

Mission Statement Revisions

Greenville Technical College

Greenville Technical College has requested that the Commission on Higher Education review and approve a revised mission statement for the institution. The revised statement was approved by the Greenville Technical College Area Commission on May 17, 2000.

Commission staff has reviewed the revised statement and found that it is similar to the existing statement. Primary changes from the existing CHE approved mission statement are:

- Revised data to reflect the institutions growth.
- Less focus on defining the campus as the point of education delivery, with increased emphasis on flexibility in delivery to meet student needs.
- Increased emphasis on faculty quality.
- Increased emphasis on cooperative agreements with high schools and other institutions of higher education.

York Technical College

York Technical College has requested that the Commission on Higher Education review and approve a revised mission statement for the institution. The revised statement was approved by the York Technical College Commission on August 8, 2000.

Commission staff has reviewed the revised statement and found that it is similar to the existing statement. Primary changes from the existing CHE approved mission statement are:

- Several minor technical changes in language which do not affect content.
- The removal of General Education Development Test preparation as a program offering.
- Increased emphasis on a student-centered learning environment.

The Planning and Assessment Committee approved revised mission statements for Greenville Technical College and York Technical College and recommends approval by the Commission on Higher Education.

Action: The Planning and Assessment Committee recommends approval of the revised mission statements for Greenville Technical College and for York Technical as presented.

**GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL MISSION**

Greenville Technical College is one of the largest urban, public two-year colleges in South Carolina, serving a fall headcount of more than 10,000 in curriculum, and an annual headcount of approximately 50,000 in both curriculum and continuing education. The mission of the college is to provide the highest quality learning opportunities primarily to the residents of Greenville County through exceptional postsecondary programs and services.

The college's curricular offerings include (1) technical courses, certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees in business, health sciences, engineering technologies, industrial technologies, and public service; and (2) university transfer courses and associate degrees. The college also provides an extensive offering of continuing education courses for both occupational advancement and personal interest, as well as economic development services (e.g., special schools) that encourage business and industrial growth in the predominantly manufacturing community. In addition, developmental courses are available to prepare students to enter a program of study or to take the General Educational Development tests. Upon completion of their educational goals, the majority of graduates either are employed in fields related to their programs of study or transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In addition to specific technical skills, graduates have opportunities to acquire competence in critical thinking, problem solving, written and oral communication, computing, teamwork, and other skills that enhance their professional careers.

Since the college is an open admission institution, students come from diverse socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. Affordable education is provided at times and locations convenient to students. Faculty and staff are student-centered and flexible, as well as outstanding in their fields. Various educational support services are provided to facilitate the teaching/learning process and to enhance the academic and personal development of the student, including an emphasis on articulation with local high schools and other colleges and universities.

Greenville Technical College pursues its mission based on these fundamental beliefs:

- EXCELLENCE** - The college is dedicated to excellence through personnel, programs, and physical environment. Each area is held accountable for assessing the attainment of its intended outcomes.
- FLEXIBILITY** - The college initiates and promotes new programs and services to provide state-of-the-art education to meet the changing needs of the community.
- ACCESSIBILITY** - The college believes that every individual deserves an educational opportunity. Therefore, the college is accessible to any resident, both by location and flexible scheduling.
- COMPREHENSIVENESS** - The college offers a diversity of educational programs and services to meet the lifelong learning needs of a global community.
- LEADERSHIP** - The college is a catalyst for innovation in the educational arena and through partnering with the community.
- COMMUNITY** - The college believes that teamwork, communication, and service contribute to quality education.

APPROVED BY AREA COMMISSION, MAY 17, 2000

**YORK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MISSION STATEMENT**

York Technical College, a member of the South Carolina Technical and Comprehensive Education System, is a public, two-year, associate degree-granting institution. York Technical College seeks to contribute to the economic growth and development of York, Lancaster, and Chester counties and of the State and to respond to the technical education and public service needs of the community through excellence in teaching. The College has an open admissions policy and annually enrolls 4,500 to 5,000 credit students. York Technical College provides opportunities for individuals with diverse backgrounds and ability levels to acquire or upgrade the knowledge and skills necessary in engineering technology, industrial technology, business, health, or public service employment or for transfer to senior colleges and universities. In addition to teaching technical skills, the College seeks to provide graduates competency in written and oral communication, information technology, mathematics, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.

The College offers:

Associate degrees in the following areas:

vocational
technical
occupational
university transfer

Diplomas and certificates in the following areas:

vocational
technical
occupational

Developmental and remedial education

Custom-designed continuing education for business and industry

Special Schools to train potential employees for new and expanding manufacturing companies

Student development and lifelong learning opportunities.

York Technical College pursues its mission based on these fundamental values:

- LEARNING:** The College is committed to addressing the diverse learning needs of the community in a student-centered environment.
- EXCELLENCE:** The College is dedicated to excellence in instruction, support services, and management of human and physical resources.
- ACCESSIBILITY:** The College is an open door institution of higher education for qualified students.
- COMMUNICATION:** The College recognizes and supports the importance of teamwork and communication both internally and externally.
- COMMUNITY:** The College believes in working with other educational systems, business, and industry to enhance economic growth and the quality of life for the people of the College's service area in the most cost effective manner feasible.

Approved by the York Technical College Commission August 8, 2000.