

## FAST FACTS

- Meridian’s mission is to educate, enrich lives and secure economic futures.
- Meridian offers courses in the following areas: Full-Time Career Training Programs, Short Courses, Online Classes and Business Solutions including customized training and entrepreneur services.
- Meridian is part of a network of 29 Career and Technology Education centers across the state on 56 technology campuses. Collectively we support programs in 400 school districts, 13 skills centers located in prisons and three juvenile facilities.
- Meridian began as Indian Meridian Area Vocational-Technical School in July 1973. In August of 1975, classes began with 13 daytime programs and staff of approximately 30. In 1994, the school was renamed Meridian Technology Center.
- Dr. Douglas R. Major has served as Meridian’s Superintendent/CEO since November 2008.
- A five-member Board of Education governs the school. Board members live in and represent the district they serve.
- The Meridian Technology Center district covers parts of Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Pawnee and Payne counties, encompassing more than 900 square miles. The district includes residents in communities served by Agra, Carney, Glencoe, Guthrie, Morrison, Mulhall-Orlando, Pawnee, Perkins-Tryon, Perry and Stillwater.

### Full-Time Career Training Programs

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Automotive Technology

Biomedical Sciences – STEM Academy

Business Technology

Carpentry

Collision Repair Technology

Computer Aided Drafting

Cosmetology

Culinary Arts

Digital Media

Electrical Technology

Energy and Power

Facilities Management

Health Careers

Health Informatics

Information Support and Networking Systems

Masonry

Pharmacy Technician

Practical Nursing

Precision Metal Fabrication

Pre-Engineering – STEM Academy

Product Development and Machining

Radiologic Technology

Welding

- From cabinetmaking to ceramic tile, floral design to first aid, and Excel to editing photos, Meridian offers nearly 100 Short Courses each semester, year-round.
- In the area of Business Solutions Meridian offers customized training services through the Business and Industry Services team that includes computer training, health care training, leadership and management development, safety training and industrial training; and entrepreneur services through the Center for Business Development that include business incubation services, consulting, advice on how to start a business, business plan development and networking.
- Meridian is governed by the State Department of Career and Technology Education (CareerTech). Oklahoma’s CareerTech agency is governed by the State Board of Career and Technology Education and works closely with the State Department of Education and the State Regents for Higher Education.
- Nearly half of Oklahoma high school students – 82,561 – enroll in CareerTech classes.
- Oklahoma CareerTech graduates annually add \$3.5 billion to the state's economy, according to a RegionTrack study, a nationally recognized economic forecasting company. The direct benefits are 10 times the direct costs to deliver training to those who complete CareerTech programs, the study revealed.