Accreditation

Lamar State College-Orange is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, at (404) 679-4501 to award the associate of arts, associate of science and associate of applied science degrees and certificates of completion. The College’s programs have the following accreditations:

- Texas Education Agency approval for Veteran Training
- Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners and Texas Board of Nurse Examiners for Vocational Nursing and Upward Mobility Nursing programs
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists for the Pharmacy Technician Training program
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences for the Medical Laboratory Technology program
- American Dental Association for the Dental Assisting program
- Texas Department of Health for the Emergency Medical Services program

Community Services and Continuing Education Programs

The Brown Center

The Brown Center is a conference and meeting facility located off Highway 90 west of Orange. It is a center of educational, cultural and social activity, which serves the citizens of Orange County and the surrounding area. The 68 acres of scenic landscaped grounds, including lakes and greenhouses, feature a graceful mansion built and decorated in the Southern antebellum plantation tradition.

Lamar received the estate in 1976 as a gift from the four sons of the late Edgar W. Brown Jr., an Orange businessman and philanthropist, who served as a charter member of the Lamar University Foundation, Inc. The property, which is open to the public for tours, provides visitors with insights into the accomplishments and lifestyle of one of the region’s leading citizens. The center can be reserved for seminars, meetings, planning retreats, and other public service activities.

Continuing Education and Workforce Development

Lamar State College-Orange offers a wide variety of non-credit educational and recreational courses through its continuing education programs. Course offerings include personal development, computer skill enhancement, and professional development along with free community service learning opportunities. These classes provide opportunities for individuals to continue their education in the academic and technical/occupational areas. In addition, a number of classes are offered for persons interested in pursuing creative activities, cultural endeavors and/or recreational programs.

Non-credit courses are open to interested adults without regard to eligibility for admission to college-credit programs. Lamar State College-Orange will award continuing education units (CEUs) to those who complete continuing education courses administered by the College. In no instance should the award of CEUs be equated with college credit toward a degree.

The Accelerated Certification for Educators (ACE) Program at Lamar State College-Orange has proven to be very successful. As one of the best resources for workforce development, the College provides this teacher training for baccalaureate degreed individuals presently in