metro technology centers (vocational/technical school)

# Overview

Metro Technology centers is a career and technology center that has four campuses in Oklahoma City. Metro Tech provides full-time career majors for high school and adult students. Students attending Metro Tech earn trade certifications and/or licenses in their chosen field. Full time attendance is Monday through Friday from 7:25 AM to 2:45 PM.

# Programs

A wide range of programs are available to students. Majors include practical nursing, cosmetology, barbering, aircraft electronics, electrician’s assistantship, HVAC repair and installation, architectural drafting, and more. Programs in graphic design, auto body repair, firefighter services, and more are also available.

# Financial Aid

Metro Tech offers financial aid and accepts students that have Oklahoma’s Promise. Financial aid is available for students enrolled in a program that requires at least 600 hours to complete. Certificate programs can take anywhere from 500 to 2500 hours to complete.

# Application and Admission

Students interested in attending a Metro Technology Center should apply by May 1st for priority admission for fall classes. Students should be a high school graduate or have their GED certificate. An eighth-grade reading level and tenth-grade math level are required for admission. It is also suggested that students be organized and detail oriented. It is required for admission consideration to take the Accuplacer exam. This can be taken at no cost at the Metro Tech testing center. After completing the Accuplacer, students must participate in a career advisement session before finalizing their enrollment.

Metro Technology Centers. (n.d.). https://www.metrotech.edu/about

Oklahoma City Community College (2-year Junior College)

# Overview

Oklahoma City Community College is a 2-year public community college located in Oklahoma City. OCCC, pronounced “O-triple-C,” has 2-year associate degrees, and one- or two-year certificate programs for students wanting to transition to the workforce. They have more than 60 degree- and certificate-granting programs in a wide variety of majors to choose from. There are many benefits of attending OCCC, such as cost savings, technology resources, small class sizes, and ESL support.

# Programs

A wide range of programs are available to students. Certifications in child development, computer networking support, digital cinema production, photography digital imaging, and more. Associate degree programs in business, broadcasting, computer science, and more are also available.

# Financial Aid

OCCC offers financial aid and accepts students that have Oklahoma’s Promise. They also offer the OKCGo program to students graduating from OKCPS who are receiving partial or no financial aid for a maximum of 63 credit hours.

# Application and Admission

Students applying to OCCC should be a high school graduate or have their GED certificate. To be accepted, students need to have taken the ACT, SAT, or another college placement exam. Students also need to have met the following high school curricular requirements:

* 4 years of English
* 3 years of math
* 3 years of lab science
* 3 years of history and citizenship skills
* 2 years of computer science, foreign language, or AP courses (not including the AP fine arts classes) or additional years of subjects previously mentioned

*Wikimedia Foundation. (2022, March 23). Oklahoma City Community College. Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma\_City\_Community\_College*

*OCCC. (n.d.). Degree Programs. Oklahoma City Community College. https://www.occc.edu/catalog/degree-programs/*

University of Oklahoma (4-year State College)

# Overview

University of Oklahoma is a public research university located in Norman, OK. It is the largest research institution in the state of Oklahoma. The school focuses on first-year students through academic advising and support to make sure that students are transitioning to college well. OU offers more than 170 academic programs; upon completion one can earn a bachelor’s degree, which typically takes four years.

# Programs

A wide range of programs are available to students. There are 18 colleges at OU: architecture, allied health, atmospheric and geographic sciences, dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy, international studies, arts and sciences, aviation, nursing, engineering, journalism and mass communication, education, earth and energy sciences, business, and fine arts.

# Financial Aid

OU offers financial aid and accepts students that have Oklahoma’s Promise and supplement this with their Crimson Commitment program, which covers the tuition and fees for four years.

# Application and Admission

Students interested in attending the University of Oklahoma should apply by February 1st to begin classes in the fall. Students should be a high school graduate or have their GED certificate. For admission, OU focuses on 3 areas:

* GPA in core classes
* Rigor of course selection
* ACT and/or SAT scores (encouraged)

The most important of the three is GPA as it carries the most weight. To be competitive, OU wants students to have taken challenging courses throughout high school. There is no minimum ACT/SAT score requirement, however, these scores are used to determine scholarship funds.

The University of Oklahoma. (2022, Aug 22). About OU. <https://www.ou.edu/web/about_ou>

*Wikipedia contributors. (2022, August 29). University of Oklahoma. In Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia.* [*https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=University\_of\_Oklahoma&oldid=1107252281*](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=University_of_Oklahoma&oldid=1107252281)

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (4-year Rural College)

# Overview

Southwestern Oklahoma State University is a four-year public college located in Weatherford, OK.  SWOSU is just 60 miles from Oklahoma City.  The student to faculty ratio is 20:1. SWOSU is also the only school in the state with both graduate and undergraduate programs in music therapy.

# Programs

A wide range of programs are available to students. There are 17 undergraduate programs at SWOSU: allied health; arts, communication, and theater; biological sciences; business; chemistry and physics; computer science; education; engineering technology; interdisciplinary studies; kinesiology; language and literature; mathematics; music; nursing; parks recreation management; psychology; and social sciences.

# Financial Aid

SWOSU offers financial aid and accepts students that have Oklahoma’s Promise. Bachelor’s degree programs generally take 125 credit hours to complete or 4+ years, whereas Associate degree programs generally take 63 credit hours to complete or 2 years. SWOSU has a partnership with Rose State College that allows students to transfer from Rose State after getting their general education classes to SWOSU and seamlessly obtain a bachelor’s degree.

# Application and Admission

Students must be a graduate from an accredited high school or have a GED and meet one of the following performance requirements:

* Minimum ACT Score of 20
* SAT score of 1030
* Upper 50% of class and a 2.7 GPA
* 2.7 GPA in 15-unit core curriculum

Wikimedia Foundation. (2022, May 25). Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwestern\_Oklahoma\_State\_University

Rose State College. (2022, Aug. 22). Rose State College And Southwestern Oklahoma State University Announce Transfer Partnerships. News & Events. <https://www.rose.edu/content/news-events/news/2022/08-aug/rose-state-college-and-southwestern-oklahoma-state-university-announce-transfer-partnerships/>

*Southwestern Oklahoma State University. (n.d.). Academics and Admissions. https://www.swosu.edu/*

**OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (4-YEAR PRIVATE COLLEGE)**

# Overview

Oklahoma Baptist University is a four-year private college located in Shawnee, OK, 35 miles east of Oklahoma City. This private school is affiliated with the Baptist Church. It was founded in 1910 by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. The student to faculty ratio is 13:1.

# Programs

OBU offers 80 areas of study, such as accounting, biblical studies, biology (including a forensics emphasis), chemistry, Christian ministry, criminal justice, cross-cultural ministry, exercise science, finance, and many more. Four master’s programs are offered: Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Christian Studies, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, and Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy.

# Financial Aid

OBU offers financial aid and accepts students that have Oklahoma’s Promise. Incoming first-time freshmen qualify for an annual award of at least $9,000 per year. Students can maintain their scholarship if they maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

# Application and Admission

Students should be a high school graduate or have their GED certificate. Applicants who meet the following criteria may be granted regular admission:

* One of the following test scores:
  + ACT composite score of at least 20
  + SAT score of at least 1030
  + CLT score of at least 66
* High school GPA of at least 3.00 or class rank in the upper half

Wikimedia Foundation. (2022, July 17). Oklahoma Baptist University. Wikipedia. Retrieved August 9, 2022, from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oklahoma_Baptist_University>

*Oklahoma Baptist University. (n.d.). Admissions. okbu.edu.*