

# ACADEMICS

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## Academic Qualifications

In accordance with federal Department of Education guidelines, in order to receive Title IV financial aid funds, a student must be qualified to study at the postsecondary level. A student qualifies if he/she:

- Has a high school diploma;
- Has the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, typically a general education development or GED certificate;
- Has completed home schooling at the secondary level; or
- Has an academic transcript of a student who has successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.

In addition to these qualifications, please refer to the school catalog section for specific admissions criteria for academic degree programs in each of these UTHealth Houston schools.

## Academic Fresh Start

Texas residents applying for admission or readmission to public colleges and universities as an undergraduate may have the opportunity to start a new course of study with a clean academic record. This option must be exercised at the time of application and applies to all prior coursework—individual courses cannot be selectively excluded or retained. More information can be found on the Academic Fresh Start website (<https://www.mytexasfuture.org/adult-college/academic-fresh-start/>).

## Academic Common Market

The Academic Common Market (ACM) is an interstate agreement among southern states participating in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The ACM is a tuition-savings program for college students in participating states who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Participating states arrange for their residents who qualify for admission to enroll in specific programs in other states on the in-state tuition basis. More information can be found on the ACM website (<http://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market/>).