

HISTORY AND LOCATION

Temple Junior College was founded in 1926 in response to the need for a post secondary institution in Temple. The College is a result of the joint efforts of civic, business, and educational leaders. In 1996, the name of the College was changed to Temple College to reflect its role as a comprehensive college, offering transfer programs, technical education, community education, career and workforce training, and cultural activities.

From 1926 until January of 1957, the College was housed in the basement of Temple High School. As the student body grew, so did the need for a permanent campus, and the College moved to its present location in south Temple. The main campus now exceeds 105 acres, including 16 buildings. University Courtyard Apartments provide apartment-style on campus student housing, and Temple College Apartments provide on-campus housing for low-income student families. The Danny Scott Sports Complex includes a gymnasium with indoor swimming pool, fitness center and racquetball courts; baseball and softball fields, and an intramural field. The Old Nine Golf Course also is located on campus.

Temple College also operates three off-campus centers. To serve the increasing educational and workforce training needs of Williamson and surrounding counties, Temple College opened the Temple College Taylor Center in the fall of 1997 in the historic area of Taylor. The Cameron Education Center - Temple College opened in January 2000 to serve the educational and training needs of Milam County and surrounding areas. Day and evening on-campus, online, and hybrid credit courses, technical and workforce training, and continuing education classes are available at both centers.

The Temple College Downtown Center opened in May 2000 in the historical old Temple Post Office Building. The Downtown Center is home for the Business and Community Education Division. In 2005, renovations were completed to an historic building adjacent to the Downtown Center for the Temple College Business Training Center. A joint economic and business development project with the City of Temple, Temple Economic Development Corp. and the Temple Chamber of Commerce, the Business Training Center houses the Temple Business Incubator as well as classrooms, meeting space for community education and workforce training and offices for the Temple College Foundation.

Temple College has traditionally offered pre-professional courses leading to degrees in medicine, law, education, engineering, and similar fields as well as more general academic courses that enable students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities for baccalaureate degrees. The technical program of the College expanded with the opening of the Watson Technical Center in 1967. In recent years a wide variety of credit and non-credit classes, programs and workshops have been offered through Community Education and Workforce Development and Corporate Training. Temple College became a leader in education for health professions with opening of a new Health Sciences Center and Clinical Simulation Center in 2004. As a partner with community, education, and business interests in the Texas Bioscience Institute, Temple College took a leadership role in developing the Texas Bioscience Institute, an innovative educational model involving area high schools, colleges and universities to bring new educational opportunities to Central Texas citizens. Texas Bioscience Institute opened in 2006.

With an enrollment of 4,000, the College is large enough to maintain a flexible and varied program. It is, at the same time, small enough to provide students with opportunities for the development of leadership abilities. Small class size makes possible a close personal relationship between students and their instructors.

Temple College is located in Temple, Texas, a city of approximately 58,000 in the heart of Texas. Temple is recognized as a medical, education and research center. Within its boundaries are Scott and White Hospital and Clinics, King's Daughters Hospital and Clinic, Central Texas Veterans' Health Care System, Texas A&M College of Medicine, and USDA/Texas A&M University Blackland Research Center.

Temple is 125 miles from Dallas and Fort Worth, 60 miles from Austin, 140 miles from San Antonio, and 165 miles from Houston. It is, therefore, well located with reference to commercial, cultural, and political centers of Texas and the Southwest.