Higher Education in Oklahoma

More than 200,000 students enrolled annually

More than 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year

Associate and bachelor’s degree holders earn a median income 25% and 75% higher, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.

U.S. News and World Report 2021 rankings place Oklahoma tuition and fees as 11th-lowest in the nation.

STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased 43% over the last decade. More than 7,450 STEM and 6,220 healthcare degrees and certificates were awarded at all levels in the last academic year.

Nearly 90% of Oklahoma residents who earn an undergraduate degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation.

For every $1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates $9.40 in economic return.

Of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma (2018-2028), 66 require an associate degree or higher.

Only 26.2% of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor’s degree or higher. The national average is more than 33%, and of our surrounding states—including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado—only Arkansas has fewer citizens with a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Oklahoma ranks 50th in the nation in the percent change in state fiscal support for higher education from 2010-2020, with a 37.2% decline in public higher education appropriations per FTE.
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**Enrollment**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 27,309 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 85.

**Graduation**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 3,906 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 85.

**Oklahoma’s Promise**
- In District 85, 617 students from the 2021 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 1,882 high school students in District 85 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 8,871 high school students from District 85 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2020-21 academic year, over 1,500 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 85 received approximately $2.6 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

**Concurrent Enrollment**
- During the 2020-21 academic year, 2,780 students enrolled in 29,788 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 85.

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**FY 2023 BUDGET NEED**

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**FY 2023 BUDGET NEED:**

1. **Critical Workforce Development Initiatives**
   - **$40,014,000**
     - A. STEM Workforce Development: $33,200,000
       - i. Engineering/STEM Workforce Needs (Phase II) $12,900,000
       - ii. Nursing Workforce Needs $10,000,000
         - iii. Physician Residency Capacity Expansion $10,000,000
       - iv. Pre-Collegiate STEM Summer Academies $300,000
     - B. Initiatives to Address the Teacher Education Shortage $4,514,000
     - C. Adult Degree Completion (Reach Higher) & Workforce Re-entry $2,300,000

2. **System Operations**
   - **$34,300,000**
     - A. Campus Operational Support Needs $30,000,000
     - B. Deferred Maintenance for Campus Infrastructure (Section 13 Offset) $3,000,000
     - C. State System Shared Services, Innovations, & Online Education Resources $800,000
     - D. System Innovation, Collaboration, & Efficiency Incentive Grants $500,000

3. **Student Success and College Degree Completion Initiatives**
   - **$10,850,000**
     - A. Concurrent Enrollment Program $4,000,000
     - B. Student Enrollment, Retention, & Graduation Assistance $6,850,000
       - i. Need-Based Financial Aid Programs $4,900,000
       - ii. Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program $250,000
       - iii. Academic Scholars Program $1,700,000

**FY 2023 TOTAL BUDGET NEED**

- **$897,983,822**
- $ Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations **$85,164,000**
- % Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations **10.5%**