

Industry Cluster:

Higher Education



There are three institutions of higher learning that service the Richardson community - The University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas), Richland College of the Dallas Community College District and Collin College.

University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas)

UT Dallas is on its way to achieving Tier One national research university status, signifying a strong commitment to academics and research. Since its founding in 1969, UT Dallas has grown to nearly 21,000 students and 130 degree programs. The university provides some of the state's most-lauded science and engineering programs and has gained prominence for its extensive educational offerings, from criminology to arts and technology. Its nationally prominent faculty, hailing from schools like MIT, Harvard and Columbia University, includes four members of the National Academies and a Nobel laureate.

UT Dallas is one of the most selective schools in the University of Texas system. Nearly 39 percent of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, and 75 percent ranked in the top 25 percent.

On its quest to become one of the nation's finest public research universities, UT Dallas aims to accomplish the following goals:

- Increase endowments by approximately \$144.5 million to \$400 million
- Build size of faculty from current 454 to between 700 and 900
- Surpass \$100 million per year in funded research projects (\$93.9 in 2011)
- Increase doctoral graduates from 164 to 200

“The Dallas-Ft. Worth region’s pathway to prosperity is through innovation. We’re helping to carry the region forward by realizing the vision of our founders to create the “MIT of the Southwest,” and doing it faster than even I could hope.”

-Dr. David Daniel, President,
University of Texas at Dallas



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Richland College

Richland College is a nationally-acclaimed community college which is part of the Dallas County Community College District. It helps students build their futures through:

- courses that can be applied to the first two years of a baccalaureate degree
- one- or two-year certificates in a number of career fields
- training in the latest technology for students who want to advance their current careers

The student body at Richland is both academically and internationally diverse. There are about 20,000 college credit students and about 5,000 continuing education students who speak 79 different first languages.

Richland College offers students living in contiguous counties the opportunity to enroll in Richland Collegiate High School (RCHS), one of the first junior-senior dual credit charter schools administered by a community college. The program can serve up to 900 students, who may simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate degree. Richland is the only community college in the nation to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award from the Department of Commerce.

Collin College

Collin College, with seven campuses, is the community college serving Richardson's Collin County population. It offers over 100 courses leading to associate of arts, science and applied science degrees, associate of arts in teaching, as well as certificates and marketable skills achievement awards. About 53,000 credit and continuing education students are currently enrolled at Collin College.

Collin College's nursing program was named a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education™ by the National League of Nursing (NLN) . Of more than 1,800 nursing programs in the country, only 19 have been named a Center of Excellence.

Diversity in Higher Education

| | UT Dallas | Richland College | Collin College |
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| Anglo | 41% | 35% | 61% |
| Hispanic | 11% | 23% | 11% |
| African-American | 6% | 20% | 11% |
| Asian-American | 18% | 20% | 8% |
| Unknown/Other | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| Native American | .4% | .5% | 1% |
| International Student | 19% | 1% | 3% |

Sources: UT Dallas Office of Strategic Planning and Analysis, Richland College Office of Planning and Research, Collin Banner Student Information System