

Types of Colleges

Four-Year Universities

- Offer undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees
- Include Oklahoma's research and regional universities and public liberal arts university
- Examples: Oklahoma State University and Cameron University

Community Colleges

- Take about two years to complete a degree program
- Are usually less expensive than some other types of colleges
- Examples: Western Oklahoma State College and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

Technical Branches

- Emphasize education and training in technical fields
- Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology and Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City are Oklahoma's technical branches

Technology Centers

- Prepare you for a specialized career or trade
- Offer several certifications, some online
- Examples: Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center and Autry Technology Center

Proprietary Schools

- Privately-owned or out-of-state colleges and universities that aren't supported by state funds
- Prepare students for direct entry into an occupation or profession
- Examples: Vatterott College and Woodward Beauty College

Private Schools

- Privately-owned accredited colleges and universities that aren't supported by state funds
- Offer associate, bachelor's and/or graduate degrees
- Examples: Oklahoma Christian University and Bacone College

Note that several terms can be used to describe the same school. For example, the University of Central Oklahoma is a four-year, public, regional university.

Visit okhighered.org to find public colleges and universities in Oklahoma.

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