The Campus

The present campus, with its 19 major buildings and 42-acre setting, has matured into an institution of which its founders would be proud. To celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1987-88, McPherson College architecturally redesigned its entire campus, closing two city streets that bisected campus on both the east and the west—a factor that has improved the quality of living and learning at McPherson College.

In the spring of 2000 state-of-the-art theatre and fine arts facilities were added to the instructional facilities, and Melhorn Science Hall opened its doors for fall 2001 classes. Although no new academic facilities have been added since that time, the existing facilities have been regularly updated. The college has little to no deferred maintenance, and the campus grounds are attractive and well groomed.

In 2016 the college invested $7.4 million in its heating and cooling system and began installing a keyless entry system on its exterior doors that includes security cameras. That keyless entry system provides an additional margin of safety for all students and employees.

Campus community members have exceptional access to healthcare services. Partners in Family Care maintains a walk-in clinic in Harter Hall. Office visits are free for students and employees, with only lab or technical services being charged to insurance. Client-Centered Counseling also maintains an office and regular hours in the Harter clinic. Up to four counseling sessions are offered to students at no charge.

McPherson College is located in predominantly rural central Kansas. According to the most recent census figures, McPherson County is home to 29,356 people; 23.3 percent of this population is under 18 years of age while 18.7 percent is 65 or older. Ethnic and racial minorities constitute 4.2 percent of the county’s population.