

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accreditation

McDowell Technical Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4500) to award certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees.

Mission and Goals

Preamble

McDowell Technical Community College in Marion, North Carolina, is situated in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and is located 32 miles east of Asheville near the intersection of Interstate 40 and NC Highway 226 South.

Established in 1964, MTCC began as the Marion-McDowell Industrial Education Center near downtown Marion, and operated as a satellite unit of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute until 1967. The college moved to its current 31 acre site in 1970 and was officially chartered in 1971 as McDowell Technical Institute. In 1979, the college's name was changed to McDowell Technical College and in 1988 to the current McDowell Technical Community College. Although the name has changed, the process of lifelong learning has remained as its primary focus.

Mission Statement

McDowell Technical Community College is a member of the North Carolina Community College System, dedicated to providing student-centered accessible, high-quality educational opportunities and services which fulfill the personal development, training and employment needs of the residents, businesses, and industries of McDowell County and the surrounding areas through an open-door admissions policy.

The college recognizes each person's right to an education and seeks to contribute to the maximum development of a globally and culturally diverse workforce and improve the quality of life of the individuals in our community.

The college provides life-long learning opportunities by:

- Offering comprehensive academic transfer, professional/technical, developmental, basic skills and continuing education programs through traditional and non-traditional delivery methods;
- Providing comprehensive student support services;
- Interacting and assisting with others to encourage, promote and facilitate economic growth and community development;

- Recruiting, retaining and developing a highly qualified and diverse faculty and staff who are dedicated to quality education and service to the college and the community;
- Enhancing student life by sponsoring a variety of educational, cultural, and community services and activities.