

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Mission

Odessa College provides more opportunities for success

Odessa College will lead the way in preparing its students and community for the future. The College offers exemplary courses, programs, and services to assist students in achieving their educational goals and becoming lifelong learners, community builders, and global citizens. Odessa College empowers its employees to model excellence in their service to students, colleagues, and community.

Role

Odessa College is an open door, two-year institution offering quality career, technical, and academic courses for certification or associate degrees. Additionally, the College offers continuing education, remedial and compensatory education, and provides guidance and counseling programs. Odessa College primarily serves individuals located in our service area and insists on excellence in teaching, research, and public service.

Purpose

The purpose of Odessa College, as prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is to provide:

1. Technical programs up to two years in length leading to associate degrees or certificates.
2. Career and technical programs leading directly to employment in semi-skilled and skilled occupations.
3. Freshman and sophomore courses in arts and sciences.
4. Continuing adult education programs for occupational or cultural upgrading.
5. Compensatory education programs designed to fulfill the commitment of an admissions policy allowing the enrollment of disadvantaged students.
6. A continuing program of counseling and guidance designed to assist students in achieving their individual educational goals.
7. Workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs.
8. Adult literacy and other basic skills programs for adults.

Institutional Responsibility

Odessa College, within its role and mission, must serve the public to:

1. Transmit culture through general education
2. Extend knowledge.
3. Teach and train students for professions.
4. Provide for scientific, engineering, medical and other academic research.
5. Protect intellectual exploration and academic freedom.
6. Strive for intellectual excellence.
7. Provide educational opportunity for all who can benefit from post-secondary education and training.
8. Provide continuing education opportunities.