

# DISTANCE EDUCATION

Texas Woman's University offers multiple degrees, programs, and courses online through Distance Education (DE). These electronically-delivered courses and programs provide the same high-quality instruction as face-to-face classes and encourage a plenitude of interaction.

The Distance Education degree programs (<https://twu.edu/cd3/information-for-students/online-degrees-and-certificate-programs/>) are listed online at the Center for Development, Design, and Delivery website (<https://twu.edu/cd3/>). Additional online courses outside of these degree programs may be found in the Class Schedule by selecting "Internet Instruction" or "Hybrid Course" in the Instructional Methods box.

Online courses are delivered through Canvas, an Internet-based software platform. DE courses cost exactly the same as on-campus classes. Overall costs may vary from semester-to-semester and from student-to-student depending on residency status and academic level.

Students in online courses need daily access to a computer with internet connections. Students should also have a backup plan for accessing a second computer should any technical problem arise.

Students who are new to DE may view a detailed introduction in the Guide to Online Learning (<https://twu.edu/guide-to-online-learning/>), which is available on the My Courses webpage (<http://www.twu.edu/my-courses/>). The Guide will give new DE students an idea of what an online class is like, how to find and log into their online courses, resources that are available to them, and keys to success.

**Please note:** International students who hold F-1 visa status cannot enroll in academic programs that are defined as 100% distance education (online degrees). Due to regulations from the Department of Homeland Security, F-1 student visa holders have restrictions regarding the number of online (or distance education) credits that can be taken during the semester as it relates to fulfilling the full-time enrollment requirement. An international student may be admitted to the University for 100% distance education (online degrees) but is only authorized to complete the program from outside of the United States. Please contact International Student and Scholar Services (<http://www.twu.edu/international-education/>) for more information.

## Authorization for TWU Students Learning in Other States

In order for TWU to offer educational activities to students physically located in other states (**including, but not limited to, online courses and internships**) the University must obtain permission from the higher education departments and applicable licensing boards of those states. Not all activities are allowed in all states. To learn more about the activities that TWU may offer in your home state, please visit the State Authorization website (<https://twu.edu/faculty-commons/administrator-resources/state-authorization/>).

## Students Entering a Licensure-Prep Program

TWU programs that prepare students to practice a licensed profession are designed to prepare for licensure or certification in Texas. TWU cannot guarantee that licensure preparation programs offered will meet licensure or certification requirements of any other state(s). If you are enrolling in a program that prepares you to practice a licensed

profession and you plan to practice in a state other than Texas, speak to your academic program leader or advisor as to whether or not the TWU program will prepare you to sit for the licensure exam and practice in another state.