

PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Temple College exists to provide all the people of its service area with the finest educational opportunities possible. Additionally, the two-year colleges of Texas are assigned nine specific purposes by the State Legislature as expressed in the Texas Education Code 130.003(e)

The purpose of the college district shall be to provide:

1. Technical programs up to two years in length leading to associate degrees or certificates.
2. Vocational programs leading directly to employment in semi-skilled and skilled occupations.
3. Freshman and sophomore courses in arts and sciences.
4. Continuing adult education programs for occupational or cultural upgrading.
5. Compensatory education programs designed to fulfill the commitment of an admissions policy allowing the enrollment of disadvantaged students.
6. A continuing program of counseling and guidance designed to assist students in achieving their individual educational goals.
7. Work force development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs.
8. Adult literacy and other basic skills programs for adults.
9. Other purposes as may be prescribed by the Coordinating Board or the college district's Board.

Education or training beyond high school has become a necessity for almost everyone entering the labor force. Therefore, the opportunity to attend a first-class college should be within the reach of all who have the desire and capacity to benefit from such attendance.