Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Offering baccalaureate degrees in 50 undergraduate academic majors, 41 master's degrees and four doctoral programs, this Historically Black University has an established reputation for producing thousands of engineers, nurses, educators and other professionals. A member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU has been dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service for over 130 years.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Prospective Student,

I am delighted that you are applying to Prairie View A&M University. I applaud the efforts you have taken to enhance your preparedness and understand that you are looking for the ideal place to continue your academic endeavors. PVAMU is a great choice for your undergraduate studies and provides a range of options for supporting your future goals that may include career opportunities and obtaining advanced degrees.

We invite you to experience Panther Pride and join the PVAMU family of more than 51,500 alumni who are members of the legacy of excellence! Not only do we want you to attend, we want you to graduate and take your place in the world as an educated leader. If you are looking for a university with a family atmosphere in a close-knit community where you can establish professional relationships with me, your College dean, professors and the various other administrators, then Prairie View is the university for you.

With more than 8,300 students, an average class size of 18 and a student to teacher ratio of 17:1, we offer baccalaureate degrees in 50 majors, 41 master’s degrees and four doctoral degrees. Surely, you can take advantage of the numerous opportunities for leadership development and make your mark at this historically black university with an established reputation for producing thousands of engineers, nurses, educators, architects, scientists and business leaders. As the state’s second oldest public institution of higher education, our doors are open to students of all cultures and backgrounds. Dedicated to fulfilling its land grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service since 1876, your future will be enhanced by a Prairie View A&M University education.

I strongly encourage you to review the content of this guide, apply for admission at www.applytexas.org and visit our campus. You are welcome here and we look forward to providing you with the information and tools to equip you for the journey ahead. The admissions counselors available at (936) 261-1000 prompt 3 and the Communication Center at (936) 261-1036/1037 are anxiously awaiting your call or email at commcenter@pvamu.edu.

This is a great opportunity for you to join us on “The Hill” for a life changing experience.

Best Wishes,

George C. Wright
President

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

Prairie View A&M University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. It is committed to achieving relevance in each component of its mission by addressing issues and proposing solutions through programs and services designed to respond to the needs and aspirations of individuals, families, organizations, agencies, schools and communities—both rural and urban. Prairie View A&M University is a state-assisted institution by legislative designation, serving a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic population, and a land-grant institution by federal statute. Having been designated by the Texas Constitution as one of the three “institutions of the first class” (1884), the University is committed to preparing undergraduates in a range of careers including but not limited to engineering, computer science, natural sciences, architecture, business, technology, criminal justice, the humanities, education, agricultural sciences, nursing, mathematics and the social sciences. It is committed to advanced education through the master’s degree in education, engineering, natural sciences, nursing, selected social sciences, agriculture, business, and human sciences. It is committed to expanding its advanced educational offerings to include multiple doctoral programs. Though the University’s service area has generally extended throughout Texas and the world, the University’s target service area for offering undergraduate and graduate programs of study includes the Texas Gulf Coast Region; the rapidly growing residential and commercial area known as the Northwest Houston Corridor; and urban Texas centers likely to benefit from Prairie View A&M University’s specialized programs and initiatives in nursing, juvenile justice, architecture, education and social work. The University’s public service programs offered primarily through the Cooperative Extension Program target the State of Texas, both rural and urban counties. The University’s research focus includes expanding knowledge in all disciplines offered and incorporating research-based experiences in both undergraduate and graduate students’ academic development.
FRESHMAN ADMISSION

Admission to Prairie View A&M University is open to qualified individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin or educationally unrelated handicaps. Academic preparation and motivation to succeed are major criteria for admission to the University.

Eligibility for admission is determined by evaluation of the completed application and supporting documents.

Limited numbers of applicants will be granted Conditional Admission (Provisional) that meet the minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or above on a 4.0 scale, and SAT score of 710 or above, or an ACT score 15 or above. (SAT minimum score consists of verbal and math sections only; does not include writing)

Applicants who do not enroll for the semester for which they are admitted, must contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to update their status in order to enroll for any future semester(s).

Application Methods
1. Apply online: Apply Texas application for Freshman Admission is available through the Undergraduate Admissions section of our web site at: www.pvamu.edu or www.applytexas.org.
2. Apply by mail: State of Texas Common Application is available at any high school or community college in Texas.
3. When you take the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT, have your scores sent to Prairie View A&M University.

Call the Office of Admissions at (936) 261-1000 prompt 3 for additional information.

Admission Requirements
1. Apply Texas application for admission, online, (complete all parts except the essay)
2. Non-refundable $25 application fee
3. Official certified high school transcript, class ranking and all previous work completed, or General Educational Development program (GED) certificate showing that the equivalent of a diploma has been earned or all previous colleges attended. Freshmen applicants must also request to have an official final transcript sent directly from the applicant's high school after graduation.
4. Passage of any State mandated test that is required for high school exit or college entrance
5. Minimum cumulative high school GPA: 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (Unconditional)
6. Minimum test scores: SAT, 820 or an ACT-17 (SAT minimum score consists of verbal and math sections only, does not include writing)

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS DUE

All materials required to complete the undergraduate admission application process must be RECEIVED in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions on or before the deadlines listed below.

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Housing assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed until the signing of the lease by all parties.
TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI)

Effective September 1, 2005, the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) law was repealed and replaced by the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). The TSI requires students to be assessed in reading, writing, and math skills prior to enrolling in college classes and to be advised based on the results of the assessment.

TSI Exemption
1. Exemption based on test scores (see chart below)

- A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education
- A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment (A certified copy of orders or documentation showing length of service is required)

4. A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States (A certified copy of the certificate of release is required)

Call (936) 261-3610 for additional information regarding partial exemptions. SAT and ACT scores are only valid for five years from the date of testing. TAAS and TAKS scores are only valid for three years from the date of testing.

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (THEA)

New Student Information
Prairie View A&M University uses the approved Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) as the assessment tool for TSI. Before a student will be allowed to enroll in classes at PVAMU they must have valid documentation on file for an exemption or they must have taken the THEA. Prairie View A&M University will only accept COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, or ASSET scores when documented on an official transcript. It is the student’s responsibility to verify that an institution administering the COMPASS, ACCUPLACER or ASSET test will be able to validate those scores on an official transcript; otherwise, the student will need to take the THEA. Be advised that most institutions will only validate COMPASS, ACCUPLACER OR ASSET scores if the student enrolls in classes at that particular institution. If PVAMU we administer THEA and Quick THEA. To register for the regular THEA you may obtain a THEA Registration Bulletin from your counselor and follow the given instructions. Additional information can be obtained from the THEA website: http://www.thea.nesinc.com/

In-State Transfer Student Information
Students transferring from any Texas public institution must provide official transcripts showing their current TSI status. Please note that developmental courses do not transfer to PVAMU. Transfer students who have not met all of the TSI requirements will be placed in the PVAMU developmental sequence based upon THEA scores. Transfer students meeting a TSI requirement must have their status documented on an official transcript. (Transferring grades in certain classes does not signify that the student has met the TSI requirement).

Out-of-State Transfer Student Information
Students transferring from out-of-state are still liable for meeting the TSI testing requirement before enrollment can occur. Out-of-state transfer students can meet TSI requirements by transferring in a grade of C or better in the following courses:

- Reading
  HST 1313, 1323 (US HST to 1876, US HST 1876 to Present)
  POSC 1113, 1123 (American GOVT I, American GOVT II)
  ENGL 2153 (Intro to Literature)

- Math
  MATH 1113 (College Algebra) or higher Math
  ENGL 1123 or 1133 (Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition II)

Transfer students failing to meet all requirements must take the THEA in the appropriate content area prior to enrollment.

PVAMU QUICK THEA

Quick THEA Procedures
1. Call the Testing, Tracking, Assessment and Evaluation Unit at (936) 261-3610 or sign up in Room 236 - Delco Building to reserve a seat.

2. Pay the $29 test fee at the time of the test administration. This payment can be made with a personal check, money order, VISA, Master Card or purchase order (we do not accept cash). Make sure your personal check or money order is made payable to NES. Be sure to write your social security number on your payment.

3. Bring two (2) forms of identification (one with a recent photo).

4. Bring two (2) No. 2 pencils

IMPORTANT NOTES about Quick THEA:
- Score reports are guaranteed within ten working days. Scores may not be produced if any or all outstanding fees that are applicable are not paid in full.
- The test session is four hours long. The time may be used to work on any or all three sections of the test.

All of the above information is subject to change without notice. To be assured of accuracy of Information, students are encouraged to consult the Office of Testing, Tracking, Assessment and Evaluation at (936) 261-3610.

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**TSI TEST SCORE EXEMPTION**

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