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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**From:** John Lane, DMA, Interim Director of Academic Affairs

### **Information Report on Staff-Approved Mission Statement Modifications**

In keeping with the Commission's *Policy and Procedures for Approval of New or Revised Mission Statements*, Commission staff approved mission statement revisions from the following institutions during FY 2014-15:

- Central Carolina Technical College
- Midlands Technical College
- Piedmont Technical College

The changes were determined to be minor as defined by the policy, which reads "Minor revision are those revisions which do not change the nature, function, type, or sector of the institution. Examples include revisions for clarity and grammar, changes in size, CHE-approved changes in program mix, board-approved name changes, and editorial changes." As such, the proposed changes were considered and approved at the staff level. The revised statements are attached.

## **Central Carolina Technical College Mission**

Central Carolina Technical College is a comprehensive, public, two-year institution of higher education dedicated to fostering a positive environment of teaching and learning for faculty, staff, and students. The College serves primarily the region of Clarendon, Lee, Kershaw, and Sumter counties in South Carolina and confers associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. College programs, student support services, and resources provide citizens, businesses, industries, and communities with quality, affordable, accessible, customer-responsive post-secondary education through life-long learning and specialized training opportunities. These are designed to develop the foundation for personal growth, economic development, and an improved quality of life through multiple learning environments including traditional and electronic instructional methods.

The College's vast array of associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs prepares students to enter the job market, to transfer to senior colleges and universities, and to achieve their professional and personal goals. Specifically, Central Carolina offers academic programs in business, the health sciences, public service, industrial and engineering technology, and the arts and sciences. Through its comprehensive programs and support services, the College serves students through traditional and non-traditional formats in multiple learning environments including online, electronic, and distance learning.

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## Midlands Technical College

### MTC VISION STATEMENT

Midlands Technical College, as a premier higher education partner, creates innovative learning environments, promotes individual and business success, drives economic vitality, and enhances quality of life.

### MTC MISSION STATEMENT

Midlands Technical College is a comprehensive, multi-campus, two-year public college serving the primary region of Richland, Lexington and Fairfield counties of South Carolina. College programs and services provide accessible, affordable, quality education that prepares a diverse student population to succeed in the job market, to transfer to senior colleges and universities, and to achieve their professional and personal goals. The college equitably provides higher education opportunities, strengthens businesses and enhances the economic and social vitality of the community.

### MTC STATEMENT OF ROLE AND SCOPE

The college implements its mission through a clearly defined set of programs, services and partnerships that include:

**College-Level Credit Programs.** The college serves approximately 17,000 credit students annually through courses leading to associate degrees, diplomas and/or certificates in Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering Technology, Health Sciences, Industrial Technology, Information Systems Technology, Nursing and Public Service.

**Corporate and Continuing Education Programs.** The college provides professional and career training and development through open enrollment and customized courses with approximately 30,000 enrollments annually. The college serves individuals, businesses and the community. The college also offers self-supporting, noncredit activities for personal enrichment.

**Student Development Programs and Services.** The college offers programs and services to current and prospective students and alumni to increase their success and enhance their potential for personal, educational and professional growth. The college increases student access to higher education and careers through recruitment, developmental education, financial services, counseling and career services, and evaluation and support services.

**College Administrative Support Services.** The college, through an array of comprehensive administrative services, ensures an effective and fiscally sustainable institution.

**Economic Development Programs.** MTC proactively promotes business growth and regional prosperity. The college enhances the economic vitality and quality of life of the region by providing a sustainable workforce and opportunities for community engagement.

**Business Collaboration and Partnerships.** MTC initiates and expands business relationships through advisory board participation and business outreach activities. Business Solutions works with potential and existing business customers to identify needs and provide specific education and training for their potential and current employees.

## **STATEMENT OF VALUES**

Midlands Technical College contributes to the community by helping individuals reach their full potential through affirmation of the following values:

**Commitment to Students** - Belief in providing a learner-centered environment offering quality instruction, resources and services and presenting challenging opportunities for the continued growth and development of its students. The college assists students in clarifying their lifelong goals, navigating career pathways, fostering entrepreneurship, developing interpersonal skills and maximizing their potential.

**Commitment to Excellence in Education** - Belief in offering the highest quality academic programs and support services through a variety of delivery methods that reflect the relevant education required for future success. The college builds a community of learners and prepares students for the work environment or further education.

**Commitment to Quality Service** - Belief in providing professional, respectful, responsive, flexible, approachable and courteous quality service to all constituents.

**Commitment to Integrity** - Belief in ethical behavior by all members of the college community. The college fosters and promotes integrity, honesty, fairness and mutual respect among faculty, staff, students and all others associated with the college.

**Commitment to Economic Vitality and Quality of Life** - Belief in preparing students for successful careers by providing a seamless curriculum bridging secondary education, higher education and lifelong learning. The college serves as a resource for community engagement and partners with business, education and government to enhance the growth and prosperity of the region.

**Commitment to Access and Diversity** - Belief in providing access to programs and services to students who comprise the cultural, economic and demographic diversity of the community.

**Commitment to Faculty and Staff** - Belief in the importance of attracting and retaining an excellent and diverse faculty and staff who collectively create a positive learning environment. The college provides professional development opportunities and demonstrates its commitment to the college community by providing resources to carry out the mission of the college.

**Commitment to a Quality Campus Environment** - Belief in the importance of creating an inviting and secure environment for the college community. The college values clear communications, open exchange of ideas, involvement in decision-making, and respect for all individuals.

**Commitment to the Management and Diversification of Resources** - Belief in the effective use of college resources to provide quality education and services for the students and community and in being accountable to constituents. The college seeks to diversify its financial support through the pursuit of new and innovative resources.

**Commitment to Innovation and Renewal** - Belief in the spirit of creativity and discovery in all college endeavors. The college is open to innovation, adaptation and positive change for the benefit of all its constituencies.

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## **Piedmont Technical College Mission**

Piedmont Technical College transforms lives and strengthens communities by providing opportunities for intellectual and economic growth.

The College, a member of the South Carolina Technical College System, is a public comprehensive two-year post-secondary institution. Piedmont Technical College contributes to the economic growth and development of the largest and most diverse region of the technical college system, Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties and to the state. The College responds to the academic, training and public service needs of the community through excellence in teaching and educational services. Piedmont Technical College's open admissions policy provides accessibility for individuals with diverse backgrounds the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills for employment in engineering technology, industrial technology, agriculture, business, health, and public service. Piedmont Technical College graduates develop competencies in communication, mathematics, problem solving and technology.

The College offers university transfer; associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in technical and occupational areas; college preparatory programs; student development programs providing academic, career and individual support; and custom-designed credit and non-credit programs to provide training for business and industry and to meet the needs of the community. To optimize access to higher education in the rural seven-county service area, Piedmont Technical College offers distance learning courses through multiple modes of delivery.

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