



STEPS TO SUCCESS

To assist you in becoming a successful college student follow, in order, these Steps to Success!

STEP 1


Admissions Applications

Apply online at www.openccapply.net. You will receive an email from Taft College that will have your Student ID number. You can also call the Counseling Center at 661-763-7748 to retrieve your Student ID number.

YOU WILL NEED

 Online Access

YOU SHOULD OBTAIN

 Student ID #

STEP 2

Financial Aid

Visit www.fafsa.edu.gov to complete a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Apply for scholarships, view important deadlines and contact information. Find more information on the Financial Aid homepage.

YOU WILL NEED

 Online Access

 Financial Info

YOU SHOULD OBTAIN

 Financial Relief

Transcripts

If applicable, submit official transcripts from all prior colleges attended to the Admissions Office. Complete a Request for Transfer Credit Evaluation. Prior coursework applicable to degree completion will be posted on the Taft College transcript by the end of the first semester.

STEP 3

Orientation

Complete the Online Orientation by visiting www.taftcol-lege.edu/admissions/orientation. You will need your Student ID number to complete this step.

YOU WILL NEED

 Online Access

 Student ID #

Important Links

- www.openccapply.net
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- taftcollege.edu/financial-aid
- taftcollege.edu/orientation
- taftcollege.edu/counseling
- taftcollege.edu/register
- taftcollege.edu/library
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Contact Info

Counseling Center

Tel: (661) 763-7748

Fax: (661) 763-7758



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Assessment Services



Students are no longer required to take placement exams for their math and English courses. The appropriate courses will be determined by your high school performance and program of choice. Once you complete your application for admissions, please contact the Testing Center for more information.
www.taftcollege.edu/admissions/placement-assessment.

STEP 5

Counseling Workshops

Call the Counseling Center at (661) 763-7748 to schedule a new student appointment. Bring unofficial or official transcripts from high school and from all prior colleges attended.

YOU WILL NEED



-  Scheduled Appointment
-  Transcripts

STEP 6


Registration

Register for classes online using **Cougar Tracks**, or on-campus with a counselor or advisor. You will need your Student ID number and Password to login. Before you register, **make sure all prerequisite requirements have been met.**

YOU WILL NEED

-  Student ID #
-  Cleared Prereqs

YOU SHOULD OBTAIN

-  Class Schedule

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Payment of Fees

Student fees can be paid on your **Cougar Tracks** account or you may contact the Taft College Cashier (661) 763-7713 and pay over the phone with a credit card, or on campus with cash, check or credit card. If receiving financial aid, access your financial aid status information on your Cougar Tracks account or contact the Financial Aid office at (661) 763-7762.

YOU WILL NEED

 Online Access

STEP 8

Student ID Card

Visit the **Taft Library** to obtain your Student ID card, 24 hours after enrollment into classes. Cards are free (if lost, replacement cost is \$2).

STEP 9

Associated Student Body (ASB) Stickers

You must purchase an ASB sticker to participate in the text-book rental program. An ASB sticker can be purchased at the **TC Bookstore** (515 Finley Drive), bookstore.taftcollege.edu or from the Cashier for \$30 per year: Sticker is valid for the fall, spring, and summer semesters of the academic year purchased. You can find the books that are needed on your Cougar Tracks account or by taking your printed schedule to the TC Bookstore.

YOU WILL NEED

 Form of Payment

YOU SHOULD OBTAIN

 Textbook Sticker

STEP 10

Attend Classes

Attend your classes on the first day of school. You may be dropped from class if you fail to attend the first class session; this includes online classes.

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