

Statement of Mission

I. Purpose

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) has established a clear mission for the college to guide all college activities for the purpose of elevating the region's educational attainment, thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee.

II. Scope

DSCC serves seven counties adjacent to or near the Mississippi River in West Tennessee where there are enormous opportunities to improve education attainment, employment levels in high-skilled jobs, and per capita income.

III. Policy

An open-access, learning-centered institution, DSCC anticipates and responds to the educational needs of individuals through strategic planning and continuous improvement processes. In doing so, the College provides leadership in public service activities, workforce development projects, and educational collaborations designed to cultivate integrity and self-worth, to embrace lifelong learning, to promote diversity, and to improve the community at large by producing educated and productive members of society. Moreover, to improve the quality of life in the communities served, the College is strongly committed to developing and promoting civic and cultural opportunities, as well as economic and community development initiatives through partnerships with business and industry.

DSCC offers the following:

- Associate of Science, Associate of Arts and Associate of Fine Arts degrees for transfer to four-year institutions
- Associate of Applied Science degrees, as well as certificates, that respond to emerging career opportunities in health care and technologies and provide workforce education;
- A Learning Support Program that enhances the skills necessary for success in college-level courses;
- An Honors Program that expands students' thinking and achievement;
- A Continuing Education Program that provides educational opportunities for children and adults;
- Seamless transition among institutions through articulation agreements with area high schools, Tennessee Technology Centers, and four-year institutions;
- A variety of student support services designed to increase the opportunity for success, as well as services to provide access to federal and state financial aid and locally-funded scholarships;
- Increased access to education via technology-assisted instruction, distance learning offerings, and course offerings at convenient locations at the Gibson County Center and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County.

The accomplishment of this mission depends on a faculty and staff who are flexible, highly skilled, technology oriented and learner centered.

DSCC remains committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body and promotes diversity and access without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

IV. Compliance

All DSCC staff, faculty and students are expected to adhere to this statement of mission.

V. Definitions

VI. Revision History

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