



Midland College

Midland College was established in 1969 when the residents of Midland—by a margin of almost four to one—voted to become a part of the Permian Junior College System, composed of Midland College and Odessa College.

The school expanded in 1972 with the formation of the Midland College District. Bonds in the amount of \$5.1 million were issued for construction of a 115-acre campus and groundbreaking for the new campus was held in October 1973. Al G. Langford was named first president of the new institution.

The main campus of Midland College is located at 3600 North Garfield. In addition, the school operates an Advanced Technology Center, Cogdell Learning Center, an Aviation Maintenance Technology Hangar, Professional Pilot Preparation Hanger, Child Care Center, and the Petroleum Professional Development Center throughout the community. Midland College classes are also held at the Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton.

Today, Midland College offers more than fifty associate degree and certificate options, and is a Level II (four-year) institution, accredited to offer a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) degree. In addition to the school's BAT degree, students may earn upper-level degrees on the Midland campus from various four-year universities.

More than 200,000 people have taken classes at Midland College since 1972, and current student enrollment is over 7,000. During the 2010-2011 school year, the college awarded 389 Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees and 190 Certificates.

The college also invests in the quality of life in Midland. The Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series recruit renowned performers and speakers to the campus for free community concerts and lectures. The campus is also home to the McCormick Art Gallery and co-produces theatre presentations with Midland Community Theatre. The college's newly renovated Al G. Langford Chaparral Center is the largest public facility in town and hosts concerts, trade shows, and sporting events.

Midland College's annual operating budget is \$60 million. The full-time faculty total 154, including 64 with doctoral degrees.

The school is supported by one of the top community college foundations in the nation. Interest from endowments totaling \$6.5 million has been placed into operating budgets for campus upgrades, technology, instruction, and other projects. Since 1992 the college has raised in excess of \$101 million from public and private sources.

In 2005, to better serve an ever-increasing student body, Midland College passed a \$41.8 million bond that is providing newly expanded learning facilities and other campus improvements, which include state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, and laboratory facilities and resources.

Looking to the future, the faculty and staff of Midland College are committed to instruction that sustains a life-long quest for knowledge and provides students with academic, intellectual, occupational, and professional proficiency.

