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STATE AUTHORIZATION

South Piedmont Community College ensures compliance with State Authorization requirements prescribed by 34 CFR Part §600.9, regarding the offering of online/distance education programs, which states:

If an institution is offering postsecondary education through distance or correspondence education to students in a State in which it is not physically located or in which it is otherwise subject to State jurisdiction as determined by the State, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering postsecondary distance or correspondence education in that State. An institution must be able to document to the Secretary the State's approval upon request. (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1001 and 1002)

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Board of Trustees and the administration of South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) are fully committed to the principles and practice of equal employment and educational opportunities. Accordingly, SPCC does not practice or condone discrimination, in any form, against students, employees, or applicants on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, age, disability, veteran status, or any characteristic or status protected by applicable local, state, or federal law. SPCC commits itself to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of those characteristics. Should an employee or student feel their rights under Title VI, VII, or IX have been violated, they may mail a harassment complaint, including sexual harassment, to the Human Resources Office by mail at PO Box 126, Polkton, NC 28135. Correspondents will be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Elaine Clodfelter, Director of Student Advocacy and Accountability and/or Title IX Deputy Coordinator, Lauren Sellers, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Payroll.

THE CATALOG

Effective for the 2021-2022 academic year, this catalog is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a contract between the student and the College. South Piedmont Community College has made every reasonable effort to determine that everything stated in this catalog is accurate at the time of printing. However, the NC General Assembly, the State Board of Community Colleges, and/or the SPCC Board of Trustees may make changes in policy, graduation requirements, fees and other charges, curriculum course structure and content, and other such matters after the publication of this catalog. The NC General Assembly may make changes in tuition without notice.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



WELCOME TO SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

A good education is foundational to achieving your dreams. By choosing South Piedmont Community College, you have joined a diverse and growing community of people who have decided to make their lives and their communities better through education. It is a decision that positions you well to find your own success—no matter how you define it. South Piedmont has a proven record of preparing students for good jobs with great futures or for success at four-year colleges and universities.

While we strive to make the South Piedmont experience as smooth as possible, navigating college can be complicated and daunting. We understand that. The faculty and staff of South Piedmont are committed to your success, and that means we are prepared to support you every step of the way. Each of us, along with valuable resources like our Academic Support Center and our libraries, are always here to help you.

One of the most important things you can do for yourself is to get involved. Get to know your classmates, but beyond that, I encourage you to take advantage of all that the SPCC experience has to offer. South Piedmont offers a variety of ways to enrich your learning experience and to just have fun with your classmates. Whether it's joining a club, being active in our Student Government Association, or attending one of the many student activities held throughout the year, find your place at SPCC.

I speak for the entire faculty and staff of South Piedmont Community College when I say that we're excited that you are here, and we are looking forward to helping you find success.

Welcome to South Piedmont Community College—you've come to the right place!

Dr. Maria Pharr

President

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HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

South Piedmont is North Carolina's newest community college, having been created in 1999 by the North Carolina General Assembly. The legislature's action abolished Anson Community College and assigned the new college's service area as Anson and Union counties in south-central North Carolina.

South Piedmont is in the unique position of being a new institution with a proud history. The institution traces its roots to 1962, with the founding of the Ansonville unit of the Charlotte Industrial Education Center. In collaboration with Stanly Community College, it also provided years of service in Union County as Union Technical Education Center.

The institution was originally designated as the Ansonville Industrial Education Center in November 1962 by action of the State Department of Public Instruction. On December 2, 1967, the Anson County Board of Education and County Commissioners officially appointed a local Board of Trustees. As a result, the Ansonville Industrial Education Center became Anson Technical Institute, a unit of the Department of Community Colleges of North Carolina.

Further progress, larger enrollment, and additional support from the community, especially Polkton Mayor W. Cliff Martin, enabled Anson Technical Institute to acquire land, obtain additional funds, and complete construction of a 28,000-square-foot building in Polkton in 1977. To better reflect the offerings of the institution, the Board of Trustees on June 7, 1979, changed the name to Anson Technical College.

In 1981, Union Technical Education Consortium was created when Central Piedmont Community College voluntarily withdrew from Union County and the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges authorized service in the county by a consortium of Anson and Stanly community colleges.

Effective November 1, 1987, the official name of Anson Technical College was changed to Anson Community College.

On May 19, 1999, Gov. Jim Hunt signed a bill, based upon recommendations of an independent study team, that abolished Anson Community College and Union Technical Education Center and created North Carolina's newest community college. The signing of this bill created a single college with two campuses, one in Anson County and one in Union County, to serve the residents of both counties, and a new 14-member Board of Trustees was appointed.

The new college was named South Piedmont Community College on August 3, 1999, using one of the 441 different names suggested during a contest held in July.

South Piedmont expanded its operations, adding new buildings at the L. L. Polk Campus in Polkton, adding a new campus at Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, and opening the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The Center for Technology and Health Education was opened near the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in 2013, and renamed the Tyson Family Center for Technology in 2016.

SPCC continues to improve program offerings, shaping them to meet the needs of students and employers in the area. In fall 2020, credit programs served 3,069 students, while non-credit programs served 2,874.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

As a learning college, South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) promotes and celebrates learning as the process that changes and improves lives. This applies to our students, employees, and the college itself. We are an organization in which people continually expand their ability to grow and learn.

The Strategic Plan highlights this emphasis on learning through our Vision (what we want to be), Mission (who we are), Values (what directs our decisions), and Strategic Areas of Focus (goals we endeavor to attain in fulfilling our Vision and Mission).

Our Vision is:

To be the premier community college of choice, offering university transfer, career and technical education, and workforce and economic development programming to prepare students to be productive citizens in the global community.

Our Mission is:

To foster life-long learning, student success, and workforce and community development.

Our Values are:

Quality, Service, Stewardship, and Respect.

Our Focus Areas are:

- **Student Success:** Enhance the learning environment to increase student goal achievement.
- **Business/Industry Partnerships:** Enhance business and industry partnerships to provide programming that meets the current and future needs of employers.
- **Growth:** Increase the percentage of Union and Anson county residents pursuing education or training through South Piedmont Community College.
- **Alternative Funding:** Increase non-state funding through grants, fundraising, and funding partnerships.
- **Value-Driven Culture:** Foster a culture that supports the college values of quality, service, stewardship, and respect.

CORE SKILLS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

South Piedmont Community College advocates Thinking, Learning, and Interacting as critical competencies for student achievement and lifelong learning in today's global economy. These critical competencies are supported by five (5) core skills with measurable learning outcomes which are integrated into the curriculum course instruction and activities. The SPCC Core Skills and learning outcomes are:

Critical Thinking

- The learner will identify, interpret, analyze, or synthesize problems before developing and implementing solutions in a manner effective and appropriate for the intended audience.

Information Literacy

- The learner will locate, identify, evaluate, use, and disseminate information ethically and effectively.

Intercultural Competency

- The learner will demonstrate cultural awareness and objectivity through critical reflection.

Oral Communication

- The learner will exchange ideas and information with others using the spoken word in a manner effective and appropriate for the intended audience.

Written Communication

- The learner will exchange ideas and information with others using text in a manner effective and appropriate for the intended audience.

LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT

At SPCC, all students participate in learning outcomes assessment. This helps answer the fundamental questions: Are you, as a student, learning? How do we, as an institution, and you, as a student, know? All curriculum programs at SPCC have **program learning outcomes** and **course learning outcomes**.

Program learning outcomes answer the question: What kind of skills and knowledge should graduates demonstrate after completing this academic program? Program learning outcome statements focus on the broad skill sets and knowledge that are specific to that academic program. Program advisors can help students discover what will be learned in their program of choice.

Course learning outcomes describe the knowledge and skills that will be learned in a course. Course learning outcomes are the building blocks that form the foundation for the program learning outcomes. Students should check their course syllabus to find the learning outcomes specific to each course.

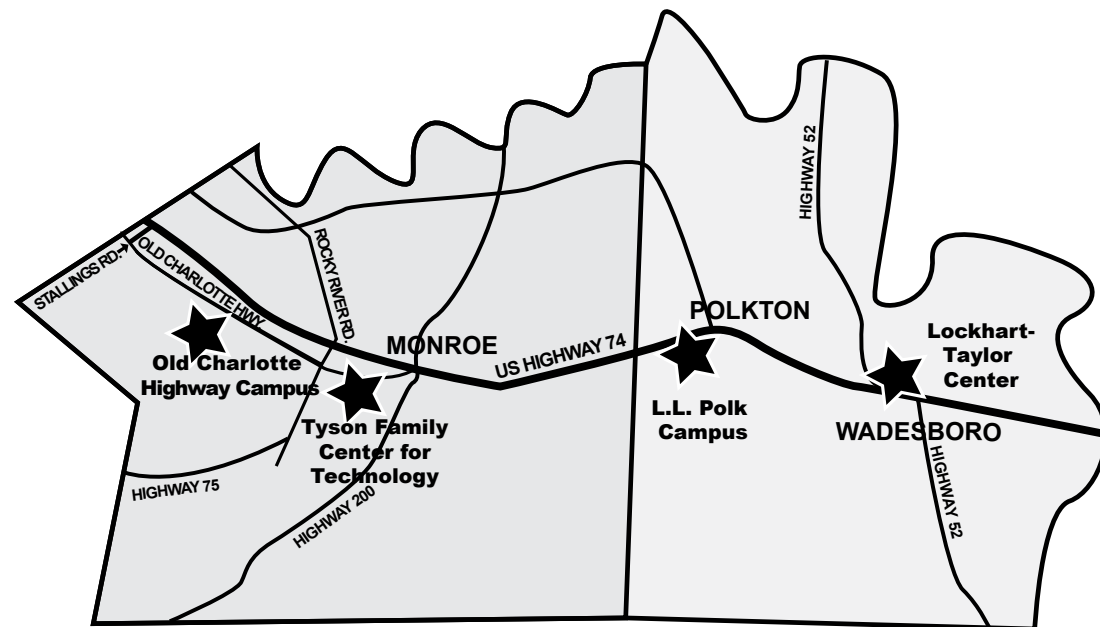
Core Skill Outcomes, sometimes referred to as employability or soft skills, are skills that competent and valuable employees in any field or industry should demonstrate. As an institution, SPCC has identified five (5) core skill outcomes that graduates of every associate's degree program should acquire. They are: Critical Thinking, Information Literacy, Intercultural Competency, Oral Communication, and Written Communication.

Results of all learning outcomes assessments are analyzed by instructors using data from artifacts submitted in Taskstream, the College's online management system for evaluating student learning. Decisions about continuous improvement in learning are made in a systematic way to determine what students have learned and how learning can be improved. The College reserves the right to share samples of student work with regulatory and accrediting bodies when necessary.

HOURS OF OPERATION

South Piedmont Community College offers classes, workshops, and seminars six days a week at various times and locations. The College's normal business hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hours may be extended during registration periods. Summer hours of operation may differ at all locations.

To obtain information regarding the College and its programs and services to the community, check our website, www.spcc.edu, or call:



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PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS

In 1993, the State Board of Community Colleges began monitoring performance data on specific measures to ensure public accountability for programs and services. In 1998, the General Assembly directed the State Board to review past performance measures and define standards to ensure programs and services offered by community colleges in North Carolina were of sufficient quality.

In 2010, a review process was established to ensure the measures and methods for evaluating colleges were current and remained focused on improving student success. Every three years, a committee that is inclusive of college leaders; subject matter experts; and research and assessment professionals are appointed to review the measures and recommend deletions, revisions, and additions. Recommendations from the most recent review were approved in 2018.

All community colleges are required to publish their performance on the measures annually in their electronic catalog or on the Internet and in their printed catalog. The current Performance Measures and results are as follows:

Data Source: 2020 Performance Measures for Student Success

Performance Measure	NCCCS Goal / Baseline	SPCC's Performance
Basic Skills Student Progress	50.6% / 24.2%	42.4%
Student Success Rate in College-Level English courses	66.6% / 40.1%	54.6%
Student Success Rate in College-Level Math Courses	46.2% / 19.5%	36.5%
First Year Progression	71.9% / 56.6%	67.6%
Curriculum Completion	52.7% / 34.1%	53.2%
Licensure and Certification Passing Rate	1.07 / .79	.96
College Transfer Performance	89.4% / 74.4%	90.6%

The North Carolina Community College System website, www.nccommunitycolleges.edu, contains details about the Performance Measures and Standards.

Visit www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/analytics/state-performance-measures. Click on 2020 Performance Measures Report.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2021 - 2022

**SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED PRIOR TO CLASS CENSUS DATE (10 PERCENT POINT);
DROP CLASS WITH REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED ON OR PRIOR TO CLASS CENSUS DATE**

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (16 Weeks)

August 9 First Day of Classes
 September 6 Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)
 October 5-6 Student Break (No Classes)
 October 7 Classes Resume
 October 18 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (16-Week Session)
 October 28 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (16-Week Session)
 November 22-28 Fall Break (No Classes)
 November 24-26 Thanksgiving Holidays (College Closed)
 November 29 Classes Resume
 December 8 Fall Semester Ends

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (12 Weeks)

September 7 First Day of 12-Week Session
 October 5-6 Student Break (No Classes)
 October 28 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (12-Week Session)
 November 5 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (12-Week Session)
 November 22-28 Fall Break (No Classes)
 December 8 End of 12-Week Session

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (8-Week Sessions)

August 9 First Day of 1st 8-Week Session
 September 6 Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)
 September 10 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 8-Week Session)
 September 16 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 8-Week Session)
 October 4 End of 1st 8-Week Session
 October 5-6 Student Break (No Classes)
 October 7 First Day of 2nd 8-Week Session
 November 9 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 8-Week Session)
 November 15 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 8-Week Session)
 November 22-28 Fall Break (No Classes)
 December 8 End of 2nd 8-Week Session

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (5-Week Sessions)

August 9 First Day of 1st 5-Week Session
 August 27 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 5-Week Session)
 September 1 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 5-Week Session)
 September 6 Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)

September 13 End of 1st 5-Week Session
 September 14 First Day of 2nd 5-Week Session
 October 4 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 5-Week Session)
 October 5-6 Student Break (No Classes)
 October 11 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 5-Week Session)
 October 20 End of 2nd 5-Week Session
 October 21 First Day of 3rd 5-Week Session
 November 10 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3rd 5-Week Session)
 November 15 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3rd 5-Week Session)
 November 22-28 Fall Break (No Classes)
 December 1 End of 3rd 5-Week Session

FALL SEMESTER 2021 (4-Week Sessions)

August 9 First Day of 1st 4-Week Session
 August 24 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 4-Week Session)
 August 26 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 4-Week Session)
 September 3 End of 1st 4-Week Session
 September 6 Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)
 September 7 First Day of 2nd 4-Week Session
 September 22 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 4-Week Session)
 September 24 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 4-Week Session)
 October 4 End of 2nd 4-Week Session
 October 5-6 Student Break (No Classes)
 October 7 First Day of 3rd 4-Week Session
 October 22 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3rd 4-Week Session)
 October 26 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3rd 4-Week Session)
 November 3 End of 3rd 4-Week Session
 November 4 First Day of 4th 4-Week Session
 November 22-28 Fall Break (No Classes)
 November 19 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (4th 4-Week Session)
 November 30 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (4th 4-Week Session)
 December 8 End of 4th 4-Week Session

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 (16 Weeks)

January 7 First Day of Classes
 January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)
 March 7-13 Student Spring Break (No Classes)
 March 14 Classes Resume
 March 23 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (16-Week Session)
 April 4 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (16-Week Session)
 April 15-17 Easter Holiday (College Closed)
 May 9 Spring Semester Ends
 May 14 Graduation

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 (12 Weeks)

February 7 First Day of 12-Week Session
 March 7-13 Student Spring Break (No Classes)
 April 4 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (12-Week Session)
 April 12 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (12-Week Session)
 April 15-17 Easter Holiday (College Closed)
 May 9 End of 12-Week Session

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 (8-Week Sessions)

January 7 First Day of 1st 8-Week Session
 January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)
 February 10 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 8-Week Session)
 February 16 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 8-Week Session)
 March 4 End of 1st 8-Week Session
 March 7-13 Student Spring Break (No Classes)
 March 14 First Day of 2nd 8-Week Session
 April 14 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 8-Week Session)
 April 15-17 Easter Holiday (College Closed)
 April 21 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 8-Week Session)
 May 9 End of 2nd 8-Week Session

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 (5-Week Sessions)

January 7 First Day of 1st 5-Week Session
 January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)
 January 28 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 5-Week Session)
 February 2 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 5-Week Session)
 February 11 End of 1st 5-Week Session
 February 14 First Day of 2nd 5-Week Session
 March 4 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 5-Week Session)
 March 7-13 Student Spring Break (No Classes)
 March 16 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 5-Week Session)
 March 25 End of 2nd 5-Week Session
 March 28 First Day of 3rd 5-Week Session
 April 15-17 Easter Holiday (College Closed)
 April 18 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3rd 5-Week Session)
 April 21 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3rd 5-Week Session)
 May 2 End of 3rd 5-Week Session

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 (4-Week Sessions)

January 7 First Day of 1st 4-Week Session
 January 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)
 January 25 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 4-Week Session)

January 27 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 4-Week Session)
 February 4 End of 1st 4-Week Session
 February 7 First Day of 2nd 4-Week Session
 February 22 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 4-Week Session)
 February 24 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 4-Week Session)
 March 4 End of 2nd 4-Week Session
 March 7-13 Student Spring Break (No Classes)
 March 14 First Day of 3rd 4-Week Session
 March 29 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3rd 4-Week Session)
 March 31 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3rd 4-Week Session)
 April 8 End of 3rd 4-Week Session
 April 11 First Day of 4th 4-Week Session
 April 15-17 Easter Holiday (College Closed)
 April 27 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (4th 4-Week Session)
 April 29 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (4th 4-Week Session)
 May 9 End of 4th 4-Week Session

SUMMER TERM 2022 (8 WEEKS)

May 30 Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed)
 May 31 First Day of Classes
 June 28 Student Break (No Classes)
 July 4 Independence Day Holiday (College Closed)
 July 6 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (8-Week Session)
 July 12 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (8-Week Session)
 July 27 End of Summer Term

SUMMER TERM 2022 (4-WEEK SESSIONS)

May 30 Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed)
 May 31 First Day of Classes
 June 20 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1st 4-Week Session)
 June 22 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1st 4-Week Session)
 June 27 End of 1st 4-Week Session
 June 28 Student Break (No Classes)
 June 29 First Day of 2nd 4-Week Session
 July 4 Independence Day Holiday (College Closed)
 July 18 Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2nd 4-Week Session)
 July 20 Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2nd 4-Week Session)
 July 27 End of Summer Term

