

2025-2026 TTC Catalog

College Information

About TTC

Mission

Educate the individual. Accelerate the economy. Inspire the future.

Values

Integrity
Respect
Student achievement
Academic excellence
Academic freedom
Excellence in customer service
Diversity, equity, and inclusion
Accessibility
Affordability
Innovation
Collaboration
Community engagement

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 welcomes and serves students from the rich variety of backgrounds in its service area.

To help students meet their goals, the college offers applied technical associate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and university transfer associate degrees. The curriculum includes programs in arts and sciences; business; culinary and hospitality; education; engineering and manufacturing; health, human and personal services; information technology; law and criminal justice; maintenance and technical trades; and media and visual arts. Additionally, the college offers high school dual enrollment partnerships, apprenticeship programs, customized workforce training, and personal enrichment opportunities. To foster student success, the college provides multiple course delivery methods and comprehensive academic and student support services.

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Locations

TTC serves Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties with five 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. Dorchester Campus is located in Dorchester County in Summerville on Dorchester Road.

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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