

OU-TULSA SCHUSTERMAN CENTER

The OU-Tulsa Schusterman Center is located in the heart of mid-town Tulsa at 41st and Yale. On this campus both the OU Health Sciences Center and the OU Norman Campus offer programs. The vision of OU-Tulsa is to build a nationally-recognized center of higher education excellence in select areas that emphasize strong campus community partnerships and leverage unique opportunities and needs in the Tulsa region.

OU has a long history in the Tulsa area. The earliest program of the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa started in 1957 as a partnership with the Tulsa City-County Library. This program averaged 50 students a year and was one of the first programs to be part of the Tulsa Graduate Center, which became University Center at Tulsa in 1982. Recognizing the potential community impact of an expansion of OU services in Tulsa, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted Senate Bill 453 in 1972 that created a clinical branch of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Tulsa. Today, the OU College of Medicine in Tulsa enrolls medical students and trains 181 residents who conduct 200,000 patient visits annually at the college's ambulatory clinics.

Although OU's presence in Tulsa has been longstanding, it changed dramatically in 1999. As a result of the transformational \$10 million gift from the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation and the leadership of President David L. Boren, OU was able to purchase 60 acres at the corner of 41st and Yale, previously the BPAmoco Research Center. The OU programs in Tulsa had been located in a wide variety of physical locations. By the fall of 2002, all OU academic programs in Tulsa were located at the Schusterman Center campus. This campus has allowed OU to better serve the community by providing a strong, centralized identity in Tulsa.

In February of 2008, the George Kaiser Family Foundation made a \$50 million gift to the OU College of Medicine in Tulsa allowing the College of Medicine to have the explicit focus to improve the health status of underserved communities. To reflect that change, the name of the College of Medicine in Tulsa was changed to the OU School of Community Medicine, the first in the nation. The School of Community Medicine remains an integral part of the OU College of Medicine. The University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma welcomed its first class of students to the School of Community Medicine four-year educational track in Tulsa in 2015. The Tandy Education Center also opened in 2015 and is a space that provides students the opportunity to practice lifelike circumstances using models and virtual reality. It is a state-of-the-art facility that features the latest advances in medical simulation.

See [Explore OU-Tulsa Colleges & Majors](#) for a listing of degree programs offered at the Schusterman Center. All bachelor degree programs at OU-Tulsa are degree completion programs.

Future students or others interested in programming at the OU-Tulsa Schusterman can visit the OU-Tulsa website or call (918) 660-3318.