RAISING EXPECTATIONS IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY

PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT
In the last full academic year, Piedmont Technical College enrolled 6,195 students in 99,130 credit hours.

**Abbeville County Annual Snapshot**

- Credit Enrollment: 466
- Economic Development and Continuing Education Training: 677
- Dual Enrollment: 58

**Graduate Outcomes**

- Associate Degrees: 48
- Diplomas: 12
- Certificates: 15

**Graduate Placement**

- 78% placement*

**Employment Outcomes**

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

- Detention Officer, Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office
- Machine Operator, Prysmian
- Registered Nurse, Abbeville Nursing Home
- Machine Operator, Flexible Technologies
- Supervisor, Anderson Construction

**Transfer Outcomes**

- Total transferable credits earned: 2,208
- Students who started their coursework at PTC and transferred to a four-year institution: 39
- Estimated cost savings for families in Abbeville County: $832,416**

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

- Lander University
- University of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- Newberry College
- Coastal Carolina University

*Placement rate is based on job and continued education placement for PTC graduates. **Based on the Fall 2017 average cost per credit hour in S.C.’s public colleges and universities, vs. PTC’s average, in service area cost per credit hour.

Capital Investment

From 2014 through 2018, PTC has invested $1,063,296 in Abbeville County. These funds represent improvements in facilities, equipment and infrastructure.

*Based on fall 2017 enrollment data
CREDIT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY:

In addition to the credit curriculum programs below, which are offered in Abbeville County, 80+ credit programs are available through a combination of campus-based, online and distance learning options. All of these programs can be started at the Abbeville County Campus.

University Transfer and Bridge Programs
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- College of Charleston Collaboration
- Columbia College Bridge Program
- Lander University Bearcat Bound Bridge Program
- Newberry College Bridge Program
- University of South Carolina Bridge Program
- USC Aiken Bridge Program
- USC Upstate Bridge Program

Industrial & Engineering
- Mechatronics Technology

Business and Information Technology
- Accounting
- Administrative Office Technology
- Business Administration

Public Service
- Criminal Justice
- Human Services

Health Care
- Health Care Certificate

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 Abbeville County through our Economic Development and Continuing Education Division. We offered the following types of classes to organizations in Abbeville County this year:

COMPANIES WE’VE WORKED WITH THIS YEAR:
- Abbeville Area Medical Center
- Abbeville-Greenwood District of AME Church
- Allyson Brooke, Inc.
- Bernstein Von Seelen
- Dr. Camille Mason, Office of Dermatology
- Flexible Technologies
- GLEAMNS
- Lakelands FCA
- Pro Towels
- Prysmian
- Reelco
- Sage Automotive Interiors
- Stoll Industries
- Machine Operator
- OSHA Update
- OSHA VPP
- Quality Overview
- Six Sigma Yellow Belt
- Smoking Cessation

Types of Workforce Development Training Offered:
- BLS for Healthcare Providers
- CPR and First Aid
- Forklift
- General Safety Training
- Industrial Vehicle
- ISO 14001
- Machine Operator
- OSHA Update
- OSHA VPP
- Quality Overview
- Six Sigma Yellow Belt
- Smoking Cessation

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.

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS:
- Ashley Medical Transportation Company
  - EMT Basic
- BVS Precision Casting Corp.
  - Die Maker, Stamping
- CVS Caremark Store # 03543
  - Store Manager
  - Pharmacy Assistant
  - Pharmacy Support Staff
- Prysmian Cables and Systems USA, LLC
  - Electronic Technician
  - Education and Training
- Sage Automotive Interiors
  - Control Equipment Technician
  - Information Services Technician
When the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation (FCCF) launched its capital campaign for The Abbeville Promise last spring, the organization already had raised 59 percent of its $1.2 million goal. An impressive start, to be sure.

Stephen Taylor, economic development director for Abbeville County, said that The Abbeville Promise is not only the right thing to do but also part of a strategic plan for the community. “We are creating a ready workforce,” he said. “I am proud to serve a community that seeks to make itself better.”

Piedmont Technical College President Dr. Ray Brooks noted that promises are not made to people with whom we don’t have a relationship. Relationships nurture trust and good will. They engender caring. And the Abbeville community truly cares about its young people. “You are making a promise that there will be no barriers to higher education,” he said.

Jeff Wilson, CEO of West Carolina Telephone Cooperative, and Andy Timmerman, CEO of Abbeville First Bank, are co-chairs for The Abbeville Promise. Both explained why they chose to support its mission.

“The Abbeville Promise provides a pathway to a happier and more productive life for our children,” Wilson told those in attendance at the kickoff event. “The Abbeville Promise will help make our community ascend.”

“The decision to support The Abbeville Promise was not a difficult decision to make,” said Timmerman. “We, like you, are stakeholders in our community. We want a bright and prosperous future for ourselves and our children. By increasing opportunity in postsecondary education, we can raise up the next generation of productive citizens and community leaders…. We encourage other businesses to join us” in supporting The Abbeville Promise.

The Abbeville Promise launched in Fall 2018.