



Reach Higher Program

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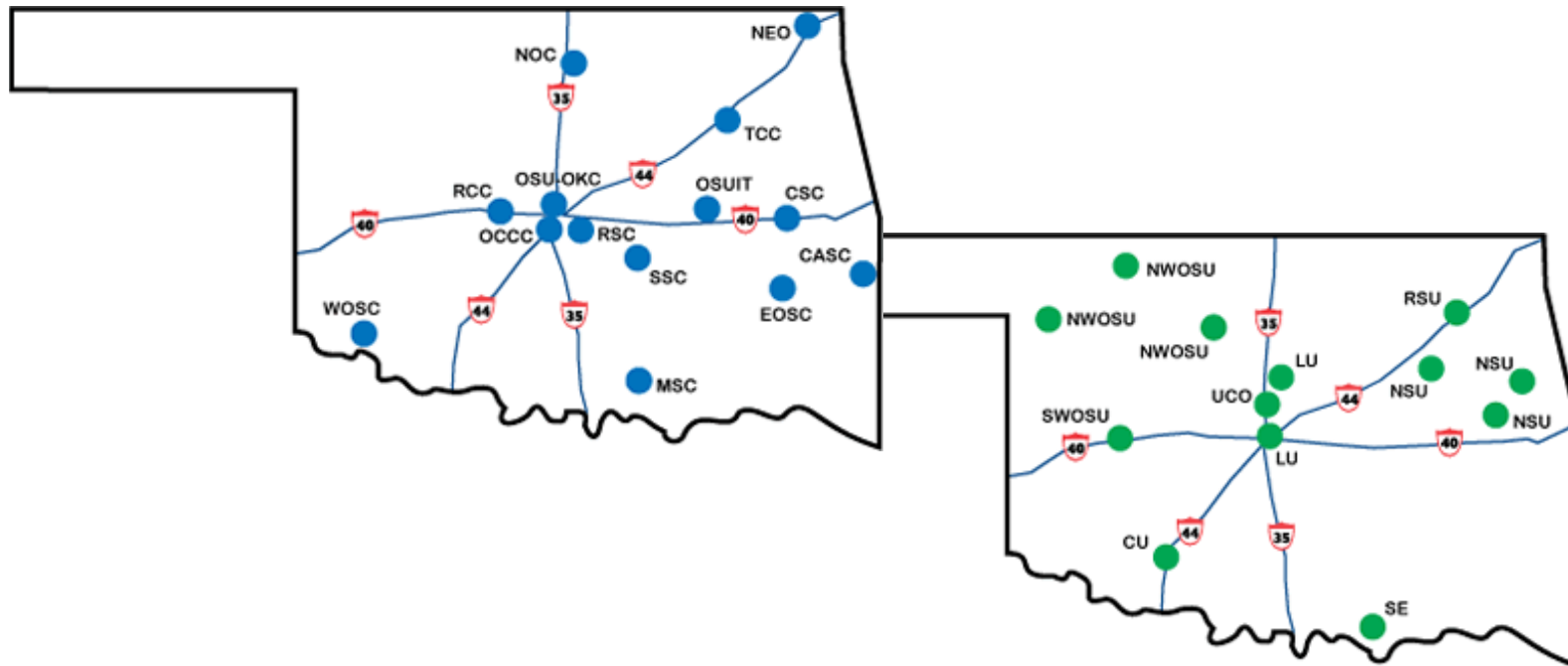


Background

- The Reach Higher initiative provides adult degree completion programs in flexible, non-traditional formats
 - Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership
 - Associate in Arts in Enterprise Development
 - Associate in Science in Enterprise Development
- Available at seven universities and 14 community colleges and technical branches across the state

Current Status

10,124 Program graduates through Spring 2022 for 2-and 4-year institutions



Student and Community Resources

- The Reach Higher program has compiled a list of community resources and they are now available on the Reach Higher website to assist students and their families.
- We understand that adult students encounter challenges from time to time, and we encourage them to connect with available emergency resources such as food pantries, emergency shelter, transportation or help paying a utility bill.
- Students can search 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no cost. The information is also completely confidential.
- <https://reachhigherok.org/resources/>

New Reach Higher Scholarships

- **Reach Higher Delta Dental of Oklahoma Scholarship Program**

For Adult Students Pursuing a Dental-Related Degree and Career

- **Reach Higher Adult Degree Completion Scholarship Program**

For Adult Students Returning to Pursue a Degree in a "Critical Occupation" as defined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, an in-demand degree as determined by a Reach Higher partner, or one of the three degree completion programs.

New Reach Higher Scholarships – DELTA DENTAL

Reach Higher Delta Dental of Oklahoma Scholarship Program
For Adult Students Pursuing a Dental-Related Degree and Career

The Reach Higher program and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Foundation are committed to increasing the number of credentialed dental professionals in the state of Oklahoma by encouraging and supporting adult students to finish their degrees within the field of dentistry.

The *Reach Higher* Delta Dental of Oklahoma Scholarship Program seeks to:

- help alleviate Oklahoma's dental care worker shortage,
- increase awareness among Oklahoma adult students of the opportunities available within the field of dentistry, and
- improve retention rates of adult students currently enrolled in dental programs.

Reach Higher Delta Dental of Oklahoma Scholarship Program

- This scholarship program is a collaboration between Delta Dental of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the Reach Higher program. Scholarships will be available to adult students enrolled in these programs:

Institution	Degree	Option
Oklahoma City Community College	AS in Chemistry (166)	Pre-Dentistry Option
Northern Oklahoma College	AAS in Health Services Technology (084)	Dental Assisting
Rose State College	AAS in Dental Hygiene (011) AAS in Dental Assisting (054) Certificate in Dental Assisting (101)	
Tulsa Community College	AS in Pre-Professional Health Sciences (010) AAS in Dental Hygiene (167)	Pre-Dental/ Medicine/Optomety
Western Oklahoma State College	AS in Mathematics and Science (068)	Pre-Dental Professional



Reach Higher Delta Dental of Oklahoma Scholarship Program

- Adult students enrolled in the specified programs can contact the Reach Higher Coordinator or Navigator at their home institutions to receive a scholarship application and additional application requirements.
- For a list of current Reach Higher Coordinators and Navigators, please visit <https://reachhigherok.org/>.

New Reach Higher Scholarships – Reach Higher Adult Degree Completion Scholarship

Reach Higher Adult Degree Completion Scholarship Program
For Adult Students Completing an “In-Demand” Degree Program

The State Regents dedicated scholarship funds for adults in the Reach Higher FlexFinish and DirectComplete programs who are completing degrees in preparation for a “Critical Occupation” as defined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, an in-demand degree as determined by a Reach Higher partner, or one of the three Reach Higher degree completion programs.

The Reach Higher Scholarship Program will:

- Provide funds to Reach Higher institutions to award locally to Reach Higher adult students;
- Institutions will be provided guidelines for awards of up to \$1,500 at the community colleges and up to \$2,000 at the universities per academic year for a Reach Higher student.
- Institutions will report on Reach Higher students’ progress and completions.
- More details will be provided before the fall semester begins.

Reach Higher DirectComplete

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Background

- Built on Reach Higher foundation.
- Oklahoma received infrastructure grant in 2017 for an Adult Promise type initiative.
- Degree programs that lead to critical occupations listed on OK Works' 100 Critical Occupations List.
- Funding from multiple entities leveraged to cover adult students' costs to complete degrees that lead to employment in a Critical Occupation.

Participating Institutions



Partners and Assets

- Resources for Education mini-workshops- Asset Maps
- Schusterman foundation: \$40,000 in scholarships for Tulsa region only
- 14 DirectComplete Colleges and Universities representing 6 of 7 workforce regions
- Three tribes offer DirectComplete scholarships for their citizens (Comanche, Potawatomi, Kiowa)
- Strong partnerships with Workforce Development Boards, OESC, DRS, OK Works, and several Chambers of Commerce throughout the state
- New Reach Higher Adult Degree Completion Scholarship Program

Partners



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