
GENERAL INFORMATION

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 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 College’s new occupational building will be available for use in fall 2005.

ACCREDITATION

Sampson Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the associate degree.

Status of Sampson Community College in Meeting the Performance Standards

Performance Measures	Standard Met	
	2001/02 2002/03	
*Measure A Progress of Basic Skills Students	Met	
*Measure B Passing Rates for Licensure and Cert. Exams	Met	Met
*Measure C Goal Completion of Program Completers and Non-Completers	Met	Met
*Measure D Employment Rate of Graduates	Met	Met
*Measure E Performance of College Transfer Students	SI	SI
Measure F Passing Rates of Students in Developmental Courses	Met	Met
Measure G Success Rate of Developmental Students in College Level Courses	Met	Met
+Measure H Student Satisfaction of Program Completers and Non-Completers	Met	Met
Measure I Curriculum Student Retention and Graduation	Met	Met
Measure J Employer Satisfaction with Graduates	Met	Met
Measure K Client Satisfaction with Customized Training	Met	Met
Measure L Program Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment	Met	Met
Total Standards Met or Significant Improvement (SI)	12	10
Total Performance Funding Standards Met or (SI)	6	4

* Indicates one of the five required performance measures for use in performance funding.

+ Selected Sixth Performance Measure

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 19% and a transfer-out rate of 11% for the 2001 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, plate lunches, and candy. 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 are from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Hours of operation on Fridays are from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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

The college will at times close or cancel class on short notice due to weather conditions or other uncontrollable circumstances. When such conditions appear or are anticipated, students and staff should follow the procedures outlined in the [Student Handbook](#) to obtain information concerning class cancellations.

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.