



Tarleton State University  
College of Liberal and Fine Arts  
**Texas Center of Community Journalism**  
Stephensville, TX

## Partnership

Students in a capstone reporting class work with community newspapers to report stories. Students are assigned beats at their papers and pursue these stories through the spring semester.

### Lead faculty

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### Course name

Advanced Reporting

## Collaborators

Various community newspapers in the area around the university

## Impacts

Students must complete three stories, but some complete six or more during the semester.

## Students

15,000 at Tarleton State University

6 in the partnership, per semester

## Student work

Students have beats that they cover for community newspapers, some of which are hours from campus. Beats include education, sports and other community topics. Class works with instructor to co-edit stories before submitting them to the papers they're assigned to for the semester.

## Faculty/staff

Professor works with students in course to coach them through reporting and editing stories, and students also work with editors at their newspapers.