College of Professional Studies

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College Description
The OSU College of Professional Studies, housed at OSU-Tulsa, is designed to address the workforce needs of local industries and agencies in Tulsa with a special emphasis on working adults with some college credit but no degree.

The College of Professional Studies offers flexible bachelor’s degree programs to help working adults complete a bachelor’s degree that adds value to their current career. The Bachelor of Professional Studies is adaptable, with a flexible credit for prior learning, transfer credit and military credits.

From an employer’s perspective, these degree programs are a new form of workforce development, providing a clear pathway to overcome the college degree barrier and enable employees to advance within their organization. Curricula are designed to meet the needs of students and the companies who employ them. Tulsa-area employers who have partnered with OSU-Tulsa on these degree programs include the Tulsa Police Department and TTCU Federal Credit Union.

Academic Programs
The Bachelor of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership (http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-professional-studies/organizational-leadership-bps/) is a practical, comprehensive degree option for professionals seeking to advance in their current career by earning a bachelor’s degree. In many companies and organizations, advancement opportunities are tied to educational attainment. The Bachelor of Professional Studies in Organizational Leadership is designed to help earn a raise, get a promotion, or meet career goals.

The Bachelor of Professional Studies in Public Safety (http://catalog.okstate.edu/college-professional-studies/public-safety-bps/) is a practical, comprehensive degree option for public safety professionals. Students will gain the knowledge and skills to take on a variety of roles in the public safety sector. The coursework emphasizes essential human skills to successfully work in public safety, including cultural awareness, conflict resolution and effective communication.

Requirements for degree programs and options are detailed in Undergraduate Degree Requirements available online at https://registrar.okstate.edu/degree_requirements.html.

Transfer Student Success Center
Students who complete degrees in the College of Professional Studies typically start their coursework elsewhere and transfer credits to OSU-Tulsa to complete their degree. Academic advisors play an important role in helping prospective students understand how their previous coursework will transfer to meet degree requirements. Students can meet with an advisor in the Transfer Student Success Center before they apply and are admitted. After admission to OSU, students will be assigned an advisor who will help them navigate the enrollment process throughout their academic career. Professional academic advisors are invested in the student’s success and help students to develop an academic plan to complete their educational goals with their other commitments in mind. In addition to helping students with enrollment and educational goals, advisors also guide and encourage students and connect them to various campus resources.