

Frequently asked question about attending the consortium.

Q1; Are students from non-consortium universities eligible to attend the consortium?

A1: Any student currently enrolled or just graduated from a US or Canadian university is eligible to participate.. A student does not have to be attending a consortium university in order to be accepted.

Q2: What is the cost to attend the consortium?

A2: Students that qualify are awarded a scholarship that covers:

- a) Tuition to attend the consortium
- b) Housing at a local motel (double occupancy)
- c) Continental breakfast, and lunches 5 days a week plus at least one evening meal a week
- d) Transportation to and from the community college, field trips and local service to restaurants and shopping
- e) WE DO NOT COVER THE COST TO GET TO NOR RETURN FROM THE CONSORTIUM

Q3; How does one apply for the consortium?

A3; The application is on line at the consortium website: <http://usdetc.tamu.edu>

Under the student/faculty information tab, select "Application Form". The applicant needs to complete the form, have a letter of recommendation from a dairy producer, faculty or agribusiness professional, and an "unofficial transcript"

Q4 Are exams givens?

A4: Each week is a different teaching module. Each module is a self-contained unit, such as nutrition, mastitis or reproduction. During each week, students are given daily quizzes as well as lab practicums, if applicable. At the end of each module, an exam is given over the entire week's material. After the second week, a rolling average is maintained for each student. At least a rolling average of 70 is required to remain at the consortium.

Q5; Do students receive credits for attending the consortium?

A5: The consortium does not assign credit to students attending the consortium. However, we encourage home universities to enroll their students in some type of course, either credit or non-credit. At the conclusion of the consortium, we send a spreadsheet containing all the student quizzes, labs, and hour exam scores. The names of the students from a home university are listed. All other names are blank. This listing allows faculty to compare their students to others attending the consortium.

Q6: Do I need a car?

A6: Although a car is convenient, a car is not required. Vans are available to transport students to and from the consortium activities as well as going to restaurants, shopping and other required trips. They are not available for after-hours social activities.

Q7: When will I know if I have been accepted?

A7: Students will be notified via email between March 1 and March 15, 2017.

Q8: What do I do if I am accepted?

A8: If you are accepted, you have until April 1 to confirm that you will be attending the consortium. You will complete the acceptance form and send the form along with a \$50 registration fee.

Q9: Do I have to bring anything?

A9: You are required to bring a pair of rubber boots that will be disinfected before entering and leaving each dairy. Since Clovis is located on the high plains, weather is quite unpredictable. A light jacket might be necessary for the first part of the program. Bring sun screen since we will be walking dairies.

Q10: Are course materials provide?

A10: All course material will be placed on a server to which you will have access. You may copy the material to a flash drive for your future use. We do not copy and distribute the Power Point presentations.

Q11: Is internet available?

A11: Internet is available at the King's Inn and Clovis Community College. The internet at the King's Inn gets to be slow at certain times since ~50 students are hitting the server at the same time. Clovis Community internet is fast and is available in the evenings.

Q12: What time does class start and end?

A12: Classes usually starts at 8 AM and concludes about 5 PM. Some nights we have sponsored dinners.

Q13: When will classes start?

A13: The first day of class will be May 15 at Clovis Community College, starting at 8 am.

Q14: When is the last day of class?

The last day of class is Friday, June 23. However, we will have a graduation program that evening to which you can invite your parents. That program will conclude by 9 PM.

Q15: When is the motel available?

A15: The motel is available Saturday, May 13 and you have the room though Saturday, June 24.

Q16: if I am flying, into which airport do I fly and how do I get to Clovis?

A16: We recommend that you fly into Lubbock (LBB). We will pick you up at the airport on Sunday, May 14. LBB is served by American, United, Delta and Southwest airlines.