
VISION AND MISSION

STATEMENT OF MISSION

DSCC serves seven counties adjacent to or near the Mississippi River in West Tennessee where there are enormous opportunities to improve educational attainment, employment levels in high-skilled jobs, and per capita income. An open-access, learning-centered institution, Dyersburg State anticipates and responds to the educational needs of individuals through strategic planning and continuous improvement processes. In doing so, the College provides leadership in public service activities, workforce development projects, and educational collaborations to offer lifelong learning, to promote diversity, and to improve the community at large by producing educated members of society. Moreover, to improve the quality of life in the communities served, the College is strongly committed to developing and promoting civic and cultural opportunities, as well as economic and community development initiatives through partnerships with business and industry.

DSCC offers the following:

- Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Science in Teaching degrees for transfer to four-year institutions;
- Associate of Applied Science degrees and certificate programs that respond to emerging career opportunities in health care and technologies and provide workforce education;
- A Learning Support Program that enhances the skills necessary for success in college-level courses;
- An Honors Program that expands students' thinking and achievement;
- A Workforce Development & Continuing Education Program that provides educational opportunities for children and adults;
- Seamless transition among institutions through articulation agreements with area high schools, Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology, and four-year institutions;
- A variety of student support services designed to increase the opportunity for success, as well as services to provide access to federal and state financial aid and locally-funded scholarships;
- Access to education via technology-assisted instruction, distance learning offerings, and course offerings at convenient locations at the DSCC Gibson County Center and the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County.
- An international program that includes opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to attend cultural activities and events at our three locations and in nearby cities, opportunities for students to study abroad, opportunities for faculty to teach abroad and for staff to provide student services abroad.

The accomplishment of this mission depends on a faculty and staff who are flexible, highly skilled, technology oriented and learner centered.

DSCC remains committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body and promotes diversity and access without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

STATEMENT OF VISION

Dyersburg State Community College will elevate the region's educational attainment thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee.

INSTITUTIONAL MISSION PROFILE

Dyersburg State Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution, serving seven rural counties in northwest Tennessee including Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, and Tipton. The College provides educational opportunities through its home campus in Dyersburg, the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County in Covington, and the Gibson County Center in Trenton. In Fall 2019, 2,849 students enrolled at Dyersburg State, including 671 dual enrollment students. Thirty-two percent of Dyersburg State students in Fall 2019 were adults age 25 and older, and 39% were low-income students. Additionally, in 2018-19, the College provided 8,278 hours of workforce training. Dyersburg State offers 38 associate degree programs and 14 certificate programs, including the College's notable Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and Business Administration programs. The College introduced a new Paramedic to Registered Nurse (RN) Fast Track Program during the fall 2016 semester at its Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County and in Fall 2018 at its Dyersburg campus. During the 2018-19 academic year, 477 awards were conferred at Dyersburg State, including 153 applied associate degrees, 153 technical certificates, and 117 associate degrees designed to transfer to a university. Strong partnerships with high schools contribute to successful dual enrollment programs. Dyersburg State offers college classes leading to an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration for incarcerated students at the Northwest Correctional Complex (NWCX). The College has received the Governor's Correctional Education Initiative (CEI) grant to offer a three-week Bridge Program and a 5-semester Business Administration transfer degree to 50 students at the West Tennessee State Penitentiary (WTSP) and the Women's Therapeutic Residential Center (WTRC) in Fall 2020. In May 2020, the College was chosen as one of 67 colleges in the United States to be a part of the Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative to provide need-based Pell grants to people in state and federal prisons. The College offers various student support programs to multiple subpopulations, including Pell-eligible students, first-generation students, adult students, underprepared students, dual enrolled students, and veteran students. Pell-eligible students make up the College's focus population, which was determined by the review of success rates of various subpopulations.

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POLICY

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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

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