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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

From: Dr. Vermelle Johnson, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing *VJH/gmv*

Consideration of Mission Statement Revisions

Summary

York Technical College has requested that the Commission approve changes to its mission statement. Changes were submitted in fulfillment of requirements for Performance Finding Indicator 1C, Approval of a Mission Statement. A summary explanation follows, with a staff recommendation for all requested changes at the end of the summary explanation. The mission statement, with changes shown, is attached at the end of the document.

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 10, 2004. The mission statement is attached at the end of the document.

Commission staff has reviewed the revised statement and found that the statement has received minor edits for clarity (Attachment 2). In addition, the sentence reading "The College has an open admissions policy and annually enrolls 4,500 to 5,000 credit students" has been changed to read "The College has an open admissions policy for qualified students and annually enrolls 5,500 to 6,000 credit students."

The revised statement meets the requirements of Indicator 1C.

Staff Recommendation

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve the revised mission statement for York Technical College.

**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. Through excellence in teaching and partnerships, the College responds to the technical and public service needs of the community. The College has an open admissions policy for qualified students and annually enrolls 5,500 to 6,000 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, information 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, computer skills, 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
- The Center for Accelerated Technology Training 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 efficiently 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.

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