



Because your needs have grown, so have ours.

Many of those needs are driven by economic issues we are experiencing. As a result, larger numbers of students are coming to OC with a greater need for career and technical training, as well as a local, economical option for college.

Odessa College must address critical program and student needs now. College staff led an 18-month strategic planning process that examined what the community needs from OC now and in the future.

It has been 35 years (1975) since the college asked the community for a bond measure to expand and update facilities. In that time, the entire delivery mechanism of education has changed, as have the study tools of students.

Odessa College has been serving you for 64 years. Parts of the campus are more than 60 years old, and the average age of our instructional buildings is 45. Older buildings cost more to maintain and are less energy efficient.

At the same time, cutbacks in state funding have forced us to defer much-needed maintenance and repairs to our facilities. To meet your needs and to modernize the campus in Odessa, we have developed a Facilities Master Plan that responds to those needs. But to make them a reality, it will take additional funding.

This Facilities Master Plan focuses on modernizing the entire campus, expanding our training programs, enhancing student classrooms and spaces, and making our buildings more energy efficient and safer.

Odessa College Program and Training Needs

- Many programs need new space to accommodate additional students
- Many programs such as nursing, music and others have unique equipment needs that require dedicated space; this reduces the number of classrooms available for general courses
- Many of the classrooms are not configured to support students' laptops, notebooks and other digital communication devices
- Students need to train in facilities that match the real world. That means labs and classrooms must be updated
- The adult basic education program is not held on the main campus due to a lack of space
- Student clubs and organizations have no central meeting location
- Waiting lists exist for emergency services, nursing and other allied health programs because of increased need with no increased capacity

PHASE ONE

- **A New Fire Training Center and Fire Training Tower** will allow for real-world fire training as well as space for expanded Emergency Services training
- **The New Vehicle Technology Center** will provide more space for expanded training in Automotive, Diesel, and Auto Body Technology programs
- Academic and University Transfer Programs will benefit from a **New Math and Science Building and Renovations to Wilkerson Hall** to expand basic classes
- **A Lifelong Learning Center Addition to the Fine Arts Building** will consolidate Continuing Education programs to one place on campus
- **The New Student Life Center** will centralize student enrollment services, financial aid, the student health clinic, student organizations, the career center, testing, food services, and the bookstore

Twenty Year Master Plan

