

General Information

HISTORY

Henderson County Junior College was founded by a group of Athens civic leaders, headed by J. P. Pickens and Orval Pirtle, and public school administrators in late 1945 and early 1946. The creation of Henderson County Junior College was formally approved by voters in the election of May 4, 1946. The first registration was conducted in temporary facilities at Athens High School on June 3, 1946, and three days later classes began there. The Board of Trustees provided Henderson County Junior College with its own facilities at the present location of the Athens Campus on June 24, 1946. The College moved to its new campus for the beginning of the fall semester, 1946.

Henderson County Junior College began its development into a multi-campus institution with the initiation of an off-campus instructional program at the Texas Department of Corrections, Coffield Unit, in the spring of 1969. Course offerings were subsequently expanded to the following correctional units: Beto I, Beto II, and the Michael Unit. The Campus in Palestine was established in 1972 and moved to its present facility three miles north of Palestine in 1975. The Terrell Campus was established in 1973 to serve the northern portion of what had become an enlarged Henderson County Junior College District. The present campus opened in the fall of 1986. In May of 1983, a new Health Science Center complex was completed in Kaufman for the purpose of providing various health occupation programs.

As a result of the continued regional expansion of the College, the Board of Trustees authorized and approved a name change from Henderson County Junior College to Trinity Valley Community College in September, 1986.

Trinity Valley Community College has a proud heritage of service to the people within the region and is currently engaged in continuing growth and development toward realization of its full potential in higher education.

MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Valley Community College is a learning-centered college that provides quality academic, workforce, and community service programs to meet the educational needs of our students and the citizens of our service area.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

TVCC exists for the following purposes:

- to prepare students for transfer to upper-level institutions by offering a core curriculum of freshman and sophomore courses in the arts and sciences;
- to prepare students for employment through completion of academic and workforce programs leading to an Associate of Arts Degree, an Associate of Applied Science Degree, or a Certificate of Completion;
- to help disadvantaged students develop educational skills leading to academic success;
- to provide continuing adult education programs for occupational or cultural enrichment;
- to provide workforce education programs leading directly to employment in semi-skilled and skilled occupations;
- to support and promote workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs;
- to offer a comprehensive student development services program, including counseling and guidance; and
- to provide literacy and other basic skills programs for adults.

TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOALS

1. Increase emphasis on improving the quality of classroom instruction.
2. Expand intellectual, artistic, cultural, and personal enrichment opportunities and maintain extracurricular learning experiences for all students.
3. Increase community involvement through a variety of continuing education courses, services, and activities for participants of diverse ages, interests, and needs that satisfy training requirements and promote independent and lifelong learning.

4. Enhance educational and student services that impact student learning and contribute to effective performance in and positive adjustment to the environment of all students.
5. Review and modify academic courses and programs relating to the students' achievement of course competencies, acquisition of general knowledge, preparation for completion of advanced courses and degrees, and achievement of appropriate levels of competence in communication and computation.
6. Review and modify occupational courses and programs relating to the students' acquisition of skills necessary for successful employment in occupational fields, upgrading of skills and knowledge within an occupation, and retraining for new job skills or a new career.
7. Enhance the maintenance of an excellent faculty and staff committed to students and quality education through the enhancement of professional development opportunities and activities.
8. Increase emphasis on improving recruitment and retention of minority faculty members and students.
9. Enhance the facilities and equipment of the institution to ensure that the appropriate physical environments are in place to support learning, teaching, and decision making.
10. Increase the institution's leadership role in its workforce development efforts to serve the community and enhance its effort to support and promote economic development within its service area.

COLLEGE FACILITIES

Since its beginning, Trinity Valley Community College has been in a continuous state of growth and development to meet the needs of its ever-expanding program offerings. This development not only reflects the establishment of educational centers in Palestine, Terrell, and Kaufman.

The official designations of the campuses are:

- (1) Trinity Valley Community College-Athens
- (2) Trinity Valley Community College-Palestine
- (3) Trinity Valley Community College-Terrell
- (4) TVCC Health Science Center

These facilities include general classrooms; modern laboratories for science and appropriate occupational programs; a modern well equipped Learning Resources Center; a men and women's physical education building; a well equipped instruction media center; and a Student Union building.

In addition the college owns and operates a 254 acre ranch for agriculture and ranch management instruction.

A modern, well equipped green house is available to students in the Horticulture, Ranch Management and Agriculture Programs.

CAMPUSES ADDRESSES

<i>Trinity Valley Community College - Athens</i>	<i>TVCC-Health Science Center</i>	<i>TVCC-Palestine Campuses</i>	<i>TVCC-Terrell Campus</i>	<i>TVCC-TDCC Instructional Programs</i>
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ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Programs and courses offered by Trinity Valley Community College are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Trinity Valley Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the Associate of Arts degree, and Associate of Applied Science degree. The college is also a member of the Texas Junior College Association, Texas Association of Community Colleges, and American Association of Community Colleges.