Thank you for your interest in our Computer Science (CS) graduate program. The CS Department offers one certificate and 3 degree programs:

- Certificate in Software Engineering (SECert)
- Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCS)
- Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science (PhDCS)

To start the application process, please follow these steps.

1. Apply at [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/)
2. Send Graduate Admissions your GRE scores, TOEFL scores (for international students), and official transcripts.
   a. GRE/TOEFL scores must be officially submitted from ETS. Institution code: 6827, Department Code: 0000
3. Send the following completed forms to the CS Department - NOT to Graduate Admissions. Forms are available at [http://www.cs.ttu.edu/](http://www.cs.ttu.edu/) through the Graduate / Graduate Forms menu. Include no other documentation – such as certificates, papers, or employment letters.
   a. Statement of purpose form – why you wish to work on a graduate degree, how your background has prepared you for graduate work, and why you would like to come to Texas Tech; for PhD applicants or those interested in research, include research areas of interest, and research activities in which you have participated, such as experiments, algorithm development, and writing journal or conference papers. You may also discuss low grades if you have them or other issues/highlights in your application.
   b. Résumé (form not required) – outlines your education, work experience, published papers, significant projects developed, community service, and extracurricular activities.
   c. Letter of recommendation form – at least 3 letters from those familiar with your educational and/or work background.
   d. Financial assistance form – to be considered for a scholarship or assistantship.

Additional Important Information

- **The Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog** - [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/catalog/_viewcat.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/officialpublications/catalog/_viewcat.php); PLEASE read the Graduate School, Whitacre College of Engineering, and Computer Science sections.
- **Student Business Services** - [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentbusinessservices/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentbusinessservices/) for graduate tuition and fees.
- **International Teaching Assistant (ITA) Workshop** - [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/classic_modern/ita/itaindex.htm](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/classic_modern/ita/itaindex.htm)
  o Texas Tech University Operating requires that the appointment of international students as teaching assistants be made only after certification of English proficiency and readiness for the classroom.
  o The ITA Workshop is conducted each summer to assess and improve the language skills of prospective ITA’s.
- **Academic Testing Services** - [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/testing/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/testing/) for on-campus testing, including the GRE, TOEFL, and TSE.
- **Student Organizations** - [http://www.ttu.edu/campus/stuorgs.php](http://www.ttu.edu/campus/stuorgs.php) for a list of student organizations.

Some Frequently Asked About Information

- **Degree Offerings** - The degree and certificate programs are offered in Lubbock. The MSSE and SECert are also available via distance.
  o Distance Education - [http://aln.coe.ttu.edu/alnweb/](http://aln.coe.ttu.edu/alnweb/)
- **Admission** - The CS Department abides by the requirements of the Graduate School. No admission requirements can be waived.
  o The Graduate School has the following admission deadlines: 3 months before expected enrollment date for US citizens and immigrant permanent residents and for international applications: January 15 (Summer/Fall), June 15 (Spring). After the deadline, use the paper-based application at [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/admissions/admissForms.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/admissions/admissForms.php).
  o All applicants, however, should apply and send the CS forms (under number 3 above) by the following dates or your application may not be processed in time for the desired semester of entrance: March 1 (Summer/Fall), September 1 (Spring)
  o When you apply to Tech, you should receive a Banner R ID number in a few days and/or be able to obtain an erailer username so you can check your application status. When Graduate Admissions sends your application to the CS department, your status becomes “deferred to department”. If your application is complete with all required materials, it is placed into the batch of applications for the next meeting of the CS Department Graduate Admissions Committee.
  o Be sure to check on missing application materials and provide us with a valid email address on your application so we can send you at least one courtesy email asking for missing materials. Incomplete applications are sent back to Graduate Admissions after 6 weeks with the status “no longer an applicant” if contact with you cannot be established to complete your application.
  o The CS Department does not have minimum GRE score requirements as all supporting documentation in the student’s application is considered. We do not release statistics on GRE or other test scores for successful graduate applications.
  o The CS Department encourages applications from international students who are proficient in English as demonstrated by an IELTS score of at least 7.0, or TOEFL scores of at least 600 on the paper-based version, 250 on the computer-based version, and 100 on the internet-based version. The university minimum IELTS score is 6.5, TOEFL PBT is 550, and TOEFL IBT is 79.
- **Course Transfer** - Students may transfer graduate courses with a grade of A or B from another institution as long as they fulfill degree requirements and are approved by the graduate advisor and the Graduate School. Certificate students may transfer up to 1 course, and Master's students may transfer up to 6 hours of courses. Ph.D. students may transfer up to 12 hours of courses OR up to 30 hours of courses from an earned master's degree. Pass/fail and correspondence courses are ineligible to be transferred.
- **Financial Help** - The department has a limited number of scholarships and assistantships and you must fill out the financial assistance form to apply for them. If you receive a scholarship or assistantship offer, then please notify the CS Department of your acceptance or rejection as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by the deadline to respond, your offer may be rescinded.
  o University and Graduate School Scholarship Deadlines: February 1 (Fall), July 1 (Spring), NA (Summer)
- **Leveling** - If you do not have a computer science or similar undergraduate degree and would like to be admitted to the CS graduate program, please take the following courses at a community or similar college if you have not already done so: programming I and II, data structures and algorithm analysis, computer architecture, discrete math, Calculus I, and a sophomore/junior-level statistics course.
- **SECert** - The GRE is not required and certificate courses may be used toward a master’s or PhD.