

MEETING THE NEEDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

One hallmark of the community university is its responsiveness to the most critical educational needs of the community. UTB/TSC endeavors to provide the classes and programs that prepare students to be successful and to meet the needs of the region now and in the future.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

UTB/TSC strives to meet the continuing education and workforce training needs of the community. The number of Workforce Training and Continuing Education (WTCE) programs has quadrupled since 2000. This increase is an example of the University's commitment to these programs and to the community's increasing educational needs. WTCE programs are an important means for UTB/TSC to fulfill its mission. Almost 6,000 people are enrolled annually in WTCE programs.

Some highlights of the accomplishments of these programs include:

- 315 students completed GED preparation classes
- 1,105 continuing education classes were offered. Examples of these classes included: Customer Service, Ballroom Dancing, Quickbooks, Truck Driving, Internet and Email, Word Processing and Medical Assistant
- The Dislocated Workers program has provided an opportunity for more than 500 displaced workers to gain new knowledge and skills.

THE NEED FOR QUALIFIED TEACHERS

The shortage of qualified teachers is one of the most pressing needs in the region. UTB/TSC continues to play a major role in fulfilling this need through its teacher preparation programs. Highlights of program accomplishments include:

- 249 certified graduates were prepared to teach in 2002.
- 92 percent of the graduates are certified and teaching in Texas Public Schools.
- 82 educators earned a special certificate, including Administration, Counseling, and Diagnostician.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ *UTB/TSC was the first UT System component to graduate a student who completed an entire degree program on the Web.*
- ★ *Through a \$130,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, UTB/TSC is implementing a new interdisciplinary science course.*