

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS™**  
Office of Admissions

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**Certification of Exemption from the Recommended High School Program  
for students who entered Grade 9 before the 2007-2008 school year**

**❖ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Texas Legislature established new requirements for student eligibility for admission to any Texas public university under the Uniform Admission Policy (Texas Education Code §§51.803-51.809). House Bill 3826 (80<sup>th</sup> Legislature) requires that all students complete at least the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) in order to be eligible for consideration for admission to a public university. However, applicants to the University of North Texas may qualify for admission consideration by completing a portion of the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program, by completing high school coursework that is equivalent in content or rigor, or by meeting other qualifications. These changes became effective on September 1, 2009.

Two different forms are available for applicants. **This one should be used only for students who entered grade 9 before the 2007-2008 school year.**

**❖ ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO ANY TEXAS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY**

A student may be considered for admission to the University of North Texas if the student completes the Recommended High School Program, or its equivalent, the Distinguished Achievement Program (also known as the Advanced High School Program), or its equivalent, or has achieved college readiness scores on the ACT or SAT entrance exams. Students who attend schools that do not offer the Recommended or Distinguished Program or who are able to complete only a portion of the Recommended or Distinguished Program because the courses are not available to the student (for example, private Texas schools and out-of-state schools) may still be eligible for admission to the University of North Texas.

**❖ COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

Complete the following steps for each student at your high school who is applying for admission to the University of North Texas and who was not able to complete the Recommended High School Program (or the Distinguished Achievement Program):

1. If the student's exemption is based on coursework taken, complete the right-hand column of the program and course table (page 2 of this form) indicating the courses that the student will or has completed.
2. Complete the certification statement (page 3 of this form).
3. Submit pages 2 (if needed to indicate coursework taken) and page 3 of this form to the University of North Texas by fax (940.565.2408) or by mail (University of North Texas, Office of Admissions, 1155 Union Circle #311277, Denton, TX 76203-5017).

**Important Notice:** *This form is required to complete the freshman admissions application of any student whose high school transcript does not indicate that he or she is on track to complete the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program. All items needed to complete an admissions application, including this form, must arrive in the Office of Admissions by the deadline. To see a complete list of the items you need to complete your freshman admissions application, visit [my.unt.edu](http://my.unt.edu).*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UNT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study	Courses	Did the student take the equivalent of these courses?
English, Language Arts, & Reading 4 credits	English I, II, III and IV English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages (SOL) may be substituted for English I and II only for immigrant students with limited English proficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Mathematics 3 credits	<b>Required:</b> Algebra I,II, & Geometry	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Science 3 credits	No more than one credit from each area: (One credit must be a Biology credit.) 1) Biology, AP Biology, or IB Biology 2) Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) 3) Chemistry, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry 4) Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics, or IB Physics	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Social Studies 3 ½ credits	World History Studies (one credit) World Geography Studies (one credit) US History Studies Since Reconstruction (one credit) US Government (one-half credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Economics ½ credit	Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Physical Education 1 credit	The following may be substituted for the 5 physical education courses available: drill team, marching band, cheerleading, ROTC, athletics, Dance I-IV, approved private programs, or certain career and technical education courses. Currently, there is no limit on number of credits or substitutions allowed.*	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Fine Arts 1 credit	Courses may be found in Chapter 117 of the Texas Administrative Code	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Language Other Than English 2 credits	Must consist of Level I and Level II in the same language	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Speech ½ credit	Communication Applications <b>required</b> (may also count as an elective)**	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Electives 6 credits	Communication Applications may be counted towards the six elective credits. Select courses from the list approved by SBOE for grades 9-12 (relating to Essential Knowledge and Skills), state approved innovative courses, JROTC (one to four credits), or Driver Education (one-half credit)	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Total: 24 credits		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

**Important notes:**

Courses marked as "AP" are Advanced Placement courses; those marked "IB" are International Baccalaureate courses.

\*Foundation of Physical Fitness is no longer required under the Recommended High School Program; however, it is still a requirement under the Distinguished Achievement Program.

\*\*Communication Applications is required as the ½ credit of Speech; however, it may be counted toward the six elective course requirements as well in order to prevent the student from having to complete more than 24 credits.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UNT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification for Admission to the University of North Texas**

I hereby certify that the statement I checked below is true for the student named above:

**IF YOU MARKED 'YES' TO EACH OF THE COURSE EQUIVALENCIES ON PAGE 2, PLEASE CHECK BOX 1 AND SIGN BELOW.**

- 1  The courses taken by the student are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program outlined in Texas Education Code, §28.025, and 19 Texas Administrative Code, §§74.63 and 74.64.

**IF YOU MARKED 'NO' TO ANY OF THE COURSE EQUIVALENCIES ON PAGE 2, PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN BELOW.**

- 2  The student completed only a portion of the Recommended High School Program or the Distinguished Achievement Program and those courses are equivalent in content and rigor to the courses indicated in the table on page 2. The student completed only a portion of the program solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder of the program were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of
  - Course scheduling,
  - Lack of enrollment capacity, or
  - Another cause not within the student's control as specified below:

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- 3  The student satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment. (Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at UNT; to be official scores must come directly from ACT.)
- 4  The student earned a score of at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT assessment. (Official scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at UNT; to be official scores must come directly from the College Board.)
- 5  The student does not qualify for any of the exemptions listed above.

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*Signature of Certifying Official*

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*Date*

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*Printed Name*

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*Title*

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*Institution*

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*Telephone Number*

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*Email Address*

**Failure to complete this certification will prevent timely processing of the application.**