College of the Muscogee Nation: Priorities for the 119th Congress (February 2025)

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) provide rigorous postsecondary education and research opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) and other rural community residents. TCUs offer higher education that is uniquely Tribal, founded on Native languages, culture, and philosophy with strong student support systems and community engagement. Through these educational opportunities, research, and industry partnerships for high-demand careers, TCUs are laying the foundation for sustainable economic development within Tribal Nations and beyond. Together, we build Strong Sovereign Nations through Excellence in TRIBAL higher education, empowering individuals and strengthening communities.

COLLEGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION: AT A GLANCE

- Enrollment Trends (Spring 2024/Fall2024): both Spring and Fall 2024 terms trended higher in enrollment numbers, with a 4% increase compared to 2023.
- Affordable Tuition: \$146.50 per credit hour
- Student Faculty Ratio: 12:1
- Part-time/Full-time: For Spring '24, we had 240, and 136 of those were less than 12 credit hours. In Fall '24, we had 250 students, and 135 of those were less than 12 credit hours.
- Persistence Rate: Fall 2023 37%
- Highest Level of Degree/Program Available: Associate degree
- TRIO Program: The college does not currently have a TRIO program.
- Fun Fact: The college celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2024.



The College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) offers vital support services tailored to the needs of our Tribal students. These services encompass emergency aid assistance, a food pantry, a health shelf, health and wellness initiatives, referrals for mental health counseling, student housing, and the Day of Giving. CMN also organizes campus activities to celebrate Tribal heritage, including Indigenous Peoples Day, Constitution Day, events for Native American Heritage Month, the observance of Native American Day, and other celebrations important to Tribal communities year.



College of the Muscogee Nation: Strengthening Our Workforce

TCUs prepare professionals in high-demand fields, including agriculture and natural resources management, health, information technology, and building trades. By teaching the job skills most in demand within our communities, TCUs are laying a strong foundation for Tribal and regional economic growth.

The CMN has established the Career Services Center within the Enrollment Management Department. CMN Career Services connects students with college transfer options and job opportunities. To assist students in identifying their career paths, CMN provides all incoming students with a career assessment test. Additionally, CMN offers concurrent enrollment to qualified high school students. Through CMN's Natural Resources Program, students are given opportunities to learn about agriculture-related gardening and conservation skills.

College of the Muscogee Nation: Driving Economic Development

In November 2024, AIHEC conducted an economic impact study to analyze the importance of TCUs in the regional and national economy. TCUs act as a catalyst for economic growth locally and regionally by enhancing educational opportunities, research, and leadership skills for Tribal and other rural students.

CMN enhances economic development within the Muscogee Nation, as our degree programs are tailored to support Tribal enterprises, agriculture-related activities, and law enforcement training. Specifically, CMN offers associate degrees in Tribal Services, Criminal Justice, Natural Resources, and Gaming. Consequently, the communities and citizens of the Tribal reservation benefit from the heightened educational levels that our graduating students bring to the region.

TOTAL ALUMNI IMPACT	
\$2.3 BILLION	ADDED INCOME
28,778	JOBS

Job equivalents indicate jobs created by TCUs, both full- and part-time. They are based on industry-specific jobs to sales ratios. The \$2.3 billion alumni impact supports 28,778 jobs nationwide. (EMSI & AIHEC, 2015)

College of the Muscogee Nation: Building Our Futures



TCUs are resilient, resourceful, and proud to lead the nation in many areas, including preparing an American Indian and Alaska Native workforce of engineers, nurses, land managers, technicians, and teachers. Always looking to the future, TCUs are focused on building new partnerships, advancing educational excellence, and creating economic opportunities for Tribal and regional communities.

The CMN is participating in a geospatial technology program where students are provided externships and skill development in fields related to construction management and architectural design. Students in the program will be given the opportunity to participate in externships related to construction and architectural design. In addition, the relationship that students establish with these two entities may eventually lead to further employment