty with comparable credentials, and educational facilities are the same. Persons employed during the day may attend classes in the evening and study to obtain a degree or to expand their knowledge in a special field of interest.

Continuing Education

Lamar State College-Port Arthur recognizes that providing lifelong learning opportunities is an integral part of its primary mission of teaching and community service. Continuing Education courses and programs are an extension of the traditional college learning process, available to community residents in appropriate subject areas where there is sufficient interest.

Non-credit, continuing education courses are generally open to anyone who is 18 or older, with provision for enrolling younger students under certain conditions.

Courses may be offered where there are qualified instructors, suitable facilities on or off campus, and sufficient demand. Various instructional methods and techniques are used to accomplish the objectives of the courses, including lecture, laboratory practice, seminars, workshops, conferences, and presentation via the Internet.

The college welcomes suggestions and requests for non-credit courses. Contact the Dean of Academic and Continuing Education Programs for information or to suggest a course.

Learning Center

The Learning Center aids students needing assistance with study skills or remediation in the areas of math, English and reading. Computer-aided tutorial programs and peer tutors are available to such students.

The Learning Center administers the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Exam, the General Education Development Test (GED or high school equivalence test), the THEA, Quick THEA and the ASSET test battery and other diagnostic instruments. The center also has information on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) Test and offers test preparation sessions. The Learning Center is located in Room 208 of the Madison Monroe Building.

Gates Memorial Library

The Gates Memorial Library is one of the most attractive academic library buildings in the state. The two-story Classical Revival building was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

After a major \$2.1 million addition and renovation was completed in 2004, the library now includes a 50-station open student computer lab, a quiet study carrel area, group study areas, a periodical reading room, extensive stack areas, a microform room, individual audiovisual rooms, a multi-purpose conference room and expanded reference and access services areas. Plenty of soft seating inside the library complements an idyllic outside fountain garden surrounded by year-around patio seating. The on-line public access catalog is available 24 hours a day on or off campus and is part of a system that automates the major library components. The library is open 70 hours and six days per week during regular semesters.

Collections are developed in support of all of the college's educational programs. Materials are accessible in many formats, including paper, microforms, videotapes, DVDs, CD-ROMs and the Internet. Through password authentication, students and faculty have continuous access to the library's vast electronic holdings, from anywhere on or off campus. The total volume count numbers more than 45,000 and an e-book collection provides an additional 24,000 titles. The total periodical count numbers more than 26,000 subscriptions in both paper and electronic formats. Special areas feature a law collection, a textbook collection, a career collection, a children's collection, a Texana collection, a rare book collection and a best-seller collection.

The Gates Library is a member of AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, which provides inter-library loan services to more than 400 libraries statewide and 20,000 libraries worldwide. Other affiliations included the Consortium of Academic Libraries and Learning Resources and TexShare, which provides on-site borrowing services for Lamar-Port Arthur students and faculty at most academic libraries statewide. Students also may use their student ID to check out materials at the Beaumont and Orange campuses and at the Port Arthur Public Library.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center provides the highest quality care to children of Lamar-Port Arthur students, faculty and staff. The center is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to care for children ages 18 months to five years.

The center also serves as a laboratory school for students who are majoring in Child Development/Early Childhood. Students provide the children with additional one-to-one attention, and they participate in the development and presentation of the young children's curriculum.

The center provides affordable childcare in a convenient and safe campus location. Parents who are majoring in Technical/Vocational programs may qualify for financial assistance. For information, visit the center at 1425 Procter Street.

The Museum of the Gulf Coast

The Museum of the Gulf Coast, located at 700 Procter St. in historic Port Arthur, uses creative approaches and outstanding programs to tell the history of the Upper Gulf Coast and its rich cultural heritage. It has grown into one of the most significant educational and tourist attractions in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Among its permanent exhibits are the those that describe the geology and prehistory of the region, its earliest inhabitants, the first European contacts and the establishment of the oil industry. The museum also features the Snell Gallery, which is dedicated to the decorative arts, and a popular culture exhibit focusing on figures such as Janis Joplin and the Big Bopper in the music world and Coach Jimmy Johnson and Babe Zaharias in sports.

A rotating exhibit gallery hosts several special exhibits each year.

The museum, which opened its doors July 2, 1994, after seven years of fund-raising and planning, traces its origins to the chartering of the Port Arthur Museum in 1964. In response to ongoing public interest and support the museum expanded its mission and collections over the years, outgrowing several locations in the process.

The three-story, 39,000-square-foot museum is operated by the Port Arthur Historical Society and is funded by the society, Lamar State College-Port Arthur and the City of Port Arthur.

Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, which opened in February 1998, works to support economic development in Port Arthur, Groves, Nederland and Port Neches by providing counseling, training and technical assistance to owners and managers of new and existing small businesses. It offers confidential consulting services on a variety of topics, including business plan preparation, sources of financing, marketing, personnel actions, taxes and regulations. The center's library provides additional information to a number of business fields.

During the past fiscal year, the center helped entrepreneurs start 11 new businesses, presented 47 seminars and saw 136 new clients. Nearly all services are free of charge.

The SBDC, 1401 Procter St., works in association with Lamar-Port Arthur, the University of Houston and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Alumni Association

The Lamar State College-Port Arthur Alumni Association includes both ex-students and current and former employees. Its mission is to support the school and it does so by providing four scholarships per academic year. The group's activities include an annual picnic with Lamar-Port Arthur employees and an annual meeting/dinner in October. The group traces its beginning to the Port Arthur College Alumni Association organized in 1917; this group was active until the early 1950s. In 1986 with the encouragement of Lamar-Port Arthur President Sam Monroe, PACAA former members, faculty and staff reactivated the group as the Lamar University-Port Arthur Alumni Association.

The organization changed its name during the year 2000 to reflect the change of the institution's name. The association has about 350 members.

Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation

Far-sighted leaders formed the Port Arthur Higher Education Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 1973 to promote the arts, sciences and programs of Port Arthur College, which later became Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

The foundation's early role included assisting the college in acquiring property surrounding the campus and making special contributions, such as providing \$125,000 to purchase books for Gates Memorial Library after city voters donated the library to the college.

The foundation's current primary purpose is to administer more than \$2.5 million in permanently endowed scholarships for Lamar-Port Arthur students. The awards bear the names of longtime community members, celebrities and local social and civic clubs, including Robert Rauschenberg, H.S. and Bernice B. Anderson, Lloyd and Joe Hayes, Sydalise Fredeman, G.W. Bailey and the Port Arthur Rotary Club.

A 15-member board of directors made up of leaders in the community and education administers the foundation according to established by-laws. Lamar-Port Arthur receives applications for the foundation's scholarships, which may be awarded based on academic merit, financial need or both.