



Southern
West Virginia Community and Technical
College

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Higher Learning Commission (HLC) S

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Universities. Southern was first accredited in 1971 and has had continuous accreditation since then. Southern submitted a self-study document to present to them in 2013.

Southern participates in the Higher Learning Commission's Program to Advance Quality (PEAQ) evaluation process. The PEAQ program consists of an annual comprehensive evaluation every 10 years by a team of trained peer reviewers. Southern's last comprehensive evaluation was completed in April 2003 with the next evaluation scheduled for April 22-24, 2013.

Southern's Mission Statement

It is the mission of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College to provide accessible, affordable, quality education and training while promoting the economic well-being of the communities we serve.

Institutional Commitments

As a comprehensive community and technical college, Southern is committed to the following:

1. Developmental and pre-college level education for those who lack the background for direct entry into college-level courses.
2. Programs of study leading to the associate in arts and the associate in science degrees that can be effectively transferred and applied toward the baccalaureate degree.
3. Programs of study in career and technical fields leading to a skill-set degree and/or the associate in applied science degree for entry into the workforce.
4. Workforce development, continuing education and training programs for the benefit of employees and employers and serve as a mechanism for economic development.
5. Support services that assist students in achieving their education and training.
6. Community interest programs and activities that promote personal growth and enrichment.

Southern's Vision Statement

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College will be the highest quality college in West Virginia and the region. Southern will provide the leadership necessary to ensure that we grow and prosper into the twenty-first century. Southern will be the premier provider of education and training/retraining efforts in the region. The College will be a catalyst for economic development and change in the region. Southern will establish