



Frank Phillips College

Institutional Information

Frank Phillips College (FPC) is a remarkable institution which has transformed its service area in the High Plains Panhandle of Texas. Because of its size, FPC is able to nimbly meet the emerging needs of business, industry, and the local independent school districts. Members of the college community describe the institution as a great place to work, characterized by quality and creativity. In a number of initiatives, Frank Phillips College has become the model for other community colleges, not only in Texas, but also nationally.

The quality of the institution is characterized by many indicators, one example of which is that the nursing department has a 100% pass rate on the first time NCLEX board exams, and next year hopes to be the only community college in Texas to have achieved such a quality metric for five consecutive years. The institution has become a model for the State of Texas and for community colleges nationally with its [Rural Nursing Education Consortium \(RNEC\)](#), providing exceptional opportunities for nursing students in the region. FPC has also participated in a national higher education project known as "[Foundations of Excellence® in the First College Year.](#)" The project, sponsored by the Policy Center on the First Year of College, utilizes a model of excellence for the first college year. Many more examples of excellence and ingenuity characterize this dynamic institution.

The institution has not allowed its size or limited resources to impede its vision or its progress. Rather, the institution has adopted an Apollo 13 mindset: here is what you have to work with, bring the vessel home! There is an excitement, energy, and synergy at Frank Phillips College that feeds off the challenge of exceeding and excelling – providing an opportunity to create a culture and not simply be a creature of the culture. The energy level and excitement at the College has been contagious.

Frank Phillips College is the northernmost community college in the State of Texas, serving 80,000 residents and students in nine counties over 10,000 square miles in the Texas Panhandle where the spirit of the Plainsmen stands proud. Located in Borger, TX, FPC is home to over 13,000 residents, while Hutchinson County is home to almost 21,000. A large part of the rural Texas Panhandle consists of underserved, underrepresented students – many first-generation college students. The institution is dedicated to a culture of diversity.

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The vision of FPC is to create a college that is a harbor for those passionate to educate and to foster a passion in those to be educated. This culture that has been created makes FPC a great place to work regardless of what position one holds.

History and Significant Accomplishments

Frank Phillips College has been dedicated to serving students in the Texas Panhandle since 1948. In 1955, the College erected buildings on a thirty-acre campus on West Roosevelt Street. These buildings included a classroom complex and a gymnasium. Today the College sits on approximately 177 acres with 16 buildings, totaling more than 300,000 square feet. Additionally, Frank Phillips College has two branch campuses. The Rahl Campus, located in Dalhart, Texas, the North Gate of the State of Texas, and the Allen Campus, located in Perryton, allow FPC to better serve the rural communities within the full service area. FPC also provides cosmetology and nursing programs in Dumas and Hereford.

The institution offers extensive dual credit programs to numerous school districts in the Texas Panhandle, including some districts in the Amarillo College service area. Today the College's enrollment is more than 1,450 students per semester in academic transfer offerings as well as in workforce and extended education programs.

As a result of the location and size of Frank Phillips College, partnerships constitute an essential characteristic of the institution. The College has fostered many partnerships within the local community, such as the Borger Independent School District, where dual credit students have the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree before they graduate from high school. In addition, the creation of the new [Boomtown Scholarship Program](#) allows Borger High graduates to complete their Associate's Degree at no cost to them. Partnerships to educate the future of local industry workers in the area include the implementation of programs such as Process Technology, I & E (instrumentation and electrical), Welding, and numerous other programs. FPC has purposefully integrated into the local community by facilitating choir and theatre groups.

Frank Phillips is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees. In September of 2020, the College successfully completed the 10-year SACSCOC reaccreditation process.

Mission Statement

Frank Phillips College is a comprehensive two-year, community-based educational organization committed to providing high-quality learning experiences and services.

Core Values

In May of 2016, the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen Council began the process of defining the College's core values. All faculty and staff were invited to submit lists of their core values, both personally and departmentally – values that govern their decisions and actions in the workplace. The Plainsmen Council met several times over the next few months to review and finalize the list. The following were established on November 7, 2016 as Frank Phillips College Core Values:

- Quality matters because students matter.

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- Where our students come from doesn't matter as much as where they are going.
- Challenge the status quo to create innovative momentum.
- Do the right thing with integrity, honor, and accountability.
- Love what you do, you make a difference.