



# THREE RIVERS COLLEGE

**Board of Trustees Mission:** Three Rivers College inspires, prepares, and empowers students to succeed through open access to high-quality learning opportunities that meet the needs of the communities we serve. Commitments that inform our mission:

## Open Access

Open access to educational programs to prepare students for transfer to a four-year baccalaureate institution, as well as programs of career and technical education to prepare students for entry or advancement in the global workforce.

## Comprehensive Services

Comprehensive academic services, learning resources, basic skills development and educational opportunities for students of diverse cultural, socioeconomic and academic backgrounds.

## Partnerships

Collaborative partnerships to develop specialized programs that meet the changing needs of business and industry, government, secondary schools and other colleges and universities.

## Support Services

Support services and student activities to enhance individual growth and academic potential.

## Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning opportunities for individuals, who wish to improve job performance, develop new skills or pursue personal interests.

## Community Services

Community services that support and encourage the economic, civic and cultural vitality of the region.

**CBHE-Approved Mission Description (December 2023):** Three Rivers College is a community college located in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. It is responsible for serving the residents of its taxing district and its CBHE-approved service area.

Three Rivers College serves its CBHE-approved service region by offering academic programs leading to the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees, which transfer to four-year institutions, and postsecondary instruction in the liberal arts and sciences, and general education (including dual credit) that prepares students for transfer to four-year institutions. Three Rivers College also offers programs in career and technical education, leading to certificates and the Associate of Applied Science degree, and provides basic and workplace skills training for career preparation and advancement as well workforce skills training and customized training for businesses. Three Rivers College has particular strengths in nursing, education, criminal justice, and diesel mechanics.

Three Rivers College further fulfills its CBHE-approved mission by offering services in its region to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic and cultural activities and events, and the shared use of facilities (libraries, theatres, galleries, etc.) and other types of institutional assets not available elsewhere in the region.

Every five years, Three Rivers College will provide to the Coordinating Board, in a manner determined by the Coordinating Board, evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.