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TIEC-Affiliated Universities

Each month TIEC highlights one of its 32 affiliated universities. This month TIEC is pleased to feature **The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB)**. (www.utpb.edu)

UTPB is located in the Odessa-Midland area of West Texas, with approximately 2,400 students, 134 faculty and 294 staff members.

UTPB offers 27 undergraduate programs and 17 master's degree programs through the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, and the School of Education, which offers seven different education specialties.

Master's degree programs at UTPB include professional accountancy, biology, business administration, criminal justice administration, English, geology, history, kinesiology, and clinical or research psychology. Several graduate degrees are available through the UTPB distance-learning program.

UTPB received the 2002-03 UT TeleCampus Faculty Commitment to Excellence Award, and the Master's in Kinesiology on-line program received the 2002-03 United States Higher Education Distance Learning Award for Excellence in Distance Learning Programming.

UTPB strives to provide all students a quality education in a supportive academic environment, promoting excellence in teaching, research, creative production, and scholarship.



Fall Season Brings Inaugural Class of University Express Students

The newly established University Express Program welcomed its first class of students on August 26, 2002, in Austin, Texas. The students have a full schedule, with Intensive English for Academic Purposes, Intercultural Communication/University Culture, Study Skills, and test preparation classes, as well as individual tutorials and academic advising. These skills will assist the students both in the university admissions process and in their academic work once they are enrolled at a university.

The students have participated in some special activities, beginning with a geographic orientation tour of Austin, including neighborhoods, college and university campuses, a shopping center, and Hill Country scenery. A second tour provided an introduction to university student life, both academic and social. This included an overview of typical campus facilities such as departmental offices,



Individualized instruction is an important feature of the University Express Program

libraries, and centers of student activity focused on how to meet people, get information, and become involved in activities. Upcoming enrichment activities will include a sporting event, a concert, and other aspects of American life.

The Supervisor of the University Express program, Ann Hall, said, "We are excited to have such enthusiastic and well prepared students for our inaugural University Express program."

Important Admission Dates for University Express

University Express is a comprehensive, two-semester university preparation program in Austin, Texas. University Express is accepting applications for its Spring/Summer 2003 program.

For details of the program and the application process, please visit the University Express website at www.tiec.org/uex.

Applications in by: December 13, 2002
Registration: January 8-9, 2003
Semester 1: January 13-May 9, 2003
Semester 2: June 2-August 8, 2003

NOTE: Students needing a visa to enter the United States should apply for their visas two to three months before they wish to begin their studies here.

Notice of TIEC Executive Committee Meeting

The TIEC Executive Committee is scheduled to meet in Austin, Texas, at the Red Lion Hotel on October 24, 2002, at 7:30 a.m.

The TIEC Board of Directors will receive a brief update of activities during the quarterly meeting of the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors at 6:30 p.m., October 23, 2002, in room 1.100 of the William B. Travis Building in Austin, Texas.

Update: Feasibility Study for a New Private University in Abu Dhabi

The TIEC Feasibility Study Team and PageSoutherlandPage have submitted their final report, "Feasibility Study for a New Private University in Abu Dhabi." The final report includes alternative financial scenarios for the new private university.

Dr. Nick L. Poulton, TIEC President, stated, "The developers of this new university are to be commended for their vision of education in the United Arab Emirates."