



2017-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN



STRATEGIC GOALS

- I. Provide transformative, enriching and engaging academic programs and student experiences to serve the educational and workforce development needs of our students and the region.
 - I.1 Address evolving regional workforce and educational needs through effective planning and programming.
 - I.2 Expand facility capabilities and capacity to maximize utilization and to create an innovative teaching and learning environment for students.
 - I.3 Increase value-added interactions between students, faculty and industry that educate and empower students in the region for employment.
 - I.4 Create a student-centered campus experience that improves ease of access and expands engagement opportunities.
- II. Position the College as the first choice for education and workforce development through effective communication, promotion and branding.
 - 2.1 Earn a reputation as the first choice for education and workforce development through scholarship, service and employment accomplishments.
 - 2.2 Expand visibility of the College's successful educational, economic and community impact through an integrated and comprehensive marketing approach.
 - 2.3 Inform students, parents and community members about the College's enriching educational possibilities.
 - 2.4 Communicate regarding events, opportunities and policies to inform and engage the entire campus.



III. Create strategic collaborations with academic, community and industry partners to develop and empower students through additional educational opportunities.

- 3.1 Build a regional competitive advantage in collaboration with industry and academic partners that advances the educational and technological capabilities of the region.
- 3.2 Partner with regional high schools to create a more fluid continuum from secondary through post-secondary education with multiple avenues for entry and exit.
- 3.3 Facilitate ongoing information exchanges and engagements regarding regional workforce needs with community and advisory groups.
- 3.4 Collaborate with community and industry sectors to increase student opportunities for workplace exposure for professional development.

IV. Cultivate an engaging environment of excellence to attract, retain and develop a diverse campus of students, staff, faculty and administrators.

- 4.1 Create an inclusive and supportive environment that attracts and retains a diverse student body.
- 4.2 Diversify the teaching and learning environment by attracting and retaining highly qualified faculty and staff.
- 4.3 Recognize and reward innovative and adaptive educational experiences that support successful academic outcome attainment through policies and practices.
- 4.4 Leverage and expand technology that supports student learning, faculty teaching, administrative services and organizational efficiencies.

V. Expand organizational funding through regional support, student enrollment, and grants to provide innovative learning opportunities for students.

- 5.1 Increase student recruitment and retention that grows the quality and quantity of the student body.
- 5.2 Secure grants and foundation support at federal, state, regional and community levels that improve student learning opportunities.
- 5.3 Anticipate, address and adapt to ongoing budget realities through exceptional stewardship and transparency.
- 5.4 Innovate and diversify funding opportunities that support students, faculty, staff and facility expansion.

OUR VISION

Aiken Technical College seeks to be the first choice for higher education in the region.

OUR MISSION

Aiken Technical College is a public, open-door, two-year, comprehensive institution of higher education established to provide citizens of greater Aiken County opportunities for educational and workforce development.

OUR VALUES

ATC's core values define the College and provide the environment for all decisions and actions. These core values are:

Collaboration - exemplified in community-centered relationships and partnerships

Commitment - exemplified in students, businesses and community

Diversity - exemplified in inclusiveness, respect and compassion

Excellence - exemplified in teaching, learning, engagement and development

Innovation - exemplified in new approaches, risk-taking, flexibility, change and leadership

Integrity - exemplified by honesty, accountability and transparency

BRIEF HISTORY

Classes for Aiken Technical College began in temporary facilities in Aiken. One hundred and seventy-seven students enrolled in the first class of what was then the Aiken Technical Education Center. The current campus opened in the winter of 1973. The name was changed to Aiken Technical College in March 1978.