

## THE COLLEGE

**T**idewater Community College, founded in 1968, is one of twenty-three two-year colleges that make up the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). Serving the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach, the college offers a comprehensive range of programs designed to meet the educational and training needs of its service area. Programs of study lead to the associate degree or certificate; they include the first two years of university parallel instruction and over 60 occupational/technical programs. The college also offers both credit and non-credit continuing education and special training programs.

Tidewater Community College has grown from a single location to four campuses, administrative offices, a regional visual arts center, an historical theater, and an advanced technology center. Classes are also offered at off-campus locations.

The Portsmouth Campus, formerly the site of Frederick College, was donated by the Beazley Foundation on behalf of Fred W. Beazley. It opened in the fall of 1968 as the original site of TCC. Overlooking Hampton Roads harbor, the campus is located west of the city of Portsmouth, near Interstate 664. The Fred W. Beazley Classroom Building houses academic programs, administration, the Learning Resources Center, and student services.

The Virginia Beach Campus was established in temporary quarters on Camp Pendleton, a state military reservation, in 1971. A permanent campus was constructed on land donated by the City of Virginia Beach at the geographical center of the city and opened in the fall of 1974. The campus now consists of five academic buildings, a Learning Resources Center, a building housing administrative and student services, all named for the boroughs of Virginia Beach, and a new Advanced Technology Center.

The Chesapeake Campus was established in 1973 when the City of Chesapeake purchased the former Chesapeake College. The campus is located between the rapidly growing communities of Great Bridge and Deep Creek. The George B. Pass Building houses academic programs, administration, laboratories, student services, and the Learning Resources Center. The Marian P. Whitehurst Technology Center houses academic programs, administration, laboratories, and a conference center.

The Visual Arts Center, TCC at Olde Towne Portsmouth, opened in the spring of 1995 as the site of the college's art programs. As a regional center for the arts, the center contains the Belle B. Goodman Gallery, as well as classroom and studio facilities.

The Norfolk Campus opened January 1997 as a part of the city's redevelopment effort. The Martin Building, donated by the heirs of Alvah H. Martin, houses the campus Learning Resources Center, classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and training and conference facilities. The Mason C. Andrews Science Building houses the Aida R. Michaels Student Services area, laboratories, classrooms, and faculty offices. The Stanley C. Walker

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Technologies Building houses computer laboratories, classrooms, and faculty offices. The TCC Jeanne and George Roper Center for Performing Arts houses a theater that seats over 600, classrooms, and computer laboratories.

TCC's central offices are located in the Joseph N. Green, Jr. District Administration Building at 121 College Place, Norfolk. The facility houses the Office of the President and the offices of Academic and Student Affairs, Administrative Services, Development and the TCC Educational Foundation, Financial Services, Information Systems, and Institutional Effectiveness. Within those offices are the college's central administrative staff in the functional areas of accounting & payroll, educational technology, emergency preparedness, facilities, financial aid, grants & sponsored programs, government & external relations, human resources, instructional resources, international programs, purchasing, safety & security, student records, and the Women's Center. TCC's Workforce Development offices are located on the fifth floor of the Martin Building on the Norfolk Campus.

## **Accreditation And Recognition**

Tidewater Community College, a member of the Virginia Community College System, is approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the State Board for Community Colleges, and the Virginia Community College System.

Tidewater Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. The commission can be contacted at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033; telephone number (404) 679-4500.

Curricula of the college are approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and the Tidewater Community College Board. Two-year associate degree programs are also approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

Certain curricula of the college are accredited by specialized accrediting organizations. They include health science programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs through the American Dietetic Association, the American Association of Medical Assisting, the American Council on Occupational Therapy Education, the American Health Information Management Association, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, the Joint Review Committee for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the Virginia Board of Nursing, and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs for EMT Professions.

## TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Tidewater Community College provides collegiate education and training to adults of all ages and backgrounds, helping them achieve their individual goals and contribute as citizens and workers to the vitality of an increasingly global community.

### COMMITMENTS THAT INFORM THE MISSION:

- *Open access* to high-quality, affordable education to prepare students for transfer to a four-year baccalaureate institution, as well as for entry or advancement in the workforce.
- *Cultural diversity* as a critically important strength for students to meet the changing needs of a pluralistic, democratic society.
- *Lifelong learning* to heighten the awareness of students to multiple paths for achievement while helping them pursue the choices most conducive to their individual needs.
- *Partnerships and proactive responsiveness* to develop cutting-edge programs that meet the changing needs of students and industry, while contributing to the economic, civic and cultural vitality of the region, the Commonwealth, the nation, and the international community.
- *A comprehensive range of programs and services* recognized for excellence by leaders of business, industry, and government, and by educators in K-12 education and four-year colleges and universities.

### Tidewater Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Tidewater Community College Educational Foundation exists to accept contributions and gifts that will be used for the support of the college, its programs, and its students. The foundation is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

Gifts and contributions to the foundation are tax deductible for the donor and can be made in the form of money, negotiable securities, equipment, facilities, supplies, real estate, or buildings. Donors can name the foundation in estate planning and as a beneficiary to insurance policies, or memorial funds can be established through the foundation on behalf of individuals and families.