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# LAURENS COUNTY

2015-2016 academic year





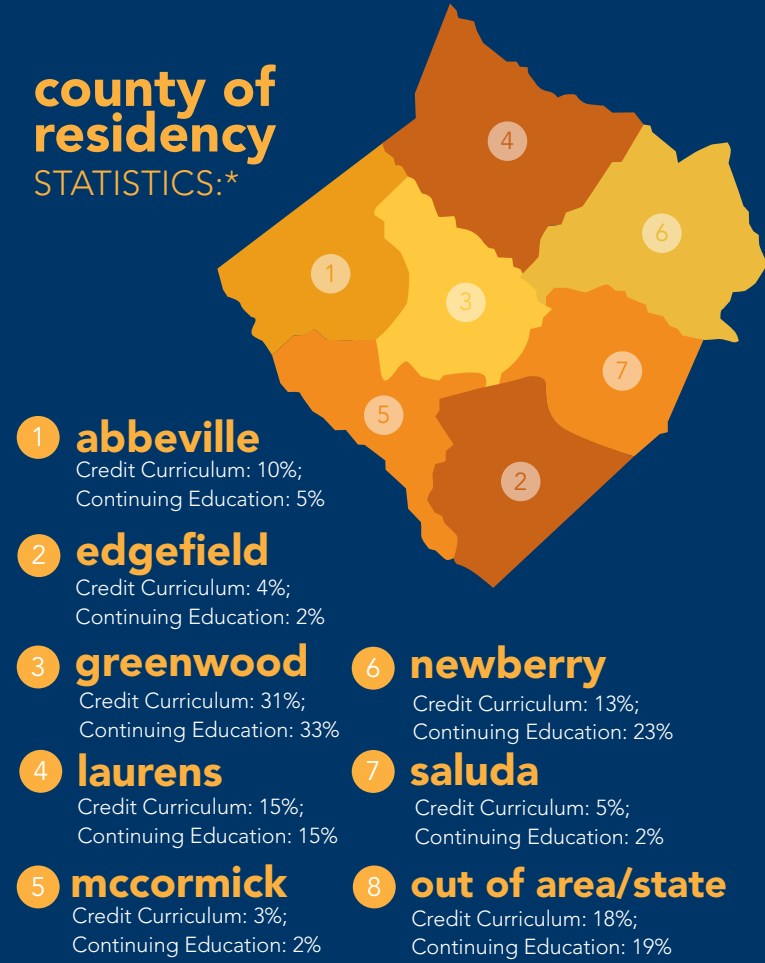
# ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

In the last full academic year, Piedmont Technical College enrolled **7,144** students in **111,238** credit hours.

### county of residency STATISTICS:\*



### Laurens County Annual Snapshot

Credit Enrollment: **1,021**  
Economic Development and Continuing Education Training: **924**  
Dual Enrollment: **83**

\*Based on fall 2015 enrollment data

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT

PTC has invested \$2,158,213 in Laurens County over the last five years. These funds represent improvements in facilities, equipment and infrastructure.

## CREDIT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN LAURENS COUNTY:

In addition to 22 credit curriculum programs offered in Laurens County, 80+ credit programs are available through a combination of campus-based, online, and distance learning. All of these programs can be started at the Laurens County Higher Education Center, or at the Laurens County Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

**graduate OUTCOMES:** Associate Degrees: **89**  
Diplomas: **24**  
Certificates: **80**

**graduate PLACEMENT:** **193** Credentials Awarded  
**96%** placement  
**90%** employed in a related field or continuing their education\*

**employment AREAS:**  
Here are a few examples of where our graduates found employment:

- Registered Nurse, Laurens County Memorial Hospital
- Radiologic Technician, Doctors Care
- Control Technician, Southeast Control Systems
- Set Up Technician, ZF Transmissions
- Hatchery Manager, Columbia Farms
- IT Department, Self Regional Healthcare

**transfer OUTCOMES:**  
Total Transferable Credits Earned: **3,856**  
Students who started their coursework at PTC and transferred to a four-year institution: **70**  
Estimated cost savings for families in Laurens County: **\$1,135,592\*\***

**Top destination schools for PTC students include:**

- Lander University
- Clemson University
- University of South Carolina
- The Citadel
- Newberry College

\*Placement rate is based on job and continued education placement for PTC graduates. \*\*Based on the average cost per credit hour in S.C.'s public colleges and universities, vs. PTC's cost per credit hour in Laurens County.

### Advanced Manufacturing

- Computer Numerical Control Certificate
- CNC Operations
- Manufacturing Assembly Operator
- Mechatronics Technology
- Precision Metrology
- Quality Assurance Technician
- Welding

### University Transfer and Bridge Programs

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- College of Charleston Collaboration
- Columbia College Bridge Program
- Erskine College Bridge Agreement
- Lander University Bridge Program
- Newberry College Bridge Program
- University of South Carolina Bridge Program
- USC Aiken Bridge Program
- USC Upstate Bridge Program

### Business and Information Technology

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Management
- Office Management
- Office Technician
- PC Technician

### Public Service

- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Development
- Infant Toddler Care

### Nursing and Health Science

- Emergency Medical Technician
- Health Science Transfer
- Practical Nursing







## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

In addition to credit curriculum programs, Piedmont Technical College offers a wide variety of on-demand training options to businesses and organizations in Laurens County through our Economic Development and Continuing Education Division.

### COMPANIES WE'VE WORKED WITH THIS YEAR:

- Alupress
- Assisting Angels
- CCL Label
- Ceramtec
- Faurecia Interior Systems
- Fisher Barton
- Lacks Trim
- PL Developments
- Vocational Rehabilitation-Laurens County Office
- ZF Transmissions

### TYPES OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OFFERED:

- 3-Day SPC Basic Training
- 3-Day SPC Refresher
- 8D Problem Solving
- Advanced Excel Training
- Advanced GD&T Training
- Arc Flash
- Basic PLC Training
- CNC Training
- Control Plans
- Converting Press Training
- DMG/Mori Milltap Training
- Excel Basic Training
- Fancu - Handling Tool Operator Programming
- Fancu - Advanced TPP Programming
- Finishing Department Training
- Forklift (Train the Trainer)
- Forklift Driving & Safety Training
- Forklift Training
- Formax Operator Training
- GD&T Training
- Hearing Testing
- Intermediate MS Excel Training
- Introduction to SPC
- Lean Project Management
- Lean Sigma Green Belt Training
- LEAN Train-the-Trainer
- LEAN Training
- Maintenance Training
- Microsoft Project Training
- MS PowerPoint Basic
- MS Word Intermediate Training
- MSA and Gage R&R
- Nursing Assistant
- OSHA 10 Hour Training
- OSHA General Industrial Training
- PFMEA
- Printing Press Training
- Quick Changeover Training
- Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training
- SPC Training
- Supervisory Development
- Train-the-Trainer

### REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS:

Today, apprenticeship programs can be found in such industries as advanced manufacturing, information technology, energy, tourism, transportation and logistics as well as health care, just to name a few. Apprenticeship programs are administered through a partnership between Piedmont Technical College, Apprenticeship Carolina, and local business and industry.

#### CVS Caremark Store #03557

- Pharmacy Support Staff

#### Laurens High School

- Machine Technology Technology

#### Norbord

- Electrician
- Maintenance Technician

#### Shaw Industries, Inc. (Anderson Hardwood Floors)

- Electrician/Industrial Maintenance Technician

#### ZF Transmissions

- CNC Operator - Milling and Turning
- Machine Operator
- Manufacturing Technician II
- Manufacturing Technician III

### ReadySC Program

Established in 1961, readySC™ is one of the oldest and most experienced workforce training programs in the United States, and is a division of the South Carolina Technical College System. readySC works together with the 16 technical colleges to prepare South Carolina's workforce to meet the needs of companies in your region. Recent readySC work includes:

- Alupress
- Flame Spray
- UTi



# 2015 2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

## CENTER FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Piedmont Technical College's Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) is continuing to expand to meet the needs of industry in Laurens County.

The facility, which opened in 2012, will begin work on

Phase Three construction after the first of the year with completion slated for fall 2017. The current 4000 sq. ft. flex space will be converted to a board/meeting room, two classrooms and additional office and storage space. An additional 4800 sq. ft. flexible lab space will be added to the facility.

Since it's opening, the CAM has served more than 30,000 individuals and averages 100 students per week for industrial training as well as Piedmont Tech curriculum classes. The Center has provided training for more than a dozen different industries as well as supplied a location for groups ranging from the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce and Laurens County Development to staff development for middle school and high school guidance counselors from Laurens District 55 and 56.

The CAM is also the home for an apprentice program created by ZF Transmissions, in cooperation with Piedmont Technical College and the two public school districts in Laurens County. The three-year program will begin with high school students taking technical classes at the CAM, working part-time at the plant and completing coursework at their high school. After successfully completing the program, the student will have an associate degree from Piedmont Tech and will begin full-time work at the plant as a Level Two Maintenance Technician.

The CAM consists of CNC labs, CMM labs and classrooms which will benefit regional industry and the residents of Laurens County for years to come. The CAM partnership has met the needs of local industry by providing the area

workforce with a means for upgrading their skills with relevant technology-based training.

"These companies are in such need of skilled workers and a lot of people do not have the background necessary to meet those needs," said Janean Reish, associate dean for the CAM. "They need to get through some relatively fast training to get them up to speed for what these companies need and that's where this facility plays a key role."

## \$900,000 FEDERAL GRANT AWARDED TO EXPAND APPRENTICESHIP IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) awarded the SC Technical College System a \$900,000 grant to increase and diversify apprenticeship in the state. This grant is part of the ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grant and represents the first time that the federal government will provide funding to support states in their efforts to expand and diversify registered apprenticeship to better respond to industry workforce demands.

USDOLETA's goals for the grant are threefold: 1) help states advance registered apprenticeship as a workforce development strategy and post secondary education career pathway; 2) support integrated, statewide apprenticeship strategies and meet the demand for new programs in both traditional and nontraditional industries; and 3) catalyze state innovations to significantly increase apprenticeships for all American workers, particularly low-income individuals and underrepresented populations.

The SC Technical College System's grant - SC Apprenticeship Initiative Expansion - is designed to expand youth and pre-apprenticeship opportunities, continue return on investment study to include all industries, promote STEM Premier and SC Future Makers and increase availability for dual enrollment programs.

"The SC Technical College System and its Apprenticeship Carolina program are dedicated to increasing the awareness and use of registered apprenticeships in South Carolina. We know from experience that apprenticeships can go a long way to bridging the skills gap that so many companies across our state face," said Susan Pretulak, vice president of economic development for the SC Technical College System. "This substantial expansion

grant from DOLETA will help us enhance our efforts in South Carolina to expand apprenticeship through emphasis on our youth and pre-apprenticeship opportunities. These programs are shown to garner positive results by creating both work and college ready young adults."

## HVAC PROGRAM OPENS NEW FACILITY

This summer, Piedmont Technical College took a leap forward in fulfilling the training needs in the region by opening the doors to a new 10,000 square foot HVAC Training Center.

"We spent many hours in discussion and planning to get the ball rolling," said David Kibler, dean of engineering and industrial technologies. "Now we have a first-class, state-of-the-art training facility that is possibly one of the best HVAC training facilities in the state of South Carolina, and maybe in the Southeast."

The center features 3,000 square feet of concreted space which houses outside training units as well as hi-tech classrooms, a new supermarket rack refrigeration trainer and mobile walk-in freezer units. In all, more than 150 real world trainers are being used.

For the fall, the HVAC program at Piedmont Tech has 43 students enrolled. However, the program has room for 120 students. So, there is room to grow and there are jobs out there to fill. In fact, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 14 percent job growth through 2024 for HVAC technicians. On top of that, recent graduates have had no trouble finding employment. For instance, of the college's 11 HVAC graduates in 2014-15, 10 found jobs and one continued his/her education.

The goal of the new facility is to get all of the HVAC functions, which were previously spread across three locations on the Greenwood campus, in one location.

The new facility showcases the college's continued commitment to providing students with the right technology and training for learning the skills needed for success in today's job market.

"What we do is all about changing lives," said Dr. Ray Brooks, president of Piedmont Tech. "This is a facility that will change lives for years to come."

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