

Reach Higher: DirectComplete



An Oklahoma Degree Completion Initiative for Adult Students

Reach Higher: DirectComplete is a statewide degree completion program focused on degree programs associated with workforce development needs on Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations list. This initiative will build on the existing Reach Higher: FlexFinish, an adult degree completion program.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education will secure funding to cover most, if not all, educational costs for participating adult students. Additional funding will be leveraged from multiple sources:

- **Business partners** (e.g., tuition assistance/scholarships, reimbursements, release time);
- **Native American Education Offices** (e.g., scholarships, educational assistance, services, mentoring);
- **State Agencies** (e.g., state financial aid, SNAP, WIOA training funds, childcare assistance); and
- **State Colleges and Universities** (e.g., emergency fund access, tuition waivers, book scholarships, mentoring, coaching, tutoring, concierge/dedicated Navigators/Coordinators).

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Students aged 25-49;
- Income below \$75,000;
- 75% of coursework (45 credit hours) completed toward an associate degree **OR**
- 50% of coursework (60 credit hours) completed toward a baccalaureate degree;
- Commitment to pursue a degree associated with an occupation on *Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations* list (see the following page for the complete list);
- 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in previous college coursework with all remedial work completed; and
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours each semester in courses that meet degree requirements, and complete the degree within 2-3 years.



TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP TODAY!

Complete a student interest form at ReachHigherOK.org/DirectComplete or contact us at RHDirectComplete@osrhe.edu.

Top Critical Occupations Statewide: Associate or Bachelor's Degree Required

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
Chemical Technicians
Civil Engineering Technicians
Computer Network Support Specialists
Dental Hygienists
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians,
including Health

Geological and Petroleum Technicians
Industrial Engineering Technicians
Mechanical Engineering Technicians
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
Radiologic Technologists
Registered Nurses
Respiratory Therapists
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians
Web Developers

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Accountants and Auditors
Aerospace Engineers
Architectural and Engineering Managers
Civil Engineers
Computer and Information Systems Managers
Computer Systems Analysts
Cost Estimators
Credit Analysts
Database Administrators
Dietitians and Nutritionists
Electrical Engineers
Elementary School Teachers, except Special Education
Environmental Engineers
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, including
Health
Financial Analysts Financial Managers
General and Operations Managers
Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers
Industrial Engineers
Industrial Production Managers
Information Security Analysts
Loan Officers

Logisticians
Management Analysts
Mechanical Engineers
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists
Medical and Health Services Managers
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/
Technical Education
Network and Computer Systems Administrators
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists
Operations Research Analysts
Personal Financial Advisors
Petroleum Engineers
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm
Products
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and
Career/Technical Education
Software Developers, Applications
Software Developers, Systems Software
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and
Elementary School
Training and Development Specialists
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products

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