

What should I know about the 2024-2025 Dallas College budget?

The FY 2024-2025 budget unanimously approved by the Dallas College Board of Trustees on August 13, 2024 includes an all-inclusive tuition rate of \$99 per credit hour, and includes investments in new academic programs, technology, faculty, student support services as well as an increase in pay for student workers to \$22.06 per hour ensuring they earn a living wage.

Why did Dallas College adjust the tuition rate?

- The adjustment addresses inflation. Dallas College last increased tuition for inflation in 2015 to \$59. In 2019, tuition increased by \$20 to \$79 to cover 100% of learning materials/textbooks, which is a \$835 cost savings per student per year. Tuition has not accounted for inflation nor been truly adjusted in nearly a decade.
- Notable: “According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, prices for college textbooks increased by 7% between 2020 and 2023. That’s faster than tuition inflation, and it’s enough to make a dent in any college student’s budget.”

What is included in the all-inclusive tuition rate?

It covers tuition, textbooks, DART passes, tutoring, wellness, and other student support services, so students are ready for classes on day one. There is also a growing list of expanded support services (see Student Value) that have been added since 2020. All services are provided, and support Dallas College’s Learner Care Model, a unique approach to ensure student success and persistence. A few are highlighted here. Refer to comprehensive list below.

- **Success Coaching:** All students receive a success coach; 80% of students who engaged with a success coach persist to the next phase in their educational journey.
- **Support for Student Parents:** Launched Family Care Program in English and Spanish. Expanded childcare programs with Bezos Academy at Cedar Valley and Mountain View Campuses.
- **Tutoring:** Expanded tutoring support for first-year students.
- **Health and Wellness:** Parkland Women’s Wellness Mobile Clinic and Metrocare partnership for mental health resources.
- **Financial Literacy:** PNC Bank offers non-predatory banking services and financial literacy classes.

How does the tuition rate compare to other schools?

Dallas College tuition is all-inclusive of learning materials and fees while remaining lower than the Texas Community College state-wide average of \$105 student credit hour and offering one of the most affordable bachelor degree programs (Early Childhood Education and Nursing) in Texas.

Will financial aid cover the new cost of my tuition?

The majority of student tuition is supported through financial aid, scholarships, and waivers. The cost for a full-time student taking a 15-credit hour course load is \$1,485, which reflects an increase of \$300 more per semester, as a result of the tuition change. Students receiving Pell Grants can expect awards for FY 2024-2025 to increase an average of \$670 to offset the \$300.

What if I do not receive financial aid and pay out of pocket?

If you are a Dallas County resident and take 15 student credit hours, you can expect to pay approximately \$300 more per semester because of the tuition change. This cost will be slightly higher for students out-of-county or international. For additional financial assistance, students should contact Basic Needs and Community Connections.

What new academic programs are being planned?

Here are just a few new academic programs in the pipeline:

- **Expected Fall 2025:** School of Engineering, Technology, Mathematics & Sciences Bachelor of Applied Technology.
- **Aerospace/Aviation:** Launching in the School of Manufacturing & Industrial Technology, along with the expansion of MIT programs to various campuses and centers.

Where else is the new tuition revenue going?

Here is a breakdown of how tuition revenue will be allocated across people, technology and facilities:

- **Personnel:** Dallas College is making a historic investment in the people tasked with serving our growing student population at a higher service level to achieve aggressive outcomes.
 - Hired 19% more full-time faculty from 884 to 1,056 over this past year; Board supported increases in the starting salary for full-time faculty.
 - Increased adjunct faculty rates from \$50 SCH to \$70 SCH.
 - Modified wage structures to ensure that a broad range of front-line workers, inclusive of teams supporting facilities and grounds as well as student workers, were compensated at the livable wage level (from \$18.24/hr. to \$22.06/hr.).
 - Bolstered recruiting efforts for areas of safety and security, and student success support.
- **Technology:** Investments in technology infrastructure (Workday Student, Wi-Fi upgrades, centralized call center) are underway to enhance the student experience.
- **Facilities:** Utilized \$325 million of voter-authorized bond capacity to update and build new academic facilities.

How will students be notified of this change?

Proactive conversations with key student organizations, such as student government and student publications are underway and additional informational sessions will be planned. Students will also be notified via student communications such as the student newsletter, in addition to other one-off emails to ensure students fully understand the intention behind the change.

Collin College Tuition
Dallas County Resident
\$125 plus cost of fees & books
International \$200 plus cost of fees & books

Tarrant County College Tuition
Dallas County Resident
\$131 plus cost of books
International \$310 plus cost of books

Dallas College
\$99
ALL-INCLUSIVE
International \$250 all-inclusive



	FY24	FY25 <i>Estimate</i>	Variance
Average Full-Time Student	\$79	\$99	\$20
Tuition 9 SCH Impact	\$711	\$891	\$180
Average Pell Award	\$6,112	\$6,782	\$670

The Average Pell Award for FY 2025 increases by \$670, which will more than offset the cost impact of \$180 per semester due to the \$99 SCH rate

Student cost savings of \$835 per academic year through IncludedED Program

Through Dallas College's inclusive access learning material program that covers the costs of all textbooks and supplies for all students (art kits, biology lab kits, allied health and nursing kits)

Services Available to All Students

ACADEMIC / LEARNING

Supporting Success

- Tutoring (in person, and online 24-7 access) one-on-one or group
- Library services and digital access to scholarly collections
- 3rd Party Testing Vouchers for industry certification testing
- Free proctoring

Access to Technology

- Computing labs
- Free printing on demand
- Free proctored testing
- Technology loan program supplying Wi-Fi hotspots and laptops

STUDENT SUCCESS

Coaching and Advising

- Personalized education and success planning
- Virtual support services available M-F from 8am-12 midnight

Career Planning and Next Steps

- Career planning and coaching
- Career exploration and assessments
- Resume writing and mock interview assistance
- Job application assistance

Transfer

- Support with transfer applications
- 4-year college/university visits and transfer fairs

STUDENT LIFE & ENGAGEMENT

Student Life

- Variety of programs that connect curricular and co-curricular experiences to enhance learning
- Accessibility
- International F1 Visa students (including employment program)

Next Gen Leaders

- Student Travel Fund for leadership and career conferences
- Student Leadership Institute

Sports, Fitness and Well-Being

- Intramural Sports
- Fitness Centers

WELL-BEING & SOCIAL SUPPORT

Basic Needs

- Mobile drive thru pantries
- Food pantries – 100K visits
- Hygiene products
- Clothing closets
- Drop-In Childcare
- Family Care Program – free family care items e.g., car seats, diapers

Emergency Aid

- Emergency hotel assistance up to 3 weeks
- Emergency gift cards for gas and utilities up to \$50
- Emergency Ride Share Program – Uber round trip – up to 10 trips
- Up to \$500 per semester per student to provide assistance for sudden emergencies

Community Connections

- PNC mobile banking-free student checking accounts with no fees
- VITA Tax prep
- Mamava Lactation pods

Health, Counseling and Psychological Services

- Health Services and promotion
- Mental Health Counseling
- Group Therapy
- Walk-in/call-in Crisis Support and Assessment
- Social Support Groups
- Mental Health and Wellness Trainings (Mental Health First Aid, AS+K Suicide Prevention)

DART Passes

- DART passes provided to every student enrolled in a minimum of 6 SCH