



# Ten Years of Growth through Service

## AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

February, 2019, marked 10 years since the formal creation of the Purdue University, Polytechnic Institute's Center for Professional Studies in Technology and Applied Research (now formally renamed Purdue Online – Polytechnic Institute). Ten years of positive growth in the number of professional working adult learners served. What a great year to be celebrating this milestone; aligned to Purdue University's 150th year sesquicentennial celebration!

Given the significance of this milestone, I thought it would be appropriate to provide a brief historical account of the evolution of the Polytechnic Institute's efforts to serve the many professional working adult learners of our great State and Nation. And, to talk briefly about new upcoming opportunities to again, continue our service to our many future graduates.

On June 11, 1998, the Purdue University College of Technology (CoT) initiated approval from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE), for a non-traditional delivery method, fee-based hybrid Master's.

In the fall of 1998, the CoT's Department offered the first hybrid Master's at Purdue University.



1998

2000



The first CoT's hybrid cohort graduated in May 2000.

On October 13, 2000, ICHE fully approved the University's request for a hybrid Master's.

2005 Polytechnic Institute significantly increased outreach and enrollments outside of the main campus. This marked the first corporate partner relationship to offer a Master's on-site.



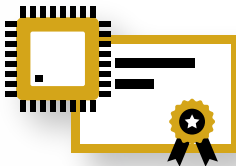
2005

2010 the Center, in collaboration with Polytechnic's School of Aviation (SoATT), entered the online education market with a 100% online MS in Aviation. The online offerings created a significantly greater outreach, not bounded by geography.

Two different online delivery methods were established; either synchronous or asynchronous. The asynchronous delivery method removed the barriers and provided greater flexibility for the students.



2010



On February 9, 2009, the Center for Professional Studies in Technology and Applied Research was approved by Purdue University under the College of Technology as an academic center.

2009

2011 the Center established an additional two new 100% online Master's in Computer and Information Technology and Building Construction Management.



2011

In 2015 Polytechnic Institute initiated approval from ICHE, for a 100% online and hybrid Doctor of Technology.



2015

2018 the Center launched stackable credentials beginning with graduate certificates transferring into the MS. Those MS credits earned are eligible to transfer into the Doctor of Technology.



2018

Received formal approval from ICHE for the first of its kind Doctor of Technology.

Center for Professional Studies in Technology and Applied Research name was formally changed to Purdue Online - Polytechnic Institute.

Fall 2019 marks a milestone with administering 5 Graduate Certificates, 6 Master's, and a Doctor of Technology.



2019

We are truly at the precipice of great change! This new era of global outreach will bring fresh faces and new demographics to the Purdue and Polytechnic family of future graduates. We are truly grateful and humbled to be able to serve our community of future graduates.

We wish you the very best personally and professionally as you grow in your life and careers. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to reach out to us. We are here to help you to be successful.

With the warmest of wishes and most sincerest gratitude,

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