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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## MISSION

Sampson Community College, founded as an extension unit of the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center, was chartered as an independent member institution of the North Carolina Community College System in 1967. The College operates as a comprehensive two-year public community college serving adult students of Sampson and surrounding counties. Consistent with the historical traditions of North Carolina's community colleges, the College affirms its belief in the incomparable worth of all students and its commitment to open-door student admissions. Central to this commitment, the College recruits and retains outstanding faculty members who support this mission and are dedicated to the art of teaching and advising students from all backgrounds and at all levels of educational preparation.

The College's educational programs are comprehensive, ranging from instruction in basic skills through collegiate studies at the sophomore level. A principal focus of the College's curricular programs is to provide occupational education at the certificate, diploma, and degree levels in programs of study that lead to meaningful employment for students in southeastern and central North Carolina. The College also provides opportunities for students to complete general collegiate studies in the arts and sciences leading to associate degrees that qualify them for admission and success in senior institutions. The College endeavors to provide access to educational programs and services at times, places, and costs that meet the needs of adult students. Faculty are encouraged to utilize available technologies to improve classroom teaching and learning and to facilitate distance learning opportunities across all programs.

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, the College offers continuing education to adult students including opportunities to acquire basic skills, to complete the GED, and to participate in non-credit academic and personal enrichment classes. The College recognizes its obligation to work cooperatively with local business and industry, public schools, professional and trade associations, and community organizations to develop and deliver a comprehensive educational program that meets the needs of these constituents. The College supports local and regional economic development efforts and provides industries with access to specialized state-sponsored training and financial incentive programs.

In recognition of the increasing globalization of all economic activity, the College seeks to develop student multi-cultural awareness through classroom instruction and enrichment programs available to the entire campus community. The College acknowledges its responsibility to continually evaluate both the quality and relevance of all educational programs.

In support of its educational mission and undergirding philosophy, the College recruits and retains qualified individuals for admission and employment without regard to their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, political belief, or affiliation consistent with state and federal law.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees November 11, 2003**

## HISTORY

Sampson Community College, one of the fifty-eight institutions in the North Carolina System of Community Colleges, was established in September 1965, under the provisions of Chapter 115-A of the General Statutes of North Carolina as an extension unit of Goldsboro Industrial Education Center (now Wayne Community College). The first institutional site was one office and one classroom located in the Sampson County Board of Education Building on Rowan Road. The institution moved from temporary offices in June 1966 to an old elementary school on Highway 421, six miles north of Clinton, and began the first curriculum programs in September of the same year. By an act of the 1967 General Assembly, the college became an independent unit and was called "Sampson Technical Institute." The first Board of Trustees was appointed in February 1968. As the institution grew, the need for a new campus with modern facilities was realized.

A \$500,000 bond issue was approved by Sampson County voters in April 1972. A vocational storage building was occupied on the Highway 24 campus in July 1974, and the main building on this new campus, the North Building, was occupied in January 1976. A new vocational shop building, East Building, was occupied in the fall of 1977 allowing for the expansion of several vocational programs. In 1979, through enabling legislation of the General Assembly, the Board of Trustees approved the school's name change to "Sampson Technical College." The College added additional facilities in 1982 with the construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. vocational shop building on the main campus and the county's provision of 8,000 sq. ft. in the new Courthouse Annex for the Continuing Education Division. In August 1987 the college completed construction of the West Building, and began erecting a new Student Center/Adult Education Building, the South Building, which was occupied in September 1988. In October 1987, the College changed its name to "Sampson Community College." The Board of Trustees approved changing the name of West Building to W.W. Kitchin Hall on August 21, 1989, and South Building to the Robert D. Warren Student Center on June 10, 1997. In the fall of 1998, two new buildings, the Technology Center and the Activities Center, were occupied. The Occupational Building, along with renovations to the East Building, was completed in the fall of 2005 adding an additional 36,031 square feet to the College Campus structures. In the fall of 2008, the Board of Trustees named the Occupational Building in honor of the current president Dr. William C. Aiken. In the summer of 2010, the College enrolled the first group of students in occupational classes in the Ammonia Refrigeration Training Center. The specialized shop and classroom building includes 5,000 sf of space designed to support specialized training in the use of ammonia refrigeration in the food processing industry.

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## **ACCREDITATION**

Sampson Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Sampson Community College.

## **SAMPSON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Sampson Community College High School operates as a Learn & Earn public high school of choice in partnership with Sampson Community College, Clinton City Schools, and Sampson County Schools. SECHS is reinventing the secondary high school setting by providing a meaningful high school experience on the college campus. Student success is supported through academic rigor, enhanced through relevant internships, and bonded by adult-student relationships using innovating teaching methods.

Potential high school students currently enrolled in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade who resides in Sampson County are eligible to interview and apply. Students must enter the program as a high school freshman – fall semester of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. SECHS is a school for students who have possessed good discipline throughout their school experience. Students with poor discipline records will not be eligible for attendance. Accepted applicants must be self-motivated with a sincere interest in academics and be able to fit into an adult environment.

### **Sampson Community College Performance Measures and Standards**

#### **Critical Success Factors for the North Carolina Community College System Status of Sampson Community College in Meeting the Performance Standards**

<b>Performance Measures</b>		<b>Standard Met</b>	
		<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>
Measure A	Progress of Basic Skills Students	Met	Met
Measure B	Passing Rates for Licensure and Cert. Exams	Met	Met
Measure C	Performance of College Transfer Students	Did not Meet	Met
Measure D	Passing Rates of Students in Developmental Courses	Met	Met
Measure E	Success Rate of Developmental Students in College Level Courses	Met	Met
Measure F	Student Satisfaction of Program Completer and Non-Completers	Met	Met
Measure G	Curriculum Student Retention and Graduation	Met	Met
Measure H	Client Satisfaction with Customized Training	Did not Meet	Met
Total Standards Met or Significant Improved		<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
Total Performance Funding Standards Met or Significant Improvement		<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

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## **Student Right-to-Know Act**

This act requires colleges to report completion rates of students.

In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know Act, Sampson Community College discloses a graduation/completion rate of 22% and a transfer-out rate of 4% for the 2009 cohort of full-time, first-time degree/ diploma/certificate seeking students.

## **EVENING PROGRAMS**

The college offers an extensive evening program that includes many of the credit courses offered in the daytime as well as noncredit courses for adults and special community organizations, businesses, and industries.

The availability of credit courses in the evening allows working students to coordinate their school activities with employment. Students may enroll for both evening and daytime classes.

In some programs it is possible to complete all requirements for graduation by attending evening classes only. The rate of progress will depend upon the number of courses taken each semester. A reduced load will require a longer period before completing requirements for graduation.

## **FACILITIES**

### **Description of Campus and Location**

The main campus of Sampson Community College is located on Highway 24 West in Clinton, North Carolina, near the center of Sampson County. The main campus consists of seven academic buildings and two shop buildings located on a fifty-five acre site.

### **Library**

The Library offers the following two major services:

1. **Library Services** - The library houses books, pamphlets, electronic media and other materials that support the program offerings of the college. The library is fully automated.
2. **Audiovisual Services** - Audiovisual services include both materials and equipment. These services are available at the circulation desk in the library area. Various types of materials are available on many subjects. Patrons are encouraged to consult the Library Catalog for a listing of available equipment and materials.

The Library is located on the first floor of the Kitchin Building and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The schedule may vary during the summer term. The Library staff is available to help all patrons. For further information, please consult the Library Handbook or call a member of the Library staff.

### **Bookstore**

The bookstore stocks textbooks and supply items needed for study at the college. Hours of operation are posted at the store entrance. The bookstore expands its hours during the registration period.

### **Snack Bar – Vending**

A Snack Bar is available for soft drinks, coffee, sandwiches, and plate lunches. This service is located on the ground floor of the Warren Student Center. During fall and spring semesters, the hours of operation on Monday - Thursday begin at 7:30 a.m. and run through early evening. Hours of operation on Fridays are from 7:30 a.m. through lunch. Beverage and snack vending machines are available at all hours of operation. (During the summer term, the snack bar will be closed on Friday unless otherwise notified.)

### **Student Center**

The Student Center, located on the first floor of the Warren Student Center Building, houses the student lounge, bookstore, game room, and the SGA offices. Food service and TV viewing are available in the student lounge. The game room provides video games, billiards, ping-pong, and other forms of recreation and relaxation as well as additional dining facilities and TV viewing.

### **Closing of School Due to Inclement Weather**

As approved by the President of the College in consultation with senior staff, class meetings cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up by outside and/or online assignments; by adding time to remaining class meetings; or by rescheduling class meetings on other days, possibly including days originally designated as holidays or breaks.

## **Student Housing**

Sampson Community College is a commuter institution and does not operate dormitories. The individual student is responsible for finding housing. Students desiring housing in the local area may request assistance in locating housing and estimates of off-campus living costs from the student services division. A list of approved housing facilities is not maintained by the college.