

# 2019-2020 TTC Catalog

## College Information

### Mission Statement

**Mission:** Trident Technical College serves as a catalyst for personal, community and economic development by empowering individuals through education and training.

**Vision:** Educate the individual. Accelerate the economy. Inspire the future.

### Values

- Integrity
- Respect
- Student achievement
- Academic excellence
- Accessibility and affordability
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Excellence in customer service
- Expertise
- Academic freedom
- Accountability
- Global competitiveness

### Role and Scope

Trident Technical College is a public, two-year, multi-campus community college that provides quality education and promotes economic development in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties.

An open-door institution of higher education, and one of the largest institutions in the state, Trident Technical College serves traditional and nontraditional curriculum students who have a wide variety of educational goals, from personal enrichment to career development to university transfer. To help students meet their goals, Trident Technical College offers university transfer associate degrees and applied technical associate degrees, diplomas and certificates. The curriculum includes programs in arts and sciences, aeronautical studies, agriculture, business, computer technology, engineering technology, health sciences, hospitality, industrial technology, and public service. Trident Technical College students draw on knowledge from a broad range of disciplines to develop the communication and critical thinking skills that are fundamental to lifelong learning.

Trident Technical College further promotes economic development through continuing education courses; customized education and training for business, industry and government; and a variety of employment training programs.

Trident Technical College is committed to being accessible and responsive to community needs. To foster student success, Trident Technical College provides

developmental education and comprehensive student services. In addition to traditional instruction, Trident Technical College's flexible course offerings and alternative delivery methods, including online instruction, enable more members of the community to pursue higher education.

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## **Locations**

TTC serves Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties with four campuses. Thornley Campus is located on Rivers Avenue, one mile north of Aviation Avenue in North Charleston. Berkeley Campus is in Berkeley County on Highway 17-A, south of Moncks Corner. Palmer Campus is located in downtown Charleston on Columbus Street. Mount Pleasant Campus is located on John Dilligard Lane.

## **History**

Since 1964 Trident Technical College has provided quality education and economic development in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. The college has grown over the decades, evolving to meet the complex needs of the diverse communities TTC serves and opening new doors to educational opportunities for lifelong learning.

### **1960s**

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Technical Education Center was founded in 1964 on a 25-acre site as part of a statewide system established by Gov. Ernest F. Hollings to meet the educational and training needs of South Carolina. The center opened with two buildings, 226 students, and programs in industrial and engineering technology.

### **1970s**

To accommodate its increasing growth, the center merged with Palmer College, a private business college in downtown Charleston, to form Trident Technical College. In addition to business, the newly formed college provided a wider variety of programs to the community, including allied health sciences, criminal justice and university transfer programs.

### **1980s**

The 1980s saw additional changes that opened new opportunities to students. Palmer Campus moved to its current site in downtown Charleston, and the college built its Berkeley Campus near Moncks Corner. Technological advances during the decade increased accessibility with the introduction of academic computing, email and televised courses, the first distance learning program.

### **1990s**

The 1990s ushered in dramatic changes in instructional delivery from courses on videotape to courses online. The first dual credit courses offered to high schools marked the beginning of another rapidly growing delivery system, allowing students to begin earning TTC credit while still in high school. In addition, the college converted its credit offerings from a quarter to a semester system. In 1997, the first phase of the Complex for Economic Development opened on a newly purchased 30-acre site adjacent to Main Campus.

## **2000s**

As distance learning options continued to grow, the college continued expansion of physical facilities. Phase two of the Complex for Economic Development, a 230,000-square-foot facility, allowed for the development of both new and redesigned academic services including the Culinary Institute of Charleston. During this decade, enrollment increased 54 percent, and the college responded with additional physical and virtual offerings. In 2008-09 the college opened three new instructional sites: St. Paul's Parish location, the Dorchester County Career and Technology Center (later Summerville Site at Trolley Road) and the Dorchester County QuickJobs Training Center in St. George.

## **2010s**

To further increase capacity and consolidate offerings, the college opened a new campus in Mount Pleasant, built the Nursing and Science Building in North Charleston and closed the Summerville Site at Trolley Road. To meet new workforce training demands, the college purchased a facility, the TTC Workforce Training Center, and constructed the S.C. Aeronautical Training Center. The dual credit program grew in a new direction with the opening of Berkeley Middle College on Berkeley Campus and the Early College High School on Palmer Campus. With a renewed emphasis on student success, the college redesigned credit offerings based on seven-week terms within the semesters. The Main Campus in North Charleston was renamed the Thornley Campus in 2018.

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