

High School Newsletter

Dear Education Partners,

The 2018 spring semester is off to a great start! Career and College Promise (CCP) enrollment is at an all-time high with 807 high school students currently enrolled in the various pathways. These students are enrolled in 4,886 credit hours and over \$371,000 in tuition fees have been waived to support the program. What a great savings in time and money for participating students and their families!

As seniors prepare for graduation, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is our next hurdle. The number of FAFSA completers has improved as a result of the FINISH the FAFSA project and we stand ready to assist local schools and families with this task.

We are pleased to have a new crop of CCP completers this year. Graduating with a college credential prior to finishing high school is a very cool thing and speaks volumes to a student's potential for future college and career success.

Many thanks for everyone's daily efforts, patience, and support to promote and manage this valuable program in Anson and Union counties. Students and parents are benefiting greatly from the exposure and access to college level courses at South Piedmont Community College, "Your Community's College!"

With best regards,

Enrollment Services
South Piedmont Community College



Upcoming Events

March 1

HS CCP Graduation
Applications are due

March 12

Summer and Fall Registration
for current students

March 26

Summer and Fall Registration
for new students

Important Announcements

New CCP Registration Policy:

We are no longer able to register current and new CCP students at the same time. Current CCP students will be able to register beginning on March 12 and new CCP students may begin registration on March 26. College applications and supporting documents for all CCP students can be accepted now!

Program Spotlight: Cardiovascular Sonography Degree

The Cardiovascular Sonography curriculum provides the individual with the knowledge and skills necessary to acquire, process, and evaluate the human heart and vascular structures. A cardiovascular sonographer uses high frequency sound waves to produce images of the heart and vascular structures.

Course work includes effective communication and patient care skills combined with a knowledge of physics, human anatomy, physiology, and pathology, all of which are essential to obtaining high quality sonographic images.

Graduates may be eligible to apply to the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers for examination in physics, cardiovascular physics, vascular physics, and adult echocardiography. Graduates may find employment in hospitals, physicians' offices, mobile services, and educational institutions. SPCC offers the following degrees, diplomas, and certificates in Cardiovascular Sonography:

- Cardiovascular Sonography Degree – (A45160)
- Cardiovascular Sonography Cardiac Diploma – (D45160)
- Cardiovascular Sonography – Cardiac Certificate – (C45160C)
- Cardiovascular Sonography – Vascular Certificate – (C45160V)

For more information, contact the Department Chair, Alice Bradley, at 704-290-5832 or abradley@spcc.edu. You can also visit the link to the Cardiovascular Sonography Degree page: <http://www.spcc.edu/cardiovascular-sonography/>

FINISH the FAFSA Assistance



The FINISH the FAFSA project is off to a great start and we are pleased to see the numbers of FAFSA completers in Anson and Union Counties improving. We still have over 45% of our local seniors and families that have not completed the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA). South Piedmont Community College stands ready to assist by bringing our Campus Cruiser to local high schools or other venues to help students and parents with this sometimes complicated task. Let us know if we can schedule a time to visit your high school or a planned school activity. Call John Ratliff at 704-272-5325 or email jratliff@spcc.edu to schedule a Campus Cruiser visit!

FINISH the FAFSA as of 01/26/18						
High School	Number of Seniors	FAFSA's Not Completed	% Completed	Submissions as of 1-26-18	Completions as of 1-26-18	Completions as of 1-26-17
Anson County Early College	76	40	47%	39	36	<5
Anson High School	160	110	31%	63	50	34
Central Academy of Tech & Arts	186	62	67%	131	124	118
Cuthbertson High School	348	143	59%	214	205	243
Forest Hills High School	206	126	39%	94	80	62
Marvin Ridge High School	426	215	50%	223	211	212
Monroe High School	248	173	30%	93	75	67
Parkwood High School	276	181	34%	102	95	73
Piedmont High School	360	193	46%	176	167	129
Porter Ridge High School	391	214	45%	191	177	177
Sun Valley High School	384	196	49%	204	188	96
Union County Early College	98	63	36%	38	35	29
Weddington High School	282	111	61%	175	171	207
Totals:	3441	1827	46%	1743	1614	1447

Career and College Promise (CCP) Updates



2018 Graduation Information

SPCC's 2018 graduation exercises will be held on **Thursday, May 10** at the Union County Agricultural & Conference Center in Monroe. Eligible participants are those who have or

will have completed all program requirements by the end of the fall 2017, spring 2018, or summer 2018 semesters. Students must have at least a 2.0 overall and program GPA to graduate. Other requirements may also apply. Please see SPCC's college catalog for full details.

Below are requirements for those participating in the 2018 curriculum graduation; these must be completed by **Friday, March 1**.

- Meet with your program advisor to review your graduation status
- Submit your completed and signed Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office
- Pay graduation fees at the SPCC Business Office
- Purchase your cap, gown, and tassel at the Bookstore

Note: Approval must be granted by the Registrar's Office prior to the deadline to use a previously purchased or borrowed cap and gown. Students can email the Registrar at registrar@spcc.edu for an appointment to bring in their cap and gown for review.

The number of tickets available for each graduating participant will be determined in March. Only students that have completed the requirements listed above by March 1st will be guaranteed graduation tickets for guests.

If a student does not wish to participate in the 2018 Commencement, the Graduation Application is **still required**. Please make payments at the business office if you wish to obtain a copy of your degree, diploma, or certificate. Degrees, diplomas, and certificates are available for five dollars; degrees, diplomas, and certificates with covers are available for 20 dollars.

Caps and Gowns: SPCC will not be able to provide caps and gowns for CCP students. All CCP students must coordinate for the purchase of cap and gowns through the Bookstore.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2018. Please contact your assigned Recruiter for the new required HS CCP Graduation Applications. Jeff Jost can be contacted at 704-290-5871 or jjost@spcc.edu and Devonne Gaddy can be contacted at 704-290-5872 or dgaddy@spcc.edu.

Graduation Times:

10 a.m. – Allied Health and Nursing, UCEC, and **Union County High School Students**

2 p.m. – Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Applied Science Technology, ACEC, and **Anson County High School Students**

Let us know if you have any other questions or need graduation forms for CCP students. Thanks for helping your students to be completers at SPCC and encouraging them to participate in our graduation ceremonies!

Never Attending Class (NA)

As of today, we have over 30 CCP students not attend scheduled classes prior to the 10% point of the spring 2018 semester. Students who fail to attend class are removed from the class, and our recruiters are contacting counselors with updates regarding student enrollment as they occur. This is a major issue that we need to address in future semesters. Class availability is limited, and students who register for a course but do not attend take up valuable learning opportunities for other students.

We welcome feedback and/or recommendations to improve student attendance and success at South Piedmont Community College!



Summer and Fall 2018 Registration

We will begin registering current CCP students on March 12. **Please be sure to arrange a time for your assigned recruiter to visit your school and register your current CCP students.** Classes are all first come, first served; and we want your students to get the best schedule available in the coming semesters. Remember, your students are only able to take classes in their authorized program of study and we want to encourage program completion! **Contact your recruiter today!**

Summer 2018: One More Opportunity for Free College Tuition for Graduating Seniors!!!

Summer 2018 will begin on May 29. All CCP eligible students and graduating seniors are encouraged to continue taking free college classes over the summer. This is a great option for students who are looking to cut the cost of their college education by earning transfer credits or career related skills. SPCC general education courses are accepted at all state-supported colleges and universities as well as a host of private schools. Please remind your seniors to send their official college transcripts to schools they plan to attend in the fall. This enables the gaining institution to evaluate and apply credits to their future college program.

More Important News

Academic Support Labs

The SPCC Academic Support Center is an interactive, online learning assistance platform that seeks to serve students, faculty and staff by providing convenient, anytime access to learning support opportunities in a nurturing environment that promote academic success, while supporting the College mission of learning, student success, and workforce and community development.

The SPCC Academic Support Center is the student's key to academic success by providing tutoring, support, and subject-matter assistance. Students can obtain a referral from their instructor pertaining to any subject matter. For operating hours, please visit <http://www.spcc.edu/academic-support-center/>.

Exciting Events



New Century Scholars

We would be pleased to visit with your scholars and guide them through the college admissions processes as well as discuss available SPCC programs in a group or individual session. Please contact your assigned recruiter to discuss possible dates and times. We look forward to opening doors for students and their families.

To learn more, contact:

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