The Office of Distance and Extended Learning works in cooperation with academic colleges, schools, departments and programs to extend the resources of Texas State beyond the traditional campus classroom. Professional staff in the Office of Distance and Extended Learning work with faculty and staff in offering seminars, workshops, conferences, and short courses that help meet the educational needs of the many communities Texas State serves. The Office of Distance and Extended Learning coordinates planning, budgeting, marketing, fee collection, registration, meals, evaluation, and other duties that may be required.

These programs are generally non-credit in nature. Some programs receive Continuing Education credits, and those who successfully complete these designated programs are awarded Continuing Education Units (CEU). One CEU is awarded to a person who completes a ten-contact-hour program.