

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

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HIGHER EDUCATION



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



QUALITY OF LIFE



OUR MISSION: The System provides learning opportunities that advance workforce development, promote economic development and ensure attainment of student learning goals – effectively increasing the employability of all South Carolinians and, ultimately, enhancing the quality of life for all our state’s citizens.

SC TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM: HIGHLIGHTS



SOUTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

Each year the System educates and trains over 160,000 South Carolinians through our credit programs (103,281) and continuing education programs (57,786).



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GEOGRAPHICALLY ACCESSIBLE ACROSS THE STATE

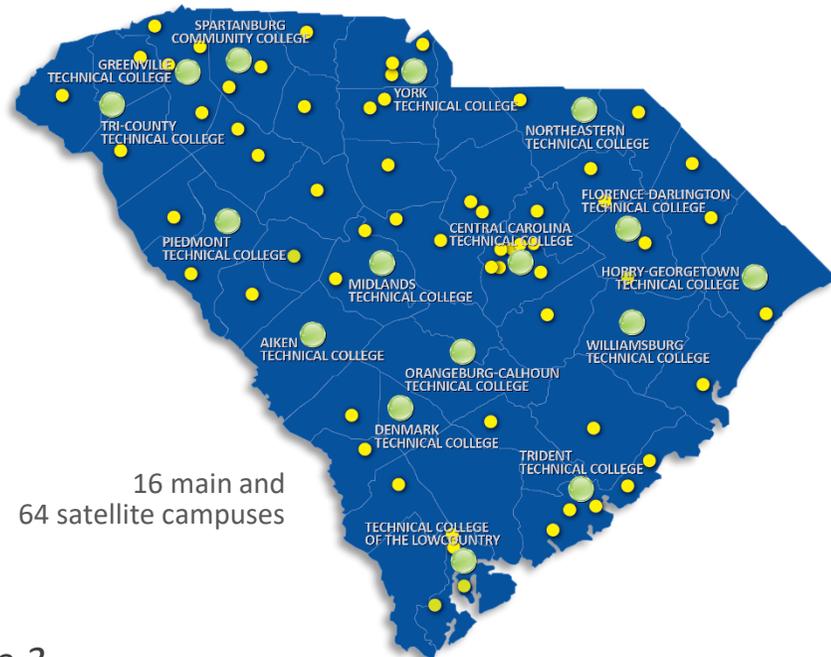
Our colleges are strategically located across the state with nearly every South Carolinian within a 30-minute drive of one of our 16 main campuses or 64 satellite campuses.



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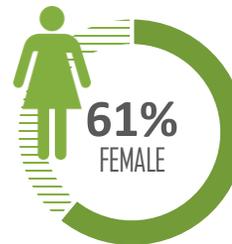
FLEXIBILITY THROUGH BREADTH AND DEPTH OF PROGRAMS

Our colleges offer a variety of programs in South Carolina's high-demand, high-paying fields, including 78 degrees, 28 diplomas and nearly 1,000 certificate programs.

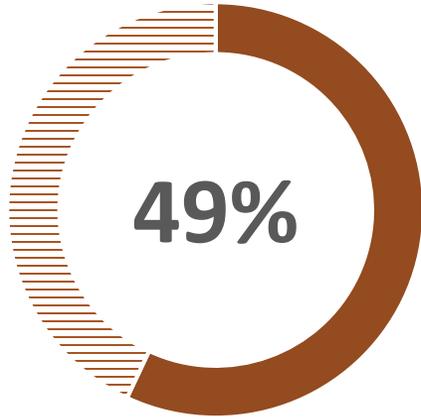


REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

Our colleges provide one of the most accurate pictures of a community in terms of its population, its demographic makeup and its business and industry focus.

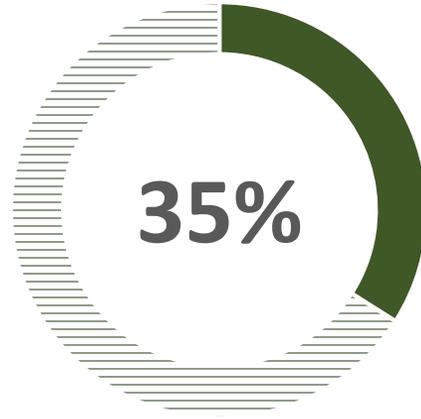


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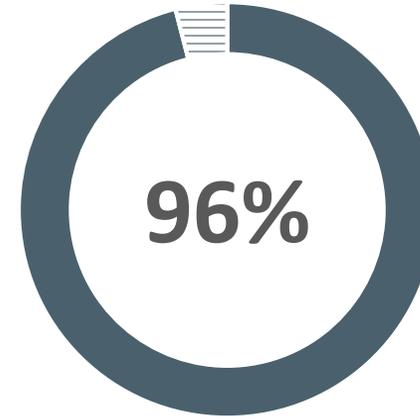
ACCESSIBLE

Nearly half of all South Carolinians enrolled as undergraduates in South Carolina's public higher education attends one of our 16 colleges.



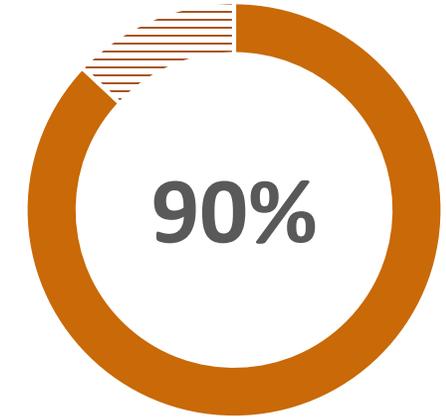
AFFORDABLE

Average annual tuition at one of our colleges is 35% of the average annual tuition at a four-year institution. Our colleges remain South Carolina's most affordable path to a quality higher education.



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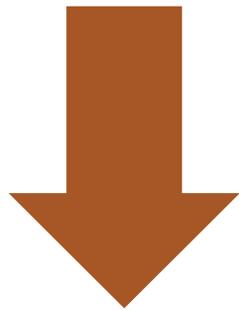
96% of our students are South Carolina residents. The vast majority of our students are citizens of the state and choose to live and work in South Carolina after completing their education.



RELEVANT

90% of our graduates are placed in a job related to their field of study or are continuing their studies and furthering their education.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS ACROSS THE SYSTEM



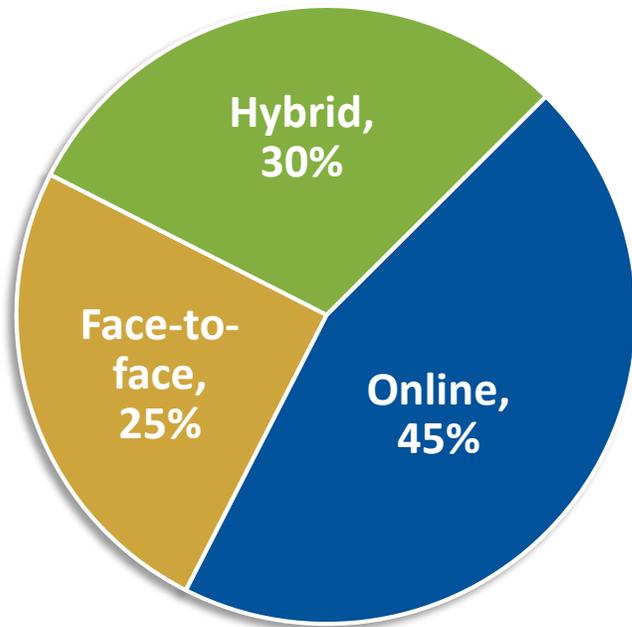
5.25%

On average enrollment across our colleges is down 5.25% with the majority showing negative or flat trends

RESULTING IMPACT

- 4 Four colleges have reduction in force plans approved and in place
- 2 Two colleges are considering mandatory and/or voluntary furloughs

COVID-19 MEASURES



LEARNING MEASURES

Our colleges were able to easily pivot in March to provide online learning and are building on that base to continue delivering a quality learning experience for our students.

- Hands-on, small group labs for many technical programs
- Reimagined online learning with augmented and virtual reality technology
- Synchronous courses that closely mimic in-class learning

SAFETY MEASURES

The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are of utmost importance. Our colleges have implemented a variety of measures to ensure a safe learning and working environment.

- Small class sizes
- Social distancing measures
- Required PPE
- Enhanced sanitization protocols

STATEWIDE TRANSFER PROGRAMS



STATEWIDE TRANSFER PROGRAMS: HIGHLIGHTS



MUSC created the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies (BHS) program, as a pathway to medical school for technical college students. Students can transfer up to 72 credit hours into the Bachelor's program.

- Each year a cohort of 30 technical college graduates continue into the program
- At the December graduation, Chris Foley – a former OCtech graduate – was the valedictorian
- Graduates of the program have been admitted into a number of graduate programs



In January 2016, we began working with Claflin University to develop an RN to BSN agreement. We also have a general transfer agreement with Claflin University.

- More than 50 graduates since the program's inception in 2016 with 95% of their students in the BSN program coming from one of our technical colleges
- Currently working with Claflin on ways to expand the partnership.
- Several of the graduate have received sizable promotions since completing this program



The System has a long-standing partnership with Coastal Carolina University. We recently formalized that agreement with a signing in October 2019.

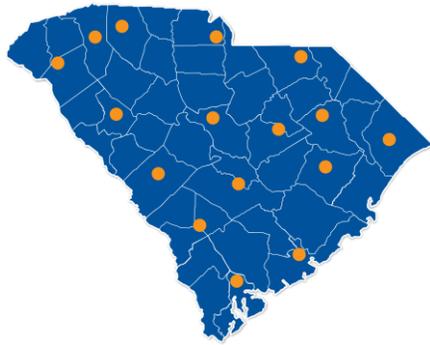
- 311 transfers from South Carolina's technical colleges have graduated from 2015-2018
- 319 NEW transfers in 2019!



The System has a long-standing partnership with the University of South Carolina. The transfer agreement was formalized with a signing in 2016.

- In the most recent data provided by the University of South Carolina for the Fall 2017 cohort
 - 1076 transfers
 - 3.0 GPA
 - 82% retention rate

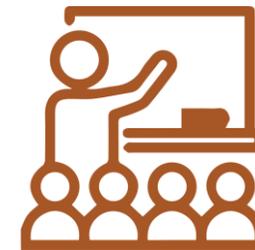
DUAL ENROLLMENT



**OUR 16 COLLEGES
ARE THE LARGEST PROVIDERS OF
DUAL ENROLLMENT IN
SOUTH CAROLINA**



Students dually enrolled from
all counties in South Carolina



TOP OVERALL COURSES:

- English
- Math
- Psychology

IMPACT OF BASE REDUCTIONS

3% reduction	\$4,996,573 (approximately 73 FTEs)
5% reduction	\$8,327,622 (approximately 122 FTEs)
7% reduction	\$11,658,671 (approximately 171 FTEs)

PRIMARY IMPACTS

- FTE Reduction – The potential loss of faculty and staff would be devastating to the System. As the economy slows, technical college enrollment typically increases requiring an even greater need for state funding to operate.
- Limited Program Offerings – All colleges reported that Academic Instructional programs would be affected by reduction. Additionally, many non-credit continuing education/training programs could be reduced.
- Scaled Workforce Development Initiatives – The potential loss of funding would restrict the System’s ability to fully fund and resource all workforce development initiatives. As a result, the number as well as the reach of the initiatives could be reduced.



AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE AND RELEVANT ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

- We serve a diverse student population – some of whom are our state’s most vulnerable – and are committed to helping them realize their educational goals
- We provide a safe and stable alternative for those seeking a quality education close to home
- We remain one of the most affordable paths to higher education and an in-demand career
- We provide a wide range of offerings in high-demand fields in a variety of formats including face-to-face and online as well as hybrid
- We can quickly get South Carolinians negatively impacted by the pandemic back on their feet

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