In the last full academic year, Piedmont Technical College enrolled 6,195 students in 99,130 credit hours.

**Graduate Outcomes**
- Associate Degrees: 8
- Certificates: 4

**Graduate Placement**
- 83% placement*

**Employment Outcomes**
Here are a few examples of where our graduates found employment:
- Administrative Manager, Edgefield County Hospital
- Electrician, Utility Partners of America
- Certified Medical Assistant, Lexington Medical Center
- Pharmacy Technician, Walmart
- Respiratory Therapist, Southeast Home Care & Respiratory

**Transfer Outcomes**
Total transferable credits earned: 1,233
Students who started their coursework at PTC and transferred to a four-year institution: 44
Estimated cost savings for families in Edgefield County: $464,841**

**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.

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**Edgefield County Annual Snapshot**

- **Credit Enrollment:** 243
- **Economic Development and Continuing Education Training:** 93
- **Dual Enrollment:** 91

*Based on fall 2017 enrollment data
CREDIT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY:
In addition to the credit curriculum programs below, which are offered in Edgefield 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 Edgefield 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

Business and Information Technology
• Accounting
• Administrative Office Technology
• Business Administration
• Entrepreneurship
• Medical Coding and Billing

Public Service
• Criminal Justice
• Human Services

Health Care
• Emergency Medical Technician Certificate
• 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 Edgefield County through our Economic Development and Continuing Education Division. We offered the following types of classes to organizations in Edgefield County this year:

COMPANIES WE’VE WORKED WITH THIS YEAR:
• Edgefield County
• Edgefield EMS
• Edgefield Federal Prison
• GLEAMNS
• Lydall, Inc.
• National Wild Turkey Federation
• US Fibers

TYPES OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OFFERED:
• AHA BLS Instructor
• Emergency Medical Technician
• Kaizen Leader
• Microsoft Project
• Value Stream Mapping

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:
CVS Caremark Store #70318
• Pharmacy Assistant
• Pharmacy Support Staff

Edgefield Federal Correctional Institution
• Automobile Mechanic
• Cook (Hotel Restaurant)
• Education and Training
• Electrical Appliance Service
• Electrician
• HVAC Installer, Servicer
• Quality Control Technician

Palmetto Unified School District
• Bricklayer
• Carpenter
• Mason
• Small Engine Repairer
• Welder
Navigating a sometimes turbulent marketplace requires vision, experience — and the right balance to stabilize the ship. Management at Menardi Filter Elements in Edgefield County realized that sailing along the same way as always only brings the same results. All the while, their competitors were changing tack in the midst of an approaching sea change.

“We have been in business for a long time, and the market has changed for us,” said Kirk Trykowski, vice president of finance and general manager at Menardi. “We continued to try to run our business the way it was in its heyday but realized the market has changed, so we had to change with it.”

Trykowski and HR Manager Kerry Watson both knew that staying competitive required not just a training solution but an overall cultural shift. And that meant swimming against the longstanding current.

“When I started a year ago, my overall goal was to get people training,” Trykowski explained. “Kerry and I both came from a largely pro-training environment.” At the time, some Menardi employees hadn’t received any training for several years. “Kerry and I are trying to bring that forward,” he said.

The two saw apprenticeship, in partnership with Piedmont Technical College, as an opportunity to secure training and update employee skills at a significantly lower cost while, at the same time, instigating a progressive shift in mindset. To begin, they asked the company’s supervisors and managers to identify promising candidates in various areas. “They put a list together along with suggestions for bringing in an instructor,” Trykowski explained. “We just followed that list verbatim.”

Having the instructors come to Menardi rather than sending employees offsite is a huge advantage. “By having someone else come in who is considered an expert, I think that carries a lot more weight than something we might offer internally,” Trykowski said.

Trykowski noted that the apprenticeship platform makes training more affordable as well as supports improved retention of employees.

“This is a plant that offers people opportunities that they might not necessarily have at a bigger company. We want to keep who we have here and educate them,” he said. “We have already had people inquiring about upcoming training. We are getting people more engaged and making it part of our culture, to constantly be looking at process and flow.”