

General Information



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Accreditation

- Southern State Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. [230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604 | 800.621.7440]
- The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., [3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, (404) 975-5000] and has full approval by the Ohio Board of Nursing [77 South High Street, Suite 660, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3947, (614) 466-3947].
- The Southern State Community College Medical Assisting Technology Certificate is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB). Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs | 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158 Clearwater, FL 33763, (727) 210-2350
- The Practical Nursing program has the full approval of the Ohio Board of Nursing [77 South High Street, Suite 660, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3947, (614) 466-3947].
- The Respiratory Care program holds Continuing Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care [1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835].

Background

Celebrating a progressive history dating back to 1975, Southern State Community College (SSCC) began as Southern State General and Technical College. With support from the University of Cincinnati's Board of Trustees, the College was operational and served a broad geographical district encompassing UC's Tri-County Academic Center in Macon. In 1977, the name of the College was officially changed to Southern State Community College.

Designed to serve the communities of Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties, the College's physical development represents a number of significant milestones.

- 1976-77 - A new South Campus facility opened in Brown County and former Clinton County Air Force base buildings were renovated for use as the North Campus near Wilmington.
- March 1981 - Administrative offices for the College were moved from their North Campus location to a new 4,000-square-foot facility in Hillsboro.
- September of 1981 saw the beginning of the College's Practical Nursing Program and in 1985 the College's largest facility, the Central Campus in Hillsboro, opened for autumn quarter. The addition of this campus, completed in Southern State's tenth anniversary year and was considered a tribute to the first decade as well as a tangible framework for progress into the future.
- 1990 – An agricultural wing was added to accommodate a greenhouse and additional classroom space.
- 1994-95 – A new wing was added to the Central Campus which included space for health sciences, biology and chemistry, as well as administrative offices.
- September 1999 - The Appalachian Gateway Center opened on the South Campus. The Center serves as a focal point for the community with a focus on cultural and educational programs relating to Appalachian culture.
- 1999 – A new 19,000-square-foot facility was opened in Fayette County. Previously known as the Great Oaks Equine Center, the Fayette Campus was constructed to serve the students in the northern quadrant of the College's service area.
- May 2000 - A new 35,000-square-foot facility was constructed in Wilmington, Ohio.
- March 2005 - The College added a new 25,000-square-foot multipurpose center to the College's Central Campus landscape. This 2500-seat-capacity building was erected to serve a variety of needs within the College and its surrounding community. Appropriately named the Patriot Center, this facility allows the College to host its athletic venue as well as graduation, expos, concerts, guest speakers, college fairs, and numerous other activities.
- 2009 – A 17,000-square-foot addition was added to the College's Fayette Campus resulting in state-of-the-art science labs, classrooms, student resource areas, and a large community room.
- 2014 -- In August 2014, the Brown County Campus, located at the heavily trafficked intersection of Highway 32 and Brooks-Malott Road, was opened as a replacement campus to the original "South" Campus in Fincastle, Ohio. Equipped with cutting edge science and technology laboratories, this campus quickly realized enrollment gains in its first year of operation and aided the College in becoming more firmly rooted among the Brown County communities.

In addition to the physical campus improvements, the College has experienced a number of other important highlights in its short history. Southern State was one of the first community colleges in the state to develop an accredited transfer program. This early awareness of the value in transfer agreements has been supported by subsequent arrangements with public and private four-year universities and colleges around Ohio and the rest of the nation. Along with the transfer program, SSCC has developed a wide variety of associate degrees in applied business and applied science, the Associate of Technical Studies degree, and various certificate programs.

The fifth president of the College, Dr. Kevin Boys, began his term in January 2010. He was preceded by Dr. Lewis Miller (1975-1988), Dr. George McCormick (1989-1994), Dr. Lawrence N. Dukes (1995-2007), and Dr. Sherry A. Stout (2007-2009).

A more comprehensive history of Southern State Community College's early development (1975-2002), authored by the College's first President, Dr. Lewis Miller, is available through the College's Library.



College Memberships

Southern State Community College maintains memberships in the following organizations:
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

Adams County Chamber of Commerce
American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of Medical Assistants
American Association of University Women
American Chemical Society
American Correction Association
American Counseling Association
American Economic Association
American Library Association
American Library Association of Ohio
American Marketing Association
American Society for Testing and Materials
American Sociological Association
American Student Government Association
Area Health Education Center-Health U.C.
Association of Community College Trustees
Association of Fundraising Professionals
Association of Official Analytical Chemists
Brown County Chamber of Commerce
Clermont County Chamber of Commerce
Clinton County Chamber of Commerce
Commission on Adult Basic Education
Correction Education Association
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges
Dayton Area Nurse Educators
Fayette County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association
Highland County Chamber of Commerce
Instructional Telecommunications Council
National Academic Advising Association
National Association for College Admissions Counselors
National Association of Biology Teachers
National Association of Colleges and Employers
National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics
National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators
National Association of Pediatric Nurses and Practitioners
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
National Career Development Association
National Council for Marketing and Public Relations
National Council of Teachers of English
National Junior College Athletic Association
National League for Nursing

National Network for Associate Degree Respiratory Care (NN2RC)
 National Women Work
 North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
 Ohio Academic Advising Association
 Ohio Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance
 Ohio Assessment Association
 Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education
 Ohio Association of College Admissions Counselors
 Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
 Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
 Ohio Association of Two-Year College Admissions Officers
 Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges
 Ohio Career Development Association
 Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators
 Ohio College Association
 Ohio Community College Athletic Conference
 Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association
 Ohio Council for Student Development
 Ohio Council of Associate Degree Nursing Education Administrators
 Ohio Counseling Association
 Ohio Educational Library/Media Association
 Ohio Instructor/Coordinator Society
 Ohio League for Nursing
 Ohio Library and Information Network
 Ohio Library Council
 Ohio Literacy Network
 Ohio Organization of Practical Nurse Educators
 Ohio Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Ohio Transfer Council
 Ohio Two-Year College Placement Association
 Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
 Organization for Associate Degree Nursing-Ohio Chapter
 Organization for the Advancement of Associate Degree Nursing
 Popular Culture Association
 Rural Ohio Valley Health Sciences Library Network
 Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium
 Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education
 Starlink

Arrangements With Other Institutions of Higher Education

Southern State Community College is a member of the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE). The Council promotes inter-institutional cooperation in order to achieve education advancement, promote research, and foster administrative efficiency in member institutions. SSCC students may cross-register at any one of the following SOCHE member institutions: Air Force Institute of Technology, Antioch University, Cedarville University, Central Michigan University, Central State University, Clark State Community College, Edison State Community College, Franklin University, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Lindsey Wilson College, Miami - Jacobs Career College, Miami University - Middletown, Nyack College Miami Valley, Ohio Christian University, Sinclair Community College, Union Institute and University, United Theological Seminary, University of Dayton, Urbana University, Wilberforce University, Wilmington College, Wittenberg University, and Wright State University.

In addition, Southern State has transfer agreements and reciprocity agreements with a number of colleges and universities. Students should talk to their advisor concerning preparation to transfer.

Transfer Module

The Ohio Department of Higher Education developed a statewide policy which facilitates the transfer of students in Ohio colleges and universities. The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy allows students who meet the Transfer Module requirements of their home institutions to meet automatically the Transfer Module requirements of the colleges and universities to which they transfer, even though the requirements of the institutions may vary. Students should note, however, that after transfer, they may be required to meet additional general education requirements that are not included in the Transfer Module. Further information on the Transfer Module is listed in the Academic Programs section of this catalog.

In addition to the Ohio Transfer Module, H.B. 95 mandated that the Ohio Department of Higher Education establish policies and procedures applicable to all state institutions of higher education to ensure seamless transfer. Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGS) are being developed to assist students in more than 38 different degree pathways. TAGS extend the impact of the existing transfer module policy through more precise advising and the assurance of credit transfer and the application of credits to academic degree program requirements. For more information, please visit <http://regents.ohio.gov/transfer/tagcourses/index.php?>

Transfer Agreements — Colleges/Universities

In addition to the state Transfer Module transfer agreement, the College has transfer agreements with the following colleges/universities:

- Antioch Midwest University
- Bellevue University
- Bowling Green State University
- Capital University
- Chamberlain College of Nursing
- DeSales University
- DeVry University – Columbus
- Franklin University
- Herzing University
- Indiana Wesleyan
- Kaplan University
- Lindsey Wilson University
- Miami University
- Ohio Christian University
- Ohio University – Chillicothe
- Otterbein
- Shawnee State University
- Union Institute & University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Cincinnati – Blue Ash
- University of the Cumberlands
- University of Phoenix
- Western Governors University
- Wilmington College
- Wright State University

Contact the Academic Affairs Office for specific program information.

Reciprocity Agreements

- Ashland Community & Technical College
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Gateway Community & Technical College
- Maysville Community & Technical College
- Morehead State University
- Northern Kentucky University

Advisory Committees

Southern State is a community college designed to fill specific post-secondary educational needs of area residents. The College can best meet this commitment with guidance and constructive input from concerned members of the community. To foster this vital community involvement, the College has established an advisory committee system. The advisory committees help to ensure that general and technical education is of the finest quality and always attuned to community needs. Community representatives on the College advisory committees are listed at the end of the catalog.

Values Statement

Honesty and integrity in all endeavors, tolerance for different ideas, respect for all individuals, and excellence and creativity in the pursuit of knowledge.

Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan

Southern State Community College is committed to its mission to provide accessible, affordable, and high quality education to people in southern Ohio. The College's strategic vision represents a unifying guide toward fulfilling this mission. Collaboratively, a vision to Be Your First-Choice College has been cast.

In our strategic endeavors, we will collectively and individually strive to live up to our core values:

- **Accessibility** – Easy to get to, enter, engage, & use
- **Community Engagement** – Being a central contributor to our communities' successes
- **Quality-driven** – Motivated by the pursuit of excellence
- **Personal Connection** – One-on-one personal interaction
- **Unity** – Instilling a culture that promotes a sense of safety, community, and place for all to have a voice
- **Life-Enrichment** – Providing a pathway to life-long learning

Our annual strategic projects can be found online at: <https://www.sccc.edu/about/mission-vision.shtml>



Responding to Emergencies

An emergency on campus has a very broad definition. It can be any event or situation requiring immediate action and which threatens the health, safety, security, or well-being of the campus community.

On campus emergency situations may include but are not limited to:

- Incidents of persons in extreme emotional distress
- Accidents involving personal injury and/or property damage
- Incidents of inter-personal conflict (verbal or physical)
- Incidents involving theft of personal or College property
- Incidents involving the use or sale of drugs or alcohol
- Any incident which represents a threat to the safety or security of individuals and/or the campus

Any member of the campus community who is aware of an emergency situation should take immediate steps to protect themselves (and others if possible) from an immediate danger or threat. Individuals should use their best judgment when considering steps to intervene or diffuse a situation while constantly keeping in mind that individual safety is paramount. If deemed appropriate, call 911 to request the appropriate emergency service (paramedic, police, fire).

All emergency situations should be reported to the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management as soon as possible. The report should be made by using the “Report an Incident” link which can be found at the bottom of the SSCC web page. Individuals making the report should complete the form in its entirety providing as many details as possible. Upon receipt of the form, the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will determine the appropriate course of action (follow-up investigation, notification to other departments, referral to the Behavior Response Team, enforcement of student conduct policy, etc).

For emergency situations involving an employee, the employee’s immediate supervisor should be notified as soon as possible. For additional information, employees should refer to the Occupational Health and Safety Policy located in the Policy and Information Manual.

Students, faculty, and staff may subscribe to the SSCC Alerts Notification Systems in order to receive various alerts issued by the College. SSCC Alerts is a comprehensive alert notification system which Southern State uses to broadcast important information such as campus emergencies, closures, delays, cancellations and more via email, text or voice messaging. Instructions on how to subscribe as well as additional information about the alert system can be found at <http://www.sccc.edu/students/alerts.shtml>.

