Welcome
Welcome to the next step in your educational journey at the Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC). The information in this handbook will assist in understanding resources, policies, and procedures related to CHEC. Please feel free to bring any questions to the Collin College staff members in Suite 120 (972-599-3100) or to a university representative at CHEC. We are all here to assist you.

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**Academic Partnerships**

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Staff**  
The center is staffed by the following Collin College employees:

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**Building Information**  
The building is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Collin College Police are on duty during all building hours.

**Fall and Spring Building Hours of Operation**  
Monday - Thursday: 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed

**Summer Hours of Operation**  
Monday – Friday: 6:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Driving Directions**

**From the North:**  
Take US-75 (Central Expressway) South.  
Take the El Dorado Exit.  
Turn left (east) on El Dorado.  
Turn right on Medical Center Drive, which is the first light after US-75.  
Turn right onto the service road at Spur 399 intersection.  
Entrances are the first two on the right.

**From the South:**  
Take US-75 (Central Expressway) North.  
Exit 38B (Medical Center Drive) and follow the blue H (hospital) signs to Medical Center Drive.  
Take the turn-around under the freeway or turn left at the Medical Center Drive intersection.  
Entrances are the first two on the right.

**From the East:**  
Take Highway 380 West.  
Turn left, heading South on Highway 5/North McDonald Street.  
Take the Medical Center Drive exit.  
Entrances are on the right just past the Medical Center Drive intersection.

**From the West:**  
Take Sam Rayburn Tollway (TX Highway 121) East.  
Exit at Medical Center Drive.  
Take the turn-around under the freeway at the Medical Center Drive intersection.  
Entrances are the first two on the right.
**Parking**

Student parking is free at CHEC but requires a Collin College parking sticker. You may obtain a parking sticker at the Information Desk or Academic Partnerships (Suite 120). Parking is available in any non-reserved parking spaces in the five (5) level parking garage (to the east of the building) or parking lots (to the east and south of the building) during building hours. Please refrain from parking in the large lot to the north of the building. This lot does NOT belong to the college and does not have security. (Refer to page 10 for the CHEC Site/Parking Map.)

**Information Desk**

The Information Desk is located in the first-floor atrium. CHEC Information Desk Staff answer CHEC’s main phone line (972-599-3100) and may assist with general inquiries, directions, and visitors. If no one is at the desk, you can call ext. 3100 from the courtesy phone. For personal assistance, please see the staff in Academic Partnerships (Suite 120).

**Campus Closures**

In the event of inclement weather, CHEC will be closed if and when Collin County Community College District is ordered closed. Campus closures are reported to the DFW area TV and radio stations and posted on the Collin College web-page.

You can also learn of Collin College emergencies or campus closures by enrolling in CougarAlert, Collin’s automated emergency alert system. To establish an account, go to http://www.collin.edu/cougaralert.html. The service is free, but your wireless carrier’s usual text fees may apply if you choose to sign up for text alerts.

In the event that your home university closes for inclement weather, but CHEC remains open, please refer to the class syllabus and/or official university e-mail communication system to determine if your professor will conduct class.

**Collin College Recognized Holidays**

On Collin College recognized holidays, CHEC will be **open** if a partner’s home university has a class scheduled at CHEC, but Academic Partnerships will be **closed**. Academic Partnerships’ 2022-2023 holidays include:

- Sept. 5, 2022 ...................................................... Labor Day
- Nov. 23 – 27, 2022 ............................................. Thanksgiving Holiday
- Jan. 16, 2023 ...................................................... Martin Luther King Day
- Mar. 6 - 12, 2023 ............................................. Spring Break (Collin)
- April 7 – 9, 2023 ............................................. Spring Holiday (Collin)
- May 29, 2023 ...................................................... Memorial Day
- July 4, 2023 ...................................................... Independence Day

**Classrooms**

Classrooms at CHEC are located on the first and second floors of the building. Most are arranged in the traditional classroom format with tables and chairs. CHEC also has three computer classrooms and three classrooms equipped for video-conferencing instruction. Students should **NOT** be in the classrooms without an instructor.
**Food/Drinks**

Food and drinks are **NOT** allowed in CHEC classrooms or computer labs. Please limit consumption of these items to appropriate locations in the building.

**Student Lounge/ Vending Machines**

An open lounge is located on the second floor, just off the elevator lobby. The lounge is equipped with several vending machines (snacks, beverages, and coffee), university bulletin boards, two microwave ovens, and plenty of tables and chairs for eating and studying.

There is no cafeteria or snack bar at CHEC. However, a local restaurant guide, complete with a listing of most eateries within a mile of CHEC is available at the Information Desk and in Academic Partnerships.

**Patio Courtyard**

The patio courtyard between the main building and the parking garage has several tables and benches that you can utilize for eating, studying, or simply relaxing.

**Children**

By college policy, minor children, 16 years of age and under, may not be left unattended on college property, including CHEC. Children are also not allowed in classrooms or computer labs at any time. If your child accompanies you to CHEC, please keep them with you and under your supervision at all times.

**Smoking**

Collin College campuses are smoke free. Smoking is prohibited at CHEC, even in parking areas. This includes all electronic cigarettes. Collin College Police enforce this policy, which can carry a fine of up to $200 for violations.

**Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found service is located inside Academic Partnerships in Suite 120. Items can be claimed during Academic Partnerships’ regular hours.

**Campus Police/Security**

Collin College’s Police Department is comprised of state certified police officers. The CHEC is fully staffed with Collin College Police during all building hours. The police office is located on the first floor, just inside the east atrium entrance in Suite 134. If you need police assistance on campus, please dial 972-578-5555, or simply ext. 5555 from a campus phone. In the event of a fire or medical emergency, please dial 911 directly from a campus phone.

You can also learn of Collin College emergencies or campus closures by enrolling in **CougarAlert**, Collin’s automated emergency alert system. To establish an account, go to [http://www.collin.edu/cougaralert.html](http://www.collin.edu/cougaralert.html). This service is free, but your wireless carrier’s usual text fees may apply for text alerts.

Effective August 1, 2017, Texas Government Code, Section 411.2031, CARRYING OF HANDGUNS BY LICENSE HOLDERS ON CERTAIN CAMPUSES will be implemented at Collin College. Policies and Procedures are located online [http://www.collin.edu/aboutus/concealedcarry.html](http://www.collin.edu/aboutus/concealedcarry.html).
Elevators
Elevators are located in the atrium across from the Information Desk, by Academic Partnerships. Stairwells are located just east of the elevator (to the second floor only). Also, in the northwest and northeast corners of the building.

Restrooms
Restrooms are located at the east end of the building on all floors.

Courtesy Phone
A courtesy phone is located at the Information Desk. Only local calls can be made from the courtesy phone.

First Floor
Most students will enter CHEC through the east atrium doors near the parking garage. As you enter the atrium, to your immediate right will be the Campus Police Office. Past that, the Information Desk will be on your left and the elevators will be to your right. Behind the elevator lobby is Academic Partnerships, university offices and computers for student use.

First floor classrooms are in the U-shaped hallway located to the left and right of Academic Partnerships (Suite 120). On the opposite side of the atrium is iCollin (Suite 146). Next to that side of the atrium is the board room for the Collin College Board of Trustees. (Refer to the first-floor map on page 11 for more details.)

Second Floor
As you exit the elevators on the second floor, you will see the student lounge. Second floor classrooms are located in the U-shaped hallway located to the left and right of the student lounge. (Refer to the second-floor map on page 12 for more details.)

Third/Fourth Floors
These floors house the district administrative offices of Collin College. Please do not go to these floors unless you have official Collin College business with a department in that location. For assistance, see the staff at the Information Desk.

Computer Access
A limited number of computers are available for student use in Academic Partnerships, Suite 120 on a first-come-first-served basis. Please limit the use of these computers to school-related work or research. Students using these computers for registration and similar services have priority. Classroom computer labs are only available for class use and must be scheduled by a professor.
**Printing/Photocopying Scanning**

Please use the machine inside Suite 120 to print, copy or scan documents. There is no charge for this service. For assistance, please see the staff in Academic Partnerships or the Information Desk.

**Assistive Technology**

Please contact your university representative for more information.

**Library Services/ Tex-Share**

Most university library resources are available online through your university’s portal. Other materials are available in print via Tex-Share. Contact your university librarian for information on how to utilize Tex-Share at CHEC.

**Faculty Correspondence/ Turning in Assignments**

If you need to turn in an assignment to a CHEC professor, you may leave the assignment **(with prior consent from the professor)** with a Collin College employee in Academic Partnerships (Suite 120). The assignment will be time-stamped and placed in the professor’s mail folder. We will NOT notify the professor. You will need to send an e-mail to the professor that the assignment is in the mail folder. This service is only available during the hours that Academic Partnerships is staffed. Mail folders will be set up upon request of the professor. This mail folder can also be used to leave assignments for students.

Please email your CHEC professor if you will not be in class.

**Student Technical Support**

If you need assistance with the hardware or software located in the student use areas of CHEC, please see a Collin College employee in Academic Partnerships.

If you need assistance with your login or password for the student services portal of your home university’s web-site, please contact the technical support department listed below:

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<td>903-468-6000</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas)</td>
<td>972-883-2911</td>
<td><a href="mailto:assist@utdallas.edu">assist@utdallas.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>University of North Texas (UNT)</td>
<td>940-565-2324</td>
<td>web3.unt.edu/helpdesk/email.php</td>
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University Representatives at CHEC

Each partner university has assigned a representative to be housed at CHEC to assist students with information and student services in relation to the degree programs they are offering. Please feel free to contact your university representative for assistance. Some universities also have academic advisors available as various times. Contact the representative listed below for additional information.

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Admissions/Registration

Admissions and registration for degree programs offered at CHEC follow the policies and procedures of the home university. Computer workstations are available in Academic Partnerships for students to access the online portals for their home university. Additionally, the on-site university representatives can assist in these areas.

Advising

Academic advising is also a function of the home university offering the degree. Please visit with an on-site university representative for assistance, or contact the degree program contact person at the home university. Phone numbers and email addresses for these contacts can be found on the CHEC webpage, under Contacts/University.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is also a function of the home university. Please fill out the Free Application for Federal Financial Assistance (FAFSA) online at http://fafsa.ed.gov and contact the home university’s financial aid office directly. CHEC staff can only assist with general questions regarding financial aid.

University Policies

The rules, policies, deadlines, fees, etc. associated with each degree program are those of the individual university offering the program. Students should always refer to their university catalog or their university’s representative(s) for information in these areas.

Textbooks/Materials

Required textbooks can be ordered from the home university’s bookstore or other textbook providers and mailed directly to a student’s home. There is no bookstore at the CHEC.

Supplies, such as scantrons, exam bluebooks, pens and pencils, can be purchased in the vending machine located inside the open lounge on the 2nd floor. Please contact your university representative or CHEC professor for information regarding their university’s textbook services and/or supplies needed for class.
Student Orientations

Partnering universities often offer their new student orientations at CHEC at the beginning of each new semester. Contact your university representative for more information on availability of student orientation.

Degree Programs

Bachelor’s Degrees
Students who have already earned an associate degree or have a substantial number of college academic credit hours should review the list of baccalaureate degrees offered at the Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC).

A current degree list can be reviewed at:
https://www.collin.edu/Bachelor%20%20offered%20at%20Chec.pdf

Graduate Degrees
Students who have earned a bachelor's degree should review the list of graduate programs for program information.

A current degree list can be reviewed at:
https://www.collin.edu/Graduate%20Degrees%20Offered%20at%20CHEC.pdf

Other degrees may be added to this list as they become available from the partnering universities. Please contact your university’s representative with specific degree requests.

CHEC Website

The CHEC website is continuously being updated to provide you with the information you need including links to helpful services on university partner web-sites. Please refer to it often at collin.edu/chec/
District Campuses/Locations

- Allen Technical Campus (TA)
- Celina Campus (CEC)
- Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC)
- Courtyard Center (CYC)
- Farmersville Campus (FVC)
- Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge) (PRC)
- McKinney Campus (Central Park) (CPC)
- Plano Campus (Spring Creek) (SCC)
- Public Safety Training Center (PSTC)
- Rockwall Center (RW)
- Wylie Campus (WC)
There is ample parking in the five (5) level parking garage.