

**Oil & Natural Gas Technical Training Program Enters 10<sup>th</sup> Year**  
*OERB's PetroTech program helps people get into the industry*

The OERB is celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its PetroTech Program, which is technical training for individuals interested in pursuing a career in Oklahoma's oil and natural gas industry or those already in the industry who want to gain new skills.

The OERB developed the program in 2007 in collaboration with Francis Tuttle Technology Center and Tulsa Tech. To date, nearly 550 students have earned certification through the program, which helps qualify them for positions as a geological, engineering or land technician.

"The PetroTech program invited expert instructors to teach in their respective disciplines," said Jordan Jenkinson, 2016 graduate and Geology Tech at SeaMount Exploration. "There was a lively atmosphere of class discussion and practical applications which prepared me to enter confidently as a Geotech."

The PetroTech program is also valuable training for individuals currently employed in the oil and natural gas industry who are looking to hone their skills, build their resume and seek promotions within their company. In fact, a new update implemented this year allows those already in the industry to take a fast-track option to gain certification faster.

"The PetroTech program has helped me become more confident at what I do," said Adrian Talley, 2016 graduate and Title Examiner at Vernon L. Smith & Associates, Inc. "Because of the program, I have sharpened my skills in the programs I use every day and have broadened my skills to include proficiency in many standard programs used in other parts of the industry."

The program is making an impact throughout the oil and natural gas industry. So far, more than 40 Oklahoma companies have hired PetroTech graduates.

"We are proud of the success the program has had and look forward to another decade of collaboration between our industry and the tech centers," said OERB Education Director Carla Schaeperkoetter.

For more information on the program, visit [oerb.com/petrotech](http://oerb.com/petrotech).