

# Better Lives Start At TRCC

## POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

As competition increases for good-paying jobs, the advantage goes to those who have education beyond high school. To meet these higher education needs in Southeast Missouri, Three Rivers Community College offers affordable and convenient college and career courses.

In addition, TRCC contributes significantly to the economy of the region and provides workforce training for area businesses and industries.

### Higher Education

Three Rivers serves the higher education needs of the area with:

- **Quality education:** Three Rivers offers general education college courses that transfer everywhere and career and technical programs for in-demand jobs.

- **Affordable tuition:** TRCC offers the same general education courses as four-year universities for about one-half the cost. By completing a two-year college transfer degree at TRCC, students can save at least \$6,000 in tuition and fees and even more when housing and transportation costs are considered.

- **Financial aid:** TRCC assists students in finding financial aid, which goes further at TRCC because of the college's affordable tuition.

- **An open admission policy:** Anyone with a high school diploma or GED can enroll at TRCC. At regional universities, students who don't meet the minimum ACT requirement must enroll as part-time students, which can affect the amount of financial aid they receive. The range of programs, courses and tutoring services at TRCC serve all types of students, from those who excel academically to those who need help preparing for college-level work.

- **Convenient classes:** TRCC offers day and evening classes and Web courses that can be accessed anytime from any location with an Internet connection.

- **Convenient locations.** Three Rivers offers courses on its Poplar Bluff campus and at off-campus locations, including TRCC Centers at

Portageville, Kennett, Malden, Sikeston and Campbell. Students attending the Poplar Bluff campus can live close to classes at Rivers Ridge, TRCC's on-campus apartments.

- **Bachelor's degree completion:** TRCC is collaborating with several four-year institutions to offer bachelor's degree completion programs on its Poplar Bluff campus and at its centers. Degree completion programs now available include Teacher Education, Organizational Management, Business Management, Accounting, Administration of Justice, Child Care, Nursing, Psychology, Computer Technology and Business Administration.

- **Individual attention:** Small class sizes at TRCC allow instructors to give students individual attention. Three Rivers is a great transition from high school to university for younger students. TRCC also offers a welcoming environment for adults seeking job enhancement or new careers.

### Economic contributions

The more than \$17 million that TRCC spends annually on operating costs and salaries contribute to the area's economy as those dollars are spent in the area. Also contributing to the area economy is the more than \$8 million in financial aid (including federal and state funds) that TRCC awards to students each year.

Even more important to area communities are TRCC's contributions to upgrading the skills and earning capabilities of residents. Education received at TRCC can significantly increase students' earning power and their ability to provide for their families, according to an economic impact study. The higher earnings of TRCC alumni contribute to a more robust area economy, as well as higher tax revenues for local governments. Studies show that higher education levels improve the health of area residents, reduce welfare and lower unemployment and crime rates.

Another important service that TRCC provides is customized training to area businesses and industries. The college works to find federal and state money to pay for that training. Δ