

I. MAJOR RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Academic Programs

SCC added two new Associate in Applied Science and two Associate in Fine Arts degree programs during the 2007-2008 academic year. The College also created three new certificate programs. Major revisions were also made to an existing Associate in Arts degree program.

The Associate in Applied Science in Energy Utility Technology degree program was created to prepare students for work in the energy utility industry. The program was developed to fill a growing need for qualified workers in the field. PSEG Nuclear is a vital partner in the new program and is providing the facilities to host the core courses. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to work in all areas of energy utility including gas, electric and nuclear.

The Associate in Applied Science in Food Processing Technology program was also developed to fill an industry need. The program start-up is being funded through a \$2 million dollar Community-Based Job Training Grant received in conjunction with Gloucester County College. The program will provide students with a solid background in food processing which will allow graduates to find employment with one of the numerous food processing companies in the area.

The Associate in Fine Arts – Digital Media option was developed to assist computer graphic art students in transferring to a four-year institution. The new option will provide students with a strong foundation in the graphic arts field which will better prepare students for the curriculum they will be taking as they further their education.

The Associate in Fine Arts – Industrial Design option builds upon the College's successful Glass Art program. The Industrial Design option will provide students with a working knowledge of basic design techniques from the conceptualization of an idea to the manufacturing of a product. Students will also learn how to apply design techniques and facilitate design activities.

The Industrial Design certificate is being offered for students who may be working in the design field but who lack formal training in the area. It would also be an option for students with an art degree who are interested in moving into the design field.

The Emergency Services certificate program is the first step in what will become an Associate Degree in Emergency Services with multiple career tracks. The current certificate is focused on the fire service and is offered in conjunction with the Salem County Fire Academy. The program provides individuals with an interest in the fire services an opportunity to further their education.

The Medical Coding certificate program prepares students for immediate placement in the health care field. Students will learn to analyze medical records and assign the

appropriate medical codes using healthcare coding and classification schedules. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to sit for the Certified Coding Associate national certification exam.

SCC made major revisions to the existing Associate in Arts Health and Exercise Science option. The new program focuses more on preparing students for a career in health and exercise science and not in health and physical education. The revised curriculum contains more science courses and two new courses with a focus on exercise science.

SCC signed dual admission agreements with Kaplan University and Wesley College. The College is also in the process of forging agreements with Felician College and Philadelphia University. These agreements will provide SCC graduates with the opportunity for a smooth transition into high quality four-year programs.

2. Customized Training

Salem Community College's Division of Business and Community Partnerships continues to reach out to local employers. The College has partnered with the Memorial Hospital of Salem County, DuPont, Siegfried USA and the Delaware River and Bay Authority. This training has included ISO training and certification, computer skills upgrading, Spanish speaking skill development for supervisors and leadership training.

On September 26th, SCC will host the Economic Development Forum in partnership with the Salem County Chamber of Commerce. Businesses from across Salem County will participate in the event.

3. New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey (NPTNJ)

SCC continues into its sixth year of offering individuals seeking teaching careers an "alternate route" to certification. NPTNJ represents a collective partnership between the state's community colleges, New Jersey City University, and the state's Department of Education. During the past year, 12 individuals participated in Stage I of the teacher training program at SCC.

4. Workforce Development

SCC continues as the host site and fiscal agent for the Salem County One Stop Career Center. This site, located at the College's Salem Center, houses the offices for NJ employment Services, Unemployment Services, WIA Office, and associated programs. The One Stop Career Center provides a variety of services to the residents of Salem County including testing for admission to basic skills education classes and training, computerized basic skills training, career assessment classes, and other services for

training employment seekers. College staff serves on the One Stop Management Team with Salem County officials, Salem County Vocational-Technical School, the County Board of Social Services and the State Department of Labor.

5. Community Education and Non-Credit

SCC continues to provide non-credit community education courses appealing to a wide range of interests and supporting individualized personal growth in a variety of subject areas. Community education topics cover a myriad of courses such as computer training, Personal Watercraft/Boating Safety, SAT Prep, Glass Art, and CPR Training. Additionally, SCC continues to provide online courses which allow students the flexibility of participation at convenient times of the day.

6. Student Support Services

A new strategy to bring high school seniors on campus for registration and college tours was implemented this year. "Registration Day" was offered to high school seniors in each of the six county high schools who took the Accuplacer placement examination at their high school. SCC paid for a school bus to bring the seniors to SCC campus for registration and college tours. "Registration Days" were held in May and June and high school counselors have requested the activity again next school year.

Two grant funded programs were combined this year to offer more seamless services to students. The Center for Student Success is funded through the U.S. Department of Education's "Strengthening Institutions" grant, and is now in year four of the five year grant. The Center for Student Success offers study skills coaching, counseling, tutoring, testing and advising. It was integrated with the state funded Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program. The purpose of EOF is to provide academic support for economically disadvantaged students. Staff from both programs now form one support service unit, and share location and facilities. Blending these programs will decrease duplication, improve efficiency, and enhance services to pre-college and college level students.