

PATHWAY TO CRIP

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SUITE PARLOR

Making the Most of your CRIP Stay

There is no question that CRIP is expensive and that money is a concern for many students. Below are some money saving suggestions for CRIP. To help find relief from the interview climate, some of the local entertainment opportunities for those who are interested or who may be staying the entire week have also been provided.

Share a Suite/Share a Ride

Connection Center: Check with your APMSA representative about linking up with CRIP attendees from your school and other colleges. At CRIP, check the Connection Center in the Registration Room to post or find someone to share a suite or a ride.

At the Hotel: Every room in this all-suites hotel has a bedroom with one or two beds and a parlor with a queen sleep sofa. The negotiated rate of \$159 is good for one or two people; more than that add \$10 per person. Each suite is equipped with a microwave, refrigerator and two TVs. A complete hot breakfast and manager's reception is included for each registered guest, a \$20 value. We do encourage you to stay at the CRIP hotel for a number of reasons – no stress or problems with transportation, evening events and a place to get away to between interviews. But if you plan to stay for both weekends and have no interviews mid-week, you may want to consider moving to a cheaper hotel for a while. A quick internet search turned up a hotels nearby for as low as \$60 per night.

Food: Take a piece of fruit from breakfast and add it to a frozen pizza, available in the hotel shop, and you have lunch! There is also a grocery store within walking distance from the hotel. The mall, a block away, is a good place to go for quick and inexpensive fast food. Sports bars and restaurants are an easy walk away.

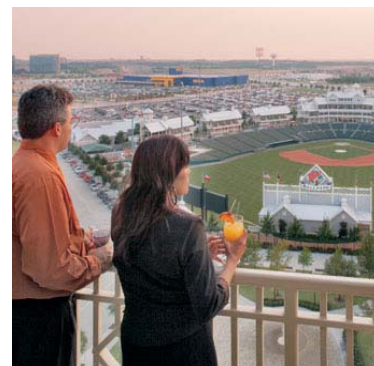
Travel: The Embassy Suites is NOT a hotel airport. It is located mid-way between Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and Love Field; about 20 miles from either. There are several transportation alternatives to taking a taxi, which can run more than \$50 one way:

1. **Airport Shuttle Services:** a shared shuttle is an economic way to get from the airport to the hotel, but may take as much as two hours before arrival at the hotel.
2. **Car Rental:** Enterprise has a rental desk at the hotel and Hertz is close enough that the hotel shuttle will pick you up. You can rent a car at the airport and then drop it off that same day. Driving directions are pretty straightforward as the hotel is just off of a major highway.

The hotel shuttle will take you within a three mile radius of the hotel, which encompasses the mall, the grocery store and the car rental store, but availability may be limited so plan ahead.

NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

The average high temperature in Frisco in January is 54 degrees. The average rainfall is 2.43" and there is a 1 in 3 chance that the day will be sunny.



VIEW OF DR. PEPPER BALL-PARK FROM THE HOTEL.



SPA BOTANICA IS LOCATED WITHIN THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL

Relieve the Stress!

When choosing a hotel for CRIP, we took into consideration the availability of nearby entertainment. While the primary reason you are going is for interviewing, it's nice to have options once the interviews are done. The mall boasts an ice-skating rink and movie theater. There are many stores and sports bars located within a 3-mile radius of the hotel. Pizza Hut Park, home of major league soccer (FC Dallas) & Dr. Pepper StarCenter, home to the Dallas Stars, Dallas Maverick basketball and Texas Tornado hockey teams, are located within walking distance from the hotel. There are also two golf courses within 10 miles of the hotel.

In-hotel entertainment is available as well. The hotel hosts a spa, a beautiful swimming pool and whirlpool, and the Caffeina Marketplace Café has games that can be checked out, both board games and Xboxes. Jogging trail maps are available. You'll likely remember your CRIP experience for a lifetime, why not enjoy Frisco and Dallas after the interviews are done?