

1.3 Accreditation and Professional Affiliations

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) seeks professional accreditations and affiliations that complement the mission of the College.

Purpose/Definitions:

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This policy provides information regarding the various accrediting and approval bodies associated with the College and its programs.

Definitions

N/A

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College's Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The President (with advisement by the College's Accreditation Liaison) has monitoring authority for this policy.

Procedure:

Section 1: Institutional Accreditation

- 1.1. PCC is a unit of the North Carolina Community College System and offers programs approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. The State Board of Community Colleges Code (1B SBCCC 400.1) requires all North Carolina community colleges to obtain and maintain regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
 - 1.1.1. Piedmont Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Questions about the accreditation of Piedmont Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern

Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling 404-679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

- 1.1.2. Programs and services provided through multi-campus centers shall comply with The Principle of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement of SACSCOC.

Section 2: Professional Affiliations

- 2.1. PCC holds full institutional memberships with a variety of professional organizations such as the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT), the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP), the Southern Association of Colleges with Associate Degrees (SACAD), the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), and other relevant organizations.

Section 3: Governmental Agency Approvals

- 3.1. Courses of study offered at PCC have been approved for students eligible for assistance through the Veterans Administration, the North Carolina Department of Social Services, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Section 4: Program Accreditation Process

- 4.1. Deans of programs considering accreditation must collaborate with the Vice President, Instruction and the Director, Research & Institutional Effectiveness/Accreditation Liaison (in writing) regarding their request.
- 4.2. After review of the accreditation requirements and its correlation to the College's mission, budget requirements, etc. and approval from the President, the dean of the program area may proceed with the process for seeking accreditation for the program.

Section 5: Program Accrediting and Approving Bodies

- 5.1. The Medical Assisting Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).
- 5.2. The Emergency Medical Services Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the

recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP).

- 5.3. The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by North Carolina Board of Nursing.
- 5.4. The Cosmetology Program is approved by the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners.
- 5.5. The Nurse Aide I program is approved by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Services Regulation.
- 5.6. The Nurse Aide II program is approved by North Carolina Board of Nursing.
- 5.7. The Federal Firearms License is approved and issued by the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

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