

BERKELEY CAMPUS

Berkeley Campus Renovation Update

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The \$37 million renovation and construction project at Trident Technical College's Berkeley Campus is progressing toward an early 2025 groundbreaking. Renovations to the existing 74,000-square-foot facility, with 11,500-square-feet of new construction, will transform the 40-plus year old campus into a technologically advanced training center.

Trident Tech students seeking careers as truck drivers, diesel mechanics and logistics professionals will be uniquely qualified to thrive in the jobs of the future thanks to the Truist Transportation and Logistics Center at Berkeley Campus. Renovations will include high-bay vocational training classrooms for the Diesel Mechanics program and new classroom spaces for Logistics and CDL students, as well as a resurfaced skills pad for driver training.

Liollio Architecture designed the building, and Thompson Turner Construction will carry out the construction work, tentatively scheduled for January 2025 through August 2026. During renovation, the Veterinary Technology and Cosmetology programs will remain on campus, all other programs and staff will relocate to Thornley Campus in North Charleston or Dorchester Campus in Summerville.

The project will increase student capacity from 1,000 to 3,000 and includes upgrades to STEM-related classrooms and labs, student common areas, space for Continuing Education offerings, restrooms, and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. A new roof also will be installed along with a new fire protection system.

Starting August 2024, Berkeley Campus will be restricted to the Cosmetology and Veterinary Technology programs. The student-run cosmetology, esthetics and nail technology clinics will continue to operate on Berkeley Campus; however all other in-person services, including TTC Bookstore's Berkeley Campus staff, have been temporarily relocated to Trident Tech's four other campuses in the tricounty area.

Site work at Berkeley Campus is planned to begin December 2024 over the holiday break. Thompson Turner Construction will install fencing around the site and construct temporary walls and construction barriers around campus. Campus access will be restricted to the hallway serving Cosmetology students and their clients, and the separate Vet Tech building on campus.

Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) and the Talent Search programs are relocating to Bldg. 300 on Thornley Campus. Berkeley Campus Student Success Center staff and the campus enrollment specialist will relocate to Dorchester Campus.

Also relocating to Thornley Campus this fall is the Berkeley Middle College which will occupy portions of Bldg. 700 including office suites on the first floor; classrooms 102, 104, 206 and 212; and kitchen and breakroom space. Berkeley County School District busses will utilize the parking strip along College Dr. (Lot G) for student drop off and pick up. Students who drive their own vehicles will be directed to utilize Lot H near Bldg. 700. Berkeley Middle College students will have the same level of access to campus facilities as Trident Tech students, just as they did on Berkeley Campus.

The Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) program also will temporarily move to Thornley Campus during the renovation work. Student instruction for the classroom portion of the training is in Bldg. 800 at Thornley Campus. Use of the skills pad facility



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at Berkeley Campus will continue until upgrades to Parking Lot Q along Rivers Avenue are completed. That work is scheduled to begin in December.