



2008-2009 Student Handbook & Planner

Welcome to Trident Technical College.

The Student Services division has an important role to play in your experience at TTC. We are here to help you achieve your personal development and academic goals.

This Handbook provides information about many of the resources available at TTC. Use it to learn about the College's academic support programs, Internet and computer resources, student activities, financial aid, and other programs. The Student Code of Conduct and Academic Issues sections of the Handbook outline the College's expectations for student behavior in classes and campus buildings. The planning calendar will help you keep track of important dates and campus events. The Handbook also provides instructions on how to synchronize the CampusCruiser calendar with your personal PDA/palm pilot. You will use the Handbook as a reference throughout the year. We hope you enjoy your experience here at TTC!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elise Davis-McFarland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elise Davis-McFarland, PhD
ASHA Fellow
Vice President for Student Services

Confidentiality of Student Records

ANNUAL NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Trident Technical College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). This act provides ways to protect the privacy of education records, and to establish as the right of students and parents or guardians of dependent students to inspect and to review their education records. The act provides guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act office.

Under the Act, Trident Technical College is allowed to publish the following designated student directory information relating to individual students: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. Students wishing to restrict publication of their student directory information must notify the Registrar's office in writing.

Procedures to be used for compliance with the provision of the Act can be found in the Registrar's office and the Vice President for Student Services office. Questions concerning the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to the Registrar's office and the Vice President for Student Services office.

Student Intellectual Property

Students retain ownership of projects produced for coursework completed at the College, to the extent that these projects are the result of student effort. However, projects that are initiated and/or funded by the College remain the property of the College. In all cases, the College reserves the right to use student-produced projects for instructional, promotional, and/or other academic purposes.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Trident Technical College does not discriminate in admission or employment on the basis of race, gender, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability or sexual orientation. In compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Trident Technical College offers access and equal opportunity in its admission policies, academic programs and services and employment to individuals with disabilities. No otherwise qualified person will be denied access or opportunity on the basis of a disability. The College's ADA, Section 504 (Rehab Act) and Titles VII and IX (Civil Rights Act) student coordinator is Pamela Middleton. Please contact her for information about alternate communication methods and other services for students with disabilities. The coordinator can be reached at 843.574.6303 or TTY 843.574.6351



TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COLLEGE POLICIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. STUDENTS ENROLLING FOR SUBSEQUENT TERMS SHOULD CONSULT THE TTC WEBSITE AT WWW.TRIDENTTECH.EDU FOR UPDATES.

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Trident Technical College

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Trident Technical College's Emergency Alert System (EAS) is used to communicate vital information as quickly and efficiently as possible during a crisis.

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) includes the following notification components:

1. **EAS Mobile:** Text and/or voice messages sent to a student's mobile device and/or home phone. (Students must opt in through the CampusCruiser CruiserAlert system to receive messages.)
2. **EAS E-mail:** E-mail alerts sent to students via CampusCruiser e-mail system and personal e-mail accounts. (Students must opt in through the CampusCruiser CruiserAlert system to have e-mails sent to a personal e-mail account.)
3. **EAS Campus:** Audible and/or text alerts sent to campus telephones located in classrooms, hallways and offices.
4. **EAS Web:** Alerts posted on TTC's Web site (www.tridenttech.edu) and on TTC's CampusCruiser page.
5. **EAS InfoLine:** Recorded message alerts accessed by calling 843.574.6262, ext. 9091. A toll-free InfoLine, 877.869.7736, is activated when conditions warrant.
6. **EAS Media:** Alerts sent to local media outlets (radio, television, newspaper).

<i>QUICK REFERENCE TTC PUBLIC SAFETY</i>	Emergencies: 843.574.6911 (6911 from a campus phone)
	Non-Emergencies: 843.574.6053
	Website: www.tridenttech.edu/publicsafety.htm

TTC Directory		
DEPARTMENT	NUMBER	LOCATION (Bldg./Rm)
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS		
Vice President's Office	574.6057	100/211
ADMISSIONS OFFICE		
Berkeley	899.8063	BK/179
Main	574.6558	410/110
Palmer	722.5502	PL/121
ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES		
ALUMNI	574.6456	900/119
AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING		
Tech Lab	574.6271	700/103
BIOLOGY LAB		
Main	574.6352	630/222B
Palmer	722.5525	PL/146
BOOKSTORE		
Berkeley	899.8064	BK/181
Main	574.6122	410/102
Palmer	720.5604	PL/141
BUSINESS OFFICE		
Berkeley	899.8064	BK/181
Main	574.6026	410/124A
Palmer	720.5604	PL/141
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY		
	574.6252	200/102
CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/178
Main	574.6119	430
Palmer	722.5516	PL/228
CENTER FOR ACCELERATION		
Technology Training	574.6382	910/104
CHEMISTRY LAB - MAIN		
	574.632	700/312
COMMUNITY, FAMILY & CHILD SERVICES		
Berkeley	899.8013	BK/119
Main	574.6529	940/112
Palmer	720.5602	PL/210C
COMPUTER LABS		
Berkeley Campus	574.6331	BK/144/146A
Main Campus	574.6331	920
Palmer Campus	574.6331	PL/250

TTC Directory		
DEPARTMENT	NUMBER	LOCATION (Bldg./Rm)
CONTINUING EDUCATION		
Information	574.6022	910/142
Registration	574.6152	910/105
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION		
	574.6118	100/204
COSMETOLOGY LAB		
Cosmetology Lab	899.8052	BK/170
Facial Lab	899.8075	BK/300B
Manicure Lab	899.8074	BK/300A
COUNSELING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/173
Main	574.6131	410/210
Palmer	722.5516	PL/226
CULINARY ARTS INSTITUTE OF CHARLESTON		
Hospitality, Tourism And Culinary Arts	820.5090	920
DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC		
	574.6465	630/106
DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES		
	574.6378	510/104
DISTANCE LEARNING		
	574.6522	300/345
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER		
Berkeley	899.8020	BK/183
Main	574.6291 574.6132	430
Palmer	722.5509	PL/114
EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH		
	899.8085	BK/173B
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY		
	574.6115	700/122
FILM, MEDIA, VISUAL ARTS		
	574.6852	500/122
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION		
Vice President's Office	574.6198	900/214
FINANCIAL AID		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/178
Main	574.6110	410/202
Palmer	720.5520	PL/121
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES		
	574.6034	100/122
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY		
	574.6156	700/801
INFO LINE		
	574.6262	100/175
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Vice President's Office	574.6994	920/602
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION		
	574.6567	100/147

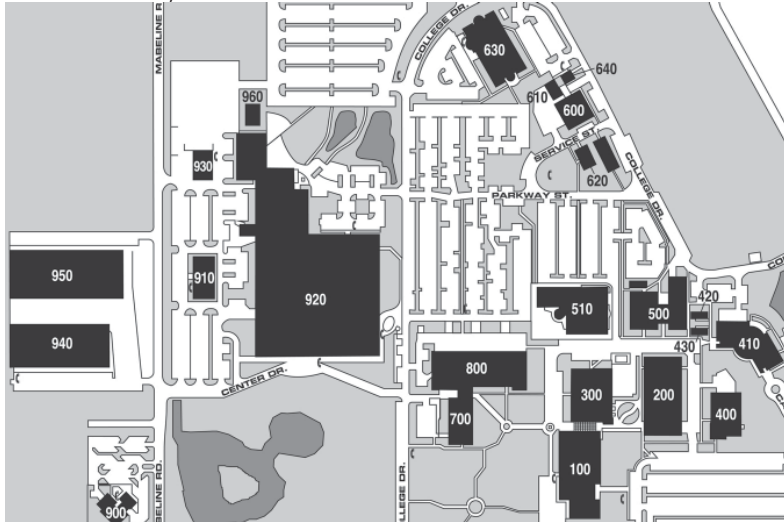
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DEPARTMENT	NUMBER	LOCATION (Bldg./Rm)
LAW-RELATED STUDIES	722.5526	PL/138
LEARNING CENTER		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/141B
Main	574.6409	920/211
Palmer	722.5516	PL/226
LEARNING RESOURCES		
Berkeley	899.8055	BK/177
Main	574.6089	510/156
Audio Visuals	574.6548	510/258
Circulation Desk	574.6095	510/152
Reference Desk	574.6096	510/158
Palmer	722.5540	PL/229
NURSING	574.6138	630/206
ONE STOP CAREER CENTER		
Trident Technical College	574.1818	Recruiting
ORIENTATION CENTER		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/178
Main	574.6436	420
Palmer	722.5516	PL/226
PROJECT ASSIST	574.6525	700/101
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Berkeley	899.8071	BK/180
If no answer, dial:	574.6052	
Emergency	574.6053	
Main	574.6052	100/124
Emergency	574.6053	
Lost and Found	574.6052	
Crime Prevention	574.6052	
Palmer	722.5521	PL/145
If no answer, dial	574.6052	
Emergency	574.6053	
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE		

TTC Directory		
DEPARTMENT	NUMBER	LOCATION (Bldg./Rm)
Advanced Standing	574.6549	410/110
Enrollment Verification	574.6324	410/110
Grades	574.6321	410/110
Graduation	574.6322	410/110
Registration	574.6321	410/110
Registrar	574.6129	410/110
Transcripts	574.6324	410/110
TTC Express	574.6309	410/110
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS	574.6015	300/303
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	574.6012	410/130
STUDENT E-SERVICES HELPLINE	574-6999	
STUDENT SERVICES		
Vice President's Office	574.6010	410/220
Assistant VP, Student Services	574.6393	410/226
Assistant VP, Student Development	574.6131	410/210
Dean, Enrollment Management	574.6125	410/110
STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER		
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/178
Main	574.6436	410/210
Palmer	722.5516	PL/226
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES		
Student Support Services	574.6102	430
TTD (for the deaf and hearing impaired)	574.6351	
TESTING SERVICES		
Instructional Testing	574.6632	410/202
Berkeley	899.8079	BK/178
Main	574.6410	410/202
Palmer	722.5516	PL/226
UPWARD BOUND	899-8005	BK130
VETERANS ASSISTANCE	574.6105	410/202

TTC Campus Maps

MAIN CAMPUS

7000 Rivers Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29406

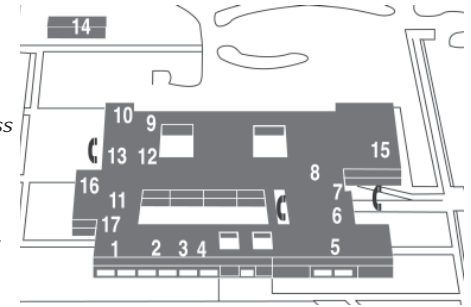


- 100** *General Education Building* - Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Offices, Learning Assistance, Information Center, Public Safety, Co-op Center, Recruiting, President's Conference Center, Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 200** *Business Technology Building* - Business Technology Faculty Offices
- 300** *Math and Science Building* - Science and Mathematics Faculty Offices, The Center for Faculty and Staff Development and Support
- 400** *Robotics Welding Building* - Industrial Technology Lab
- 410** *Student Center* - (1st floor) Admissions, Registrar, Bookstore, Student Activities, Lounge, Food Court, (2nd floor) Financial Aid, Counseling, Testing Services, Vice President for Student Services
- 420** *Student Services: Student Orientation Center*
- 430** *Student Services: Student Employment, Student Support Services, EOC*
- 500** *Communications Technology Building* - Office Information Technology, Broadcast and Communications Labs, Video Studio, Printing Services, Photo Lab
- 510** *Learning Resources Center* (Library)
- 600** *Facilities Management - Deliveries Building* - Receiving, Maintenance
- 620** *Horticulture Building* - Horticulture Technology Faculty Offices
- 630** *Health Sciences Building* - Allied Health/Nursing Faculty Offices, Dental Lab
- 640** *Annex Building* - General Classrooms
- 700/800** *Industrial and Engineering Technology Buildings* - Faculty Offices for Engineering Technology and Industrial Technology, Machine Tool Technology Lab, Automotive Labs, Physics Lab
- 900** *Administration Building* - Human Resources, Administration, President's Office, Employee Relations, Vice President for Advancement, Vice President for Finance and Administration, Foundation Office, Alumni Office
- 910** *Complex for Industrial and Economic Development Continuing Education Center* - Continuing Education Registration, Classrooms, Vice President for Continuing Education and Economic Development
- 920** *Complex for Economic Development* - Advanced Manufacturing Center/ Electromechanical Lab/Process Control/Flexible Manufacturing Lab/ Culinary Institute of Charleston/Information Technology, Computer Labs, the Learning Center, Vice President for Technology and Planning
- 940** *Procurement, Community Family and Child Studies, Classrooms*

TTC Campus Maps

BERKELEY CAMPUS

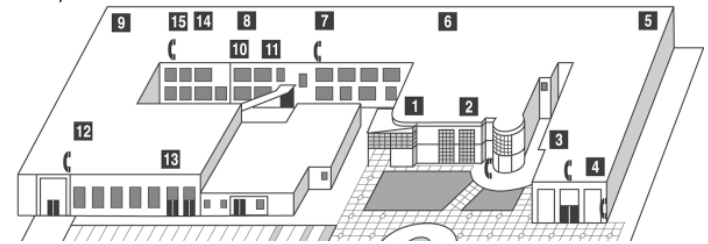
1001 S. Live Oak Drive (Hwy 17A)
Moncks Corner, SC 29461



- 1. *Student Success Center, Orientation Center, Room 178*
- 2. *Bookstore, Room 179*
- 3. *Admissions, Records, Business Office, Room 180*
- 4. *Director's Office, Room 181*
- 5. *Learning Resources Center (Library), Room 177*
- 6. *Student Lounge, Snack Shop, Room 176*
- 7. *Berkeley Conference Center, Room 175*
- 8. *Public Safety Offices, Room 173*
- 9. *Aircraft Maintenance Lab, Rooms 168 and 169*
- 10. *Cosmetology Lab, Room 170*
- 11. *Computer Lab, Room 146A*
- 12. *Nail and Esthetics Labs*
- 13. *Esthetics Lab*
- 14. *Veterinary Technology Building*
- 15. *Aircraft Maintenance Classroom, Rooms 164E and F*
- 16. *Computer Lab, Room 144*
- 17. *Developmental Studies Lab, Room 141*

PALMER CAMPUS

66 Columbus Street
Charleston, SC 29403



- 1. *Learning Resources Center (Library), Room 229 (Second Floor)*
- 2. *Admissions Suite, Room 121; Financial Aid, Room 124*
- 3. *Student Lounge, Room 105*
- 4. *Humanities and Social Sciences, Room 102*
- 5. *Educational Opportunity Center, Room 112-114*
- 6. *Student Success Ctr/Orientation Ctr/Learning Assistance, Rm 226, 2nd Fl*
- 7. *Faculty/Staff Computing Center, Room 136*
- 8. *Law-Related Studies, Room 156*
- 9. *Computer Center, Room 246, 247, 250, 252 (Second Floor)*
- 10. *Public Safety, Room 145*
- 11. *Bookstore/Business Office, Room 141*
- 12. *Auditorium, Room 171*
- 13. *Palmer Deli, Room 180*
- 14. *Esthetics Lab, Room 158*
- 15. *Massage Therapy Lab, Room 234, 236 (Second Floor)*

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT PARKING AT PALMER CAMPUS

Parking at Palmer is limited and monitored closely by Public Safety. A parking decal does not guarantee you a place to park on campus. Consider getting to class ahead of time, carpooling, parking in the rear of the building, or buying a CARTA bus pass, which lets you ride all semester for \$10. Drive carefully and observe signs. Bike racks are located to the left of the new building.

Computer & On-line Resources

TTC has a variety of computer labs on its three campuses. Many labs are open to all TTC students, faculty, and staff. Some labs, while open to all students, give priority to a particular curriculum. Others are reserved for specific classes.

The e-Services Help Line number is 574-6999.

For complete lab names, hours, rules and locations go to Computer Labs under Academic Programs on TTC's Web site.

Web Resources for Students

As a TTC student, you have access to a variety of technology resources to support you in your learning process. All TTC students can access the following web resources from the TTC Web site, www.tridenttech.edu.

For log in/online assistance in CampusCruiser, TTC Express, and WebCT courses call 574.6WWW. Students are expected to check their CampusCruiser e-mail weekly for important College information.

CampusCruiser – Student Email

TTC students are provided a free e-mail account called CampusCruiser. You can access your account at www.tridenttech.edu and click on CampusCruiser.

The College uses CampusCruiser e-mail to communicate important information to students such as:

- Financial aid status
- Emergency closings
- Calendar updates
- Veterans' information
- Password changes for online registration in TTC Express
- Registration information
- College announcements
- Student activities and student organization events
- Confirmation of online payment of tuition and fees
- Notice of academic or financial aid warning, probation or suspension
- Course grade book
- Merge personal calendar with CampusCruiser calendar

Your student email account is not part of your academic record and your password will not be released to anyone but you, the student!

At the end of every term, the College terminates student e-mail accounts that have been inactive for six consecutive semesters

TTC Express - Online Registration & Records

TTC Express is your online access to your student records. Use TTC Express to:

- Register, drop or add classes
- Search for classes
- Print your class schedule
- Pay tuition and fees
- Apply for graduation

You can also view the following in TTC Express:

- Student payment account summary
- TTC admission application status
- Grades
- TTC transcript
- Placement test scores
- Financial aid status and award letter

To allow your parents or another person access to your student records, you can complete a "Release of Confidentiality" form in the Registrar's office.

TTC Web Site - www.tridenttech.edu

View the most current information and updates from TTC departments and academic programs on the College's Web site. You can also view the TTC Catalog, Student Handbook, course schedules and course availability by term, course cancellations, student employment opportunities and more.

Telephone Locations

Pay telephones - Pay telephones are available on all three campuses.

Outside emergency phones - TTC has automatic dial emergency phones located in the parking lots of Main, Berkeley and Palmer campuses. These phones provide direct connection to the College's Public Safety office.

Inside campus wall phones - Campus phones located inside the halls and lobby areas of buildings also can be used to call Public Safety. These telephones may also be used to contact faculty and staff on all three campuses.

TTY phone services - TTY phone services for the deaf and hearing impaired are located at the Main Campus in Counseling and Public Safety and at the Palmer Campus in Public Safety.

TTC Bookstore

Bookstores at all campuses offer **extended hours** at the beginning of each semester. You may purchase textbooks, supplies, class rings, art supplies and a number of other special interest items at the TTC Bookstore.

Financial aid book charges are available to eligible students for only two weeks at the beginning of each semester. The dates of the Financial Aid book charge period are posted on campus and on the Financial Aid and Bookstore Web sites each semester. The **VA book charge period** is different from the Financial Aid book charge period and is also posted on campus and on the VA and Bookstore Web sites each semester.

At the end of each semester, the Bookstore conducts a **book buy back** at Main, Berkeley, and Palmer campuses. Generally, books are bought back the last few days of the semester. Check the TTC Bookstore Web site and campus bulletin boards, and read the College's publications for exact dates.

The Bookstore has a published **policy regarding the sale and return** of textbooks. You may pick up a copy of this policy at the Bookstore.

Library

Libraries provide a full range of print and electronic resources for instructional purposes. (Refer to the TTC web site at www.tridenttech.edu for hours of operation.)

Students may check out books from the library for two weeks and may renew them once for the same length of time if the books are not on hold. Students are required to show their valid TTC ID card each time they check out library materials.

Students may access the TTC, The Citadel, College of Charleston, Charleston Southern University, Medical University of South Carolina and the Charleston County Library catalogs both on campus or remotely using the library Web site. DISCUS & PASCAL funded databases and other online bibliographic and periodical databases are available on all TTC campuses and remotely through the library Web site. You must have a valid ID card (scanned once in the library initially) before you can access the subscription databases from off campus.

A valid TTC student ID card entitles you to check out library materials at The Citadel, College of Charleston, Charleston Southern University, Medical University of South Carolina and the Charleston County Library. ID cards for students, faculty and staff are available through Student Activities. Smoking, eating and using cell phones are prohibited in any TTC library location. Students may bring drinks into the library in a covered container. Students using TTC's campus libraries are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.

Children may not be taken into any TTC Library while the parent/guardian is studying or using library resources. They are not to be left unattended in any TTC library while parents are in class or involved in other activities.

Orientation Information

Orientation is an ongoing service at TTC. For your convenience, Orientation Centers are open on all three campuses Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary – drop by when you are on campus.

New student orientation is an important part of getting started at TTC and is vital to your academic success. All new TTC students are expected to attend. The orientation process is customized for each student because we want you to achieve your educational goals and have a positive experience. You receive one-on-one attention from an orientation leader, who answers general questions you may have about the College. The orientation leader also explains the various services at TTC and assigns your academic advisor.

Students may attend orientation after their admissions application has been processed and qualifying test scores (SAT or ACT) or TTC placement tests are submitted or test requirements are waived. You do NOT need to be accepted to the College before attending orientation. Registration for the next semester begins at midterm, so the earlier you attend orientation, the better. You'll need time to make an appointment with your academic advisor who will help you select the correct courses and register you for the times and days you wish to take classes. The longer you wait, the fewer choices you'll have with scheduling your classes.

ORIENTATION SERVICES FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS:

- View a campus-specific video
- Explore TTC's Web site
- Talk with an orientation leader
- Verify major – change major, if necessary
- Receive Placement Test retest pass, if appropriate
- Receive academic advisor assignment
- Provide important informational handouts
- Answer questions
- Record orientation attendance in the student database system

ORIENTATION SERVICES FOR NONDEGREE STUDENTS:

- New student orientation
- Transfer information – local area college catalogs and transfer notebooks with forms and current information
- Register for courses – Bring appropriate documents, if you need prerequisite overrides

Online Orientation

Orientation Services is developing an on-line orientation process for students who are unable to attend the on-campus Orientation. Check the Orientation page under Current/Future Students at www.tridenttech.edu for availability information about the on-line orientation process.

Placement in Courses

OPTIONS AFTER TTC'S PLACEMENT TEST

TTC's Placement Test is used to determine academic preparedness and initial placement of students in courses.

TTC's Placement Test measures your current skill level in reading, writing and math. It is not a measure of ability or potential. Students who do not have qualifying SAT or ACT test scores or are not transferring a college-level math and/or English course to TTC will need to take all or part of TTC's Placement Test. The untimed test is administered by computer on all three campuses. Students receive their test results immediately after they complete the test. The Orientation leader can provide information about placement test scores

in relation to courses you should take based on your placement test scores. Students who score within the prescribed retest ranges can request a retest pass in the Orientation Centers. There is a \$25 fee for retesting, payable at the Business office.

Assignment of Academic Advisors

Degree-seeking students are assigned academic advisors who are full-time faculty in their program of study. Students in selected majors who need a reading course will be assigned an additional advisor in the Learning Center. Most advisors are teaching a full load of at least five courses or in programs with a large number of lab or clinical courses. In addition to teaching, they serve on committees, are involved with course and program development, and must keep up with the technology and changes in the career field for which they are training students. Additionally, they often teach in more than one location.

Students who are undecided about their major are assigned a counselor who is trained to work with students in the career decision-making process. They work with students to choose a program of study. Students then return to the Orientation Center, change their major and are assigned a new advisor in their program of study. Counselors also teach courses, make classroom presentations, work one-on-one with students who may be having difficulties and attend professional development seminars to keep their credentials current.

It is important to contact academic advisors early for registration appointments. Because of the demand on their time, faculty and counselors manage their advising time carefully. In most cases, students will need to leave a phone message including name, phone number and when they can be contacted. Additionally, students may e-mail their advisors. Students who have been to an Orientation Center can find their academic advisor's name and phone number in TTC Express under My Profile with a direct link to the advisor's e-mail at that same location.

Get a New Advisor When Changing Your Major

Students who want to change their major or add a dual major must submit a Student Update form at the Registrar Office on Main Campus, the Admissions Office on Berkely or Palmer Campus, or the Orientation Center on any campus.

If you have completed orientation, you can call the Main Campus Orientation Center (843.574.6436) or e-mail an orientation leader to obtain the name of a new academic advisor. If you have not completed orientation, please visit an Orientation Center at your earliest convenience. Visit TTC's Orientation Web site to find the e-mail addresses of orientation leaders.

Preparation for Registration

Steps for registration can be found in this handbook under "The Registration Process".

Priority Registration begins at midterm for the next term. Students who are returning to TTC after not enrolling for several semesters should check with the Orientation Center to verify that they have a current academic advisor for their program of study.

Advisement for Nondegree Seeking Students

For most courses, nondegree-seeking students do not need an advisor's signature. However, many courses have prerequisites or skill requirements. To register for one of these courses you must have departmental approval if your TTC records do not show that you have met the prerequisites or skill requirements. You may be asked to provide evidence of prerequisites, corequisites or skill requirements such as transcripts, grade reports or qualifying test scores. Nondegree-seeking students may register in the Orientation Centers or in the Registrar's office.

Returning to College

College skills courses are offered to assist students who have been out of school for some time or have never developed the skills necessary to achieve academic success. Financial aid will pay for these courses for qualified students.

COL 103 – College Skills

This three-credit course covers study skills, life skills and an introduction to career exploration. Students learn note-taking techniques, test-taking skills, communication skills, problem-solving techniques, and life management skills such as time and stress management. In addition, the librarians teach an electronic library unit where students complete a hands-on activity to familiarize themselves with electronic database research.

COL 107 - Computer Literacy Skills for College Success

This course is designed for students who need an introduction to computer literacy and word processing skills to develop or improve basic keyboarding skills and to use the computer for self-paced computer-based and web-based instruction and communication. (Nondegree credit)

IDS 101 – Human Thought and Learning

This course explores the principles, methods and applications of human thought and learning. Students study such topics as attention, information processing and problem solving.

	Steps to Successful Enrollment
<i>Step 1</i>	<i>Apply for Financial Aid and/or Verify Financial Aid award</i>
<i>Step 2</i>	<i>Meet with your Academic Advisor</i>
<i>Step 3</i>	<i>Schedule Classes and Register</i>
<i>Step 4</i>	<i>Pay Tuition</i>
<i>Step 5</i>	<i>Buy Textbooks</i>
<i>Step 6</i>	<i>Go to Class</i>

Financial Aid

TTC's financial aid programs assist students who have financial need as determined by the federal government. A financial need exists if the resources of the family (expected family contribution or EFC) do not meet the total cost of attending the College. The total cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board and personal and transportation expenses.

A variety of financial assistance is available at TTC to help you with the cost of attending college. TTC's Financial Aid office assists prospective and current students and their families by

1. providing information about financial resources,
2. assisting applicants with the application process for financial assistance
3. calculating an applicant's level of eligibility for financial assistance
4. awarding financial assistance based on an applicant's enrollment status
5. monitoring students' satisfactory progress each semester for continued eligibility in financial assistance programs. For more information, visit the TTC Financial Aid/VA Web site at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/>.

Financial aid is awarded on a yearly basis. Each award year begins with the fall semester and ends with summer term. You must complete a new FAFSA each year prior to the semester you enroll to determine continued eligibility for financial aid.

Understanding Your Financial Aid Awards

Once you have been accepted for admission to TTC and your financial aid file is completed, you will be notified about financial aid awards. The award letter will list all financial aid and the terms and conditions of the award(s) based on full-time enrollment. Your award letter can be found on TTC Express. Any changes, additions and/or corrections will be sent to you via CampusCruiser.

If you apply for financial aid in time and are eligible, your tuition will be deducted from the financial aid that has been awarded to you (excluding federal work-study awards). If you have sufficient funds, you may be allowed to pay for your books by charging them to your student account and these charges will also be deducted from your financial aid. After these expenses have been paid and if any funds remain, the Business office will mail a check to you for the amount of remaining funds.

The following is an example of how to read and understand your award letter. Remember, this is based on full-time enrollment. Your award amount will be prorated from a full-time award based on your actual enrollment hours.

Award Example*	Total	Fall	Spring
Federal Pell Grant	\$4,731	\$2,366	\$2,265
Subsidized Loan	\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750
Federal Work-Study**	\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750

Actual Award Example* - What you will actually receive if you enroll less than full-time at six credit hours per semester.

Federal Pell Grant	\$1,183	\$1,182
Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750
Federal Work-Study**	\$1,750	\$1,750

Actual Award Example* – What you will receive if you enroll in less than full-time at three credit hours per semester.

Federal Pell Grant	\$592	\$592
Subsidized Loan	\$0	\$0
Federal Work-Study**	\$0	\$0

* If eligible for these awards

** Work-study is paid for actual hours worked. You may earn up to the award amount.

Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid programs, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A new or renewal FAFSA must be submitted for each academic year (Fall through Summer) and is available for the upcoming academic year after Jan. 1. The FAFSA is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The results of your FAFSA can be submitted directly to TTC by placing TTC's school code in the Release and Signature section of the FAFSA.

TTC's school code is 004920

YOUR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE FAFSA.

To complete the application, you will need a copy of your most recent federal tax returns and/or any documentation of untaxed income (e.g. SSI statement, Leave and Earning Statement, disability income.) After submitting the FAFSA, in two to three weeks, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is generated and sent to you and also to TTC if you indicated this on your FAFSA. If corrections are required, or additional information is requested, you can submit it on the web. Apply online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Your SAR will be sent to you electronically. You can make corrections electronically as well. It is important to respond promptly to any requests for corrections or additional information.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT RANDOMLY SELECTED FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS PROVIDE VERIFICATION OF ALL INFORMATION DOCUMENTED ON THE FAFSA. IF YOU ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR VERIFICATION, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TTC'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO SUBMIT A VERIFICATION WORKSHEET, SIGNED FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION OF UNTAXED INCOME.

Once all requirements are met, you will be sent an award letter, if eligible, specifying the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive.

Financial Aid and the Transfer Student

- Financial aid awards cannot be transferred from one college to another.
- Students must request release of the FAFSA to the new college.
- Students transferring to TTC must request a duplicate Student Aid Report (SAR) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> if the results of the FAFSA have not been released to TTC. The TTC code is 004920.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office that they have attended another college or university.

Priority Dates

Priority dates to complete financial aid are identified and published each semester. You should apply for financial aid by completing your FAFSA and having it sent to TTC prior to the semester in which you plan to enroll. Any documents requested by the Financial Aid office should be submitted as soon as possible after the request. This will allow your financial aid to be processed so that any eligible financial aid will be available prior to the beginning of the semester when you plan to enroll.

If you submit your FAFSA after the published priority date, be prepared to pay your tuition and fees and purchase books by the fee payment deadline for the semester. Your financial aid will be processed in the order in which your FAFSA is received. You will be reimbursed if you are eligible for any financial aid.

Types of Financial Aid

Financial assistance programs offered at TTC include federal programs under Title IV funds and state grants and scholarships. Federal financial assistance includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant, Federal College Work-Study, and

student loan and parent loans. State financial assistance programs include lottery funded tuition assistance, the LIFE Scholarship and the South Carolina Need-Based Grant. For more information, visit the TTC Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs Web site at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/> or the TTC catalog.

TTC Scholarships

Trident Technical College and TTC Foundation offer a number of scholarships provided by area individuals, businesses, civic organizations and nonprofit groups. Awards are competitive based upon the stated criteria, and recipients are selected by the College's Scholarship Committee. Awards are based on availability of funds and do not require repayment. More information about scholarships and the scholarship application are on TTC's Web site (www.tridenttech.edu) under Current Students or Future Students.

Eligibility for Financial Aid

Eligibility for federal (and some state) financial assistance awards requires:

- A high school diploma, its equivalent or meeting Ability to Benefit regulations
- Enrollment in a program of study that is eligible for federal financial aid awards.
- No default on any prior student loans
- Not in repayment on any federal Pell or SEOG grant
- Satisfactory academic progress in credit courses as defined by TTC
- A valid financial aid application (FAFSA)
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- A valid Social Security number
- Compliance with Selective Service registration
- Demonstrated financial need except for some loans, scholarships and Lottery Tuition Assistance.

Eligibility for Financial Aid Under Ability to Benefit Regulations

If you do not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, you may be able to qualify for Title IV funds in TTC programs approved for federal financial aid that do not require high school graduation. This would require that you take TTC's placement test, as an Ability to Benefit test and achieve the minimum scores established by the U.S. Department of Education in reading, writing skills and pre-algebra. Testing Services administers the placement test on Main, Palmer and Berkeley campuses. The listing of approved programs for Title IV funding can be found at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/> in the Financial Aid/VA link.

Your Financial Aid Status

As long as you meet **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**, you are in good standing. If your status changes as a result of your grades or progression through your academic program, we will notify you by email through your CampusCruiser account. This email cannot be sent to you until after grades are posted for any given semester. However, it is ultimately YOUR responsibility to know your FA eligibility status. If you do not understand the SAP policy, you should make an appointment with a financial aid or veterans' assistance officer or go to the Financial Aid Customer Service in the Student Center on Main Campus, the Admissions area at the Palmer Campus or in the Student Success Center at the Berkeley Campus.

Your original award letter is based on full-time enrollment for the academic year. If you are not enrolled full time, your award will be prorated based on your actual number of hours enrolled. Your enrollment status is determined at the end of the drop/add period for each semester. Adjustments to your awards, including cancellation of aid, are based on your enrollment status at the end of the drop/add period.

<i>Enrollment Status</i>	<i>Enrollment Requirement</i>
Full time status	At least 12 credit hours
Three-quarter status	9 to 11 credit hours
Half-time status	6 to 8 credit hours
Less than half-time status	1 to 5 credit hours

NOTE: If you never attend class(es), you will be removed from the class roster through the "never attended process" and your awards will be adjusted or cancelled depending on your final enrollment status.

Financial Aid – Eligible Programs of Study

You must enroll in an eligible program to receive any type of federal aid. Some certificate programs are ineligible for federal aid. General Education Development (GED) and Continuing Education courses are not eligible programs. Audit classes are not eligible for financial aid. You are paid for only those courses required to graduate or as prerequisites for courses required in your program.

All associate degrees are approved for financial aid. The list of diplomas and certificate programs eligible for financial aid are listed on the TTC's Web site at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/>. Some certificates are eligible for financial aid.

Repayment of Federal Financial Aid Funds

If you have financial aid and withdraw from ALL your classes OR stop attending ALL classes before 60% of the semester/term, you may have to repay a portion of your financial aid funds to the federal government. You may also owe funds back to Trident Technical College (TTC).

The US Department of Education requires students to attend classes for at least 60% of the term in order to qualify for the full amount of aid. If you withdraw from all classes prior to the 60% completion period, you may have to pay back the unearned funds to the federal government. You will also have to repay unearned funds to TTC. You will be ineligible to receive any future financial aid at any college or university until you repay the funds. You will be unable to continue attending TTC until you satisfy the balance owed to the College by paying all of the funds.

As you can see, it is very important for you to consider the financial implications of withdrawing from all of your classes or stop attending all of your classes prior to 60% of the semester/term.

Financial Aid Definitions

Cost of Attendance (COA) – The total it will cost a student to go to school, usually expressed as a yearly figure. COA includes tuition and fees, and allowances for books, supplies, room and board, personal and transportation.

Course Completion Rate (CCR) - The Course Completion Rate is a specified number of credit hours which you must complete in a semester to remain in good standing. It is based on the number of hours you attempt .

If you are attempting:

12 or more hours	9 hours
6-11 hours	6 hours
1-5 hours	all hours

You must complete at least:

Default – Failure to repay a loan according to the terms agreed to when you signed a promissory note

Eligible program – A course of study that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and meets the U.S. Department of Education's requirements for an eligible program

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) – The amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. The EFC appears in the upper right-hand corner of your Student Aid Report (SAR). Your SAR is the document you receive when you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Form to be filled out to begin the process for requesting financial aid. TTC's school code is 004920.

Federal Pell Grant – The Federal Pell Grant is a program that provides grants for students attending college who have not previously received a baccalaureate degree. Eligibility is based on the student's resources listed on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and is determined by a formula developed by the U.S. Department of Education.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) – FSEOG is a program from which students may obtain funds each year depending on financial need. The average award for a TTC student is \$600 per year.

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) – The FWS is a program that provides part-time jobs on campus for eligible students to help pay educational expenses. Since positions are limited, students should apply early. Applicants must complete the FAFSA and an Application for Federal Work-Study. Students are usually allowed to work up to 20 hours/week based on financial need.

Grants and Scholarships – Financial aid that does not require repayment. Grant amounts are based on need. Scholarships are usually based on academic merit.

Loan – Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest. Maximum loan amounts depend on the student's status in school and financial need.

Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTA) – The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program (LTAP) was created to supplement financial assistance to students who wish to attend two-year public or independent colleges in the state. The award is not based on need. Lottery-funded tuition assistance is determined by using the information on your FAFSA. You must be a South Carolina resident and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours. Lottery award amounts are based on credit hours of enrollment and availability of state funds. LTA is not available to assist with book expenses. If you have attempted 24 or more hours, you must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA to receive lottery funding.

Personal Identification Number (PIN) – you are assigned when you apply on line at www.pin.ed.gov. Both the student and parents can apply for a PIN. The PIN allows you to sign your FAFSA electronically and your promissory note for student loans.

Promissory note – The binding legal document you sign when you receive a student loan. It lists the conditions under which you are borrowing and the terms under which you agree to pay back the loan.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) – To be eligible to receive financial aid, you must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, diploma or certificate.

Selective Service Registration – Required by law, males must register with the Selective Service to receive most types of federal and state aid.

Stafford Loan – The Federal Stafford Loan is a low interest college loan made by a lender. To determine eligibility, students must complete the FAFSA, a Stafford Loan Request and a Master Promissory Note for Federal Stafford Loans. The Financial Aid office will counsel students as to the type of loan for which they are eligible and the amount they may borrow. Before a loan is certified, the student must complete a computerized entrance loan counseling session. Upon graduation or ceasing to be enrolled at least half time, the student must attend a computerized exit loan counseling session.

- **Subsidized Stafford Loan** – The federal government pays the interest while you are in school. You begin repayment and interest begins six months after you graduate or cease at least half-time enrollment.
- **Unsubsidized Stafford Loan** – Interest begins when you receive the loan

South Carolina Free Tuition (SCFT)

1. **Free Tuition for Children of Policemen, Firemen or other Emergency Services Personnel(SCFT)**– A child of a deceased or 100 percent disabled policeman, fireman or other emergency services personnel may be eligible to receive this benefit. The parent's death or disability must have been in the line of duty. This statute pertains to all town, city, municipality, county or state agency. The TTC Veterans Assistance Office will assist you with your application.
2. **Free Tuition for Children of Certain War Veterans** – A child of a wartime veteran may be eligible to receive this benefit. Eligibility and application information may be obtained from any County Veterans Affairs Office or write The Governors Office, Division of Veterans Affairs, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

South Carolina Need Based Grant (SCNGB) – The SCNGB is designed to provide additional financial aid to South Carolina's neediest students. The grant assists students who wish to attend public or independent colleges or universities in the state. To be eligible, a student must have been a S.C. resident for the last 12 months. The maximum award is \$2,500 for a full-time student.

Student Aid Report (SAR) – Lists all the information you reported on your FAFSA. It will contain your expected family contribution (EFC).

Managing Your Finances - Budgeting Basics

Step 1: Figure Out What You've Got

- Add up all your sources of income, including student grants, scholarships, loans, Work-Study income, income from part-time job and parent contribution.

Step 2: Figure Out What You Need

- Add up your tuition and living expenses.
- Estimate cost of books and supplies.
- Estimate cost of food, utilities, transportation, etc.
- Remember to include only things you need, not want.

Step 3: The Moment of Truth

- Compare your monthly income to your monthly expenses.
- If you don't have enough income to cover your expenses, figure out where you can cut corners.
- If you have extra, then add in the "want" items, such as entertainment.

Checklist and Helpful Hints

- Complete all federal and state tax returns as soon as possible after January 1 and keep a copy.
- Complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (Title IV school code for TTC is 004920). A link to FAFSA on the web is on TTC's website
- Respond quickly to all information requests made by the Financial Aid office and the FAFSA Processing Center.
- Keep copies of all financial aid documents including application, loan promissory notes, etc. Record any contact made with the Financial Aid office, including the date and with whom you spoke.
- Print all information on the FAFSA so it is clear and legible. Be sure to sign forms where a signature is requested.
- Clearly print your name and Social Security number or TTC ID on all information submitted to TTC's Financial Aid office.
- Remember to reapply for financial aid each year. The FAFSA must be resubmitted annually. The award year begins with fall semester and ends after the summer term.

ALL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE IS VIA TTC EXPRESS AND CAMPUSCRUISER

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You may not use FA/VA/SCFT to pay for audited courses, credit hours earned by placement test or noncredit course work. FA/VA/SCFT aid is available for developmental studies (remedial) course work taken within the first 30 hours of courses attempted. These courses will count toward your Standards of Progress (SAP) Course Completion Rate (CCR). Developmental courses that begin with a 0 do not affect SAP GPA calculations. Courses that begin with 1 or 2 do figure in SAP GPA calculations.

Financial aid will only pay for two attempts of ANY course and will not pay for developmental studies courses (courses that begin with a zero) after the first 30 hours of courses have been taken. Contact the VA office, on the Main Campus, for information concerning VA/SCFT course attempts.

The 14 Most Important Things to Know About Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid

<p>BASICS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The financial aid year begins with the Fall Semester and then includes the following Spring and Summer. Financial aid can be used to pay for only two attempts of any course. Contact the TTC VA Office for VA/SCFT course attempts information. W's help protect your GPA. W's hurt your CCR. F's hurt your GPA and your CCR. Developmental remedial course work may receive funding within the first 30 hours of courses attempted. These credits will be counted toward hours attempted and completed but will not affect the term GPA or cumulative GPA. <p>YOU are RESPONSIBLE for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> You must know and understand the financial aid rules and guidelines. You are responsible for knowing your eligibility status at all times. You must successfully complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for ANY FA aid to include the South Carolina Lottery-Funded Tuition Assistance. You must reapply for student aid EVERY year by successfully completing a new FAFSA. You must complete your certificate, diploma or degree program within 150 percent of the time prescribed for the program. (For more information on the 150% rule speak to your Financial Aid advisor) You MUST meet BOTH the Grade Point Average (GPA) and CCR (Course Completion Requirements) measures of the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to stay eligible for FA. <p>IF YOU DO NOT meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements BOTH the Grade Point Average (GPA) and Course Completion Requirements (CCR):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If you don't improve your standing after a warning and probation, your aid eligibility will be suspended. There are only two ways to regain your eligibility. One involves completing six hours in a single semester, at your expense, with a semester GPA of 2.0 or better. If you feel special circumstances caused you to be suspended, you may appeal to the committee for reinstatement. If you are on probation, and your cumulative GPA is less than 2.0, you will remain on probation as long as your current semester GPA is at least 2.0 and you meet CCR. If you are on probation, and your current semester GPA is less than 2.0, you will remain on probation, as long as your cumulative GPA is at least 2.0 and you meet CCR. The Appeals Committee seldom—if ever—considers "I didn't know" and "I didn't ask" to be special circumstances.
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THE FOLLOWING THREE TABLES WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND SAP POLICY. TABLE 1 CONTAINS SOME WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IN ORDER TO READ TABLE 2 AND TABLE 3.

Table 1: Words & Phrases Used in Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Word or Phrase	Meaning						
SAP GPA	To remain in good standing, each current semester's requirement. GPA must be at least 2.0. If you fall to probation status, suspension results if your current semester GPA and your cumulative (or overall) GPA are both below 2.0						
SAP CCR	You must complete course work for your certificate, diploma or degree at a pace that means you attempt no more than 150 percent of the total credit hours associated with your academic program. To help you stay on that pace, these are standards for how many credit hours you must complete each semester based on the number of hours in which you enroll. <i>If you are attempting:</i> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>12 or more hours</td> <td>9 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6-11 hours</td> <td>6 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-5 hours</td> <td>all hours</td> </tr> </table>	12 or more hours	9 hours	6-11 hours	6 hours	1-5 hours	all hours
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Some Things You Need to Know About D(s), F(s), I(s), & W(s)	<p>D While a D is a passing grade and will count as a completed course, it is worth only 1 point in GPA calculations. So, each D helps you meet the SAP CCR requirement, but it hurts your standing in meeting the SAP GPA requirement.</p> <p>W On the other hand, if you withdraw from a course (and receive a W), it does not help or hurt your GPA calculations. But, any course for which you receive a W is counted as an attempted—but not completed—course. A W does hurt your ability to meet the SAP CCR requirement.</p> <p>I An I (Incomplete) calculates as a F (see below) for SAP GPA until it changes to a grade(A-D,F) It also counts against your SAP CCR requirement.</p> <p>F Finally, an F hurts your standing in two ways. It earns 0 points in your GPA calculations. And, any course for which you earn an F is counted as an attempted—but not completed—course.</p>						
Both	Both means GPA and CCR. To remain in good standing you must meet BOTH the SAP GPA requirement AND the SAP CCR requirement.						
Special Circumstances	If your FA eligibility is suspended, you may decide to appeal for reinstatement. The Appeals Committee that makes appeal decisions may be willing to look at how some unusual or unexpected situation(s) hurt your ability to meet SAP GPA and/or SAP CCR standards. In most cases, the committee will want you to document two things about any situation that you are asking it to consider as a special circumstance. First, the situation did occur and it was unusual or unexpected. Second, you must show a direct link between the situation and your inability to meet GPA or CCR expectations. Remember, TTC offers extensive learning assistance, academic advising, financial aid customer service, disabilities services, and counseling services. Failing to use those services if you need them might cause you to have GPA and/or CCR problems, but that failure would not be a "special circumstance".						

Table 2: Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Measurements or "How to Keep Your Financial Aid Once You Get It"			
IF you meet the SAP GPA requirement by earning a 2.0 GPA or higher for the semester prior to the one for which you are requesting aid	AND you meet the SAP CCR by completing a specified number of credit hours based on the number of hours you attempted during the semester prior to the one for which you are requesting aid	THEN you are in GOOD STANDING as far as your FA eligibility is concerned.	You should continue to monitor your academic progress and use the College's advising counseling and learning assistance resources as needed.
IF you are in GOOD STANDING and you continue to meet the SAP requirements you remain in Good Standing. HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T then....			
IF you are in Good Standing and earn less than a 2.0 GPA in your current semester (thereby not meeting the SAP GPA requirement)	OR you do NOT meet the SAP CCR (You do not complete the number of hours in a semester based on the number you attempted)	THEN you are now on WARNING status. You may continue to receive FA for which you have qualified.	You should at least work to ensure that your next semester's GPA moves back above 2.0 AND/OR ensure that you complete the required number of courses during your next semester. You may want to contact your academic advisor or one of TTC's counselors for help.
IF you on WARNING status AND you meet SAP requirements, you return to Good Standing. HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T then....			
IF you are on Warning Status and earn less than a 2.0 GPA in your current semester (thereby not meeting the SAP GPA requirement)	OR you do NOT meet the SAP CCR (You do not complete the number of hours in a semester based on the number you attempted)	THEN you are now on PROBATION status. You may continue to receive FA for which you have qualified.	You should at least again re-examine what problems you are having and develop better plans to solve them. If you are not very clear about why you are on probation, contact our Financial Aid office and ask someone to help you understand.

Table 2: Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Measurements or "How to Keep Your Financial Aid Once You Get It"									
IF you are on PROBATION status AND you MEET SAP requirements, you return to GOOD STANDING. HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T, then one of two situations will apply to you..									
IF you are on PROBATION AND DO NOT MEET SAP (scenario 1)									
IF you are on Probation Status AND earn less than a 2.0 GPA in your current semester OR your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 (thereby not meeting the SAP GPA requirement)	AND you meet the SAP CCR by completing a specified number of credit hours based on the number of ours you attempted during the semester prior to the one for which you are requesting aid	THEN you remain on PROBATION status. You may continue to receive FA for which you have qualified.	You should at least work to ensure that your next semester's GPA moves back to 2.0 or higher AND/OR that your cumulative (overall) GPA moves back to 2.0 or higher. You need to continue meeting the SAP CCR as well. You may want to contact your academic advisor or one of TTC's counselors for help.						
IF you are on PROBATION AND DO NOT MEET SAP (scenario 2)									
IF you are on Probation Status AND earn less than a 2.0 GPA in your current semester AND your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 (thereby not meeting the SAP GPA requirement)	OR you do NOT meet the SAP CCR (you do not complete the number of hours in a semester based on the number you attempted)	THEN you are now on SUSPENSION status. You are now Not Eligible to receive FA until/unless you reestablish your eligibility.	You should at least see the next table to find out how (or if) you may reestablish your eligibility for FA student aid.						
TERMS TO REMEMBER									
SAP GPA	To remain in good standing, each current semester's requirement. GPA must be at least 2.0. If you fall to probation status, suspension results if your current semester GPA and your cumulative (or overall) GPA are both below 2.0								
SAP CCR	You must complete course work for your certificate, diploma or degree at a pace that means you attempt no more than 150 percent of the total credit hours associated with your academic program. To help you stay on that pace, these are standards for how many credit hours you must complete each semester based on the number of hours in which you enroll. If you are attempting: <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: top; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>12 or more hours</td> <td>9 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6-11 hours</td> <td>6 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-5 hours</td> <td>all hours</td> </tr> </table> You must complete at least:			12 or more hours	9 hours	6-11 hours	6 hours	1-5 hours	all hours
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6-11 hours	6 hours								
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Table 3: Your Financial Aid Eligibility Has Been Suspended

Once you are on suspension, there are only two ways to get back to Good Standing. **NO MATTER WHICH OPTION YOU CHOOSE, you are only able to move back to Probation status from Suspension**

You continue to have the same two options from which to choose if you wish to re-establish your eligibility until your THIRD Suspension (successfully appealed suspensions do not count in this total).

If you do not re-establish your eligibility after your THIRD suspension, your eligibility for FA is permanently ended

OPTION 1

While you are on Suspension, you may enroll in at least six (6) credit hours during any semester and pay your tuition and fees.

<p>IF you meet the SAP GPA by earning a 2.0 or higher for this semester AND you meet the SAP CCR by completing the specified number of credit hours based on the number of credit hours you attempted</p>	<p>THEN your FA eligibility may be reinstated for your next semester of enrollment. You will be on PROBATION during that semester. You do not need to appeal. Our Financial Aid Office will notify you of your status by Campus Cruiser email.</p>	<p>You should see Table 2 to determine how to return to Good Standing from Probation Status.</p>
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BUT if you DO NOT meet the FA SAP (by either having less than a 2.0 GPA for this semester **OR** by not completing the specified number of credit hours shown above), **THEN** your FA will not be reinstated and you are still on Suspension. Unless this was your THIRD Suspension you continue to have the same two options from which to choose if you wish to re-establish your eligibility.

OPTION 2

If special circumstances caused you to be suspended, you may appeal to TTC's Academic and Financial Aid Appeals Committee.

This Committee will review your case knowing that you have moved through the Warning and Probation statuses before being Suspended. Your appeal must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Services with any supporting documentation regarding special circumstances, by 5 p.m. on the day of open registration. The committee's decision is final.

<p>If your appeal is approved, the committee will reinstate your FA eligibility for your next semester of enrollment and will notify you by Campus Cruiser e-mail. However, you are still on PROBATION status during that semester.</p>	<p>If you meet SAP during your semester of reinstatement, you will return to Good Standing for FA eligibility for the next semester.</p>	<p>You should continue to meet SAP to remain in Good Standing.</p>
	<p>If you do NOT meet SAP during your semester of reinstatement, then you return to SUSPENSION status</p>	<p>Unless this was your THIRD Suspension, you continue to have the same two options from which to choose if you wish to re-establish your eligibility.</p>

If the committee denies your appeal then you may still attempt to regain your FA eligibility through using Option A unless this was your THIRD Suspension. If this was your THIRD Suspension, your eligibility for FA is permanently ended. Remember, successfully appealed suspensions **do not** count in this total.

Veterans Affairs

Trident Technical College is a fully accredited institution of higher learning that is certified to process educational benefits for veterans, reservists, veterans spouses and children of 100 percent disabled or deceased veterans and active duty personnel with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the State of South Carolina. TTC is also designated a Service Members Opportunity College (SOC) by the Department of Defense, the American Council on Education (ACE) and the American Association of Community Colleges. TTC is also a participating member of the SOCNAV (Navy), SOCMAR (Marines) and SOCAD (Army) programs. Information about all SOC programs is available at your Military Education Office. As a SOC institution, TTC is committed to assisting veterans, eligible spouses and dependent children, and active duty personnel meet their educational needs.

TTC has full-time Veterans Assistance Offices (VA) located on the Main Campus and the Palmer Campus. The TTC VA Office is staffed with TTC employees that coordinate college services and provide information, referrals and assistance to veteran students, reservists, active duty personnel and eligible dependents of veterans with admission, educational and vocational counseling, financial aid and other needs that affect educational progress. The telephone number at Main Campus is 843.574.6105 and the Palmer Campus number is 843.937.5356.

For more VA and/or South Carolina State Free information, visit Current Students on TTC's Web site (<http://www.tridenttech.edu/>) or check the TTC catalog.

Applying for Benefits

Once you have applied to the College and accepted in an approved program of study contact the TTC VA Office. The TTC VA Office personnel will assist you with submitting the appropriate application for educational benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Decatur, Georgia (DVA). The complete process of an initial application will take 30 to 45 days for the DVA to process the paperwork. If you have not received an award or acknowledgment letter from VA within 45 days or if you have specific questions concerning the status of your claim or release dates of checks call the DVA at 1.888.442.4551 or e-mail them by visiting <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> and click on Ask a Question and Find Answers.

VA Educational Benefit Programs

- Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Educational Assistance Program-Chapter 30
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment-Chapter 31
- Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program – Chapter 32
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance-Chapter 35
- Montgomery GI Bill- Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program-Chapter 1606
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)-Chapter 1607

For more detailed information on the Veterans Educational Assistance Programs, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Processing Center at 1.888.442.4551 or visit the Web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E) – Chapter 31 provides vocational-educational counseling to veterans and certain dependents. Eligibility for this service is based on having eligibility for a VA Education program such as: Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill); Chapter 32 (Veterans Education Assistance Program - VEAP); Chapter 35 (Dependents Education Assistance Program) for certain spouses and dependent children; Chapter 18 (Spina Bifida Program) for certain dependent children; Chapter 1606 (Reservists Education Program); Public Law 102-16 (for Transitioning Service members).

Call the nationwide toll free number, 1-800-827-1000 to request VA Form 28-8832, Application for Vocational Educational Counseling.

The VR&E – Chapter 31 education benefit will pay your tuition, fees, books and supplies required for the program of study approved by VR&E.

Free Tuition for Certain Veterans’ Children

This program provides free tuition for children of certain war veterans attending South Carolina state supported colleges and universities as well as state supported post high school technical education institutions. Certain residency requirements apply. For questions or to apply contact the TTC Veterans Assistance Office or call The State Office of Veterans’ Affairs at 803.255.4255.

Payment of Benefits

VA payments are made directly to the student, in accordance with federal regulations. The amount of assistance received is based on rate of attendance (i.e., full time, three-quarter time, and half-time) and the type of VA benefits for which the student is eligible. Direct deposit of educational checks is available for all VA educational programs except for students attending under Chapter 35.

Chapter 30 and Chapter 1606 students must call 1.877.823.2378 on the last day of the month to verify their attendance before the DVA will release any payment. Verifications may also be made online with WAVE at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.

Chapter 35 students enrolled in diploma or certificate programs can verify their enrollment monthly by calling 1.888.442.4551. Also, the DVA will mail a monthly enrollment verification form to the student. The student must complete the form and mail it back to the DVA before the DVA will release any payment to the student.

VA students, except for those attending under Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment –Chapter 31, are responsible for paying their tuition, fees, expenses and instructional fees by the published dates in the TTC *On Course*. New students or students reentering after an interval of 30 days or longer may be eligible to request advance payment to help meet college related expenses. Contact the TTC VA Office to request advance payment. The process to request advance payment should be submitted to the VA no later than 45 days before semester registration to allow sufficient time for processing.

These hours apply for VA payment purposes only.

Fall and Spring Semesters

Full-time	12 semester credit hours
3/4	9 semester credit hours
1/2	6 semester credit hours
Less than 1/2	4-5 semester credit hours

Summer Semester

Since the Summer Semester is considered an Accelerated term, the following hours apply for VA payment purposes:

Full-time	7 semester credit hours
3/4	5-6 semester credit hours
1/2	4 semester credit hours
Less than 1/2 time	3 semester credit hours

Your enrollment is certified to the VA based on the beginning and ending date of the course you are registered in. This includes courses in all Fast Forward sessions and the standard terms.

Earning and Keeping Your Benefits

To earn benefits, you are required to adhere to rules and regulations governed by the VA educational assistance program in which you are receiving benefits.

- You must be enrolled in an undergraduate program of study leading to an associate, diploma or certificate. VA will only allow payment for the courses that are required for graduation in the program of study outlined in the college catalog as approved by the State Approving Agency and prerequisites courses, or refresher/remedial courses if recommended by the placement test. VA will not pay you for retaking a course for which you received a passing grade, any courses for which you receive transfer credit, auditing courses, credit hours earned by placement test or noncredit course work.
- If you have previously attended another college, you must request official copies of your military and college transcripts be submitted to the TTC Registrar’s Office. The Department of Veterans Affairs requires the College to report transfer credits that will apply to a student’s major. Your enrollment will be certified for two semesters only pending evaluation of your transcripts. It is your responsibility to check with the TTC Registrar’s office to review transfer credits and with your TTC advisor to review all credits previously taken at TTC that will fulfill graduation requirements in a new program.
- Benefits are available for developmental study (remedial) course work taken within the first 30 hours of courses attempted.
- You must maintain satisfactory attendance, conduct, and progress.

Conditions for Interruption of Benefits

- You are responsible for reporting any change in program, address, telephone number, or course schedule to the TTC VA Office.
- Each semester you must submit a copy of your course schedule to the TTC VA Office. Your enrollment to the VA will not be certified for benefits without your course schedule. If your schedule is purged for nonpayment of tuition, your enrollment to the VA will not be processed until your courses are reinstated and your tuition is paid. If this situation occurs, you must bring your reinstated schedule to the TTC Veterans Assistance Office and request your enrollment certification to be submitted to the VA.
- You must declare a VA approved major to receive benefits. You should choose your major carefully. Changing your major slows down progress toward completion of your degree, uses up your benefits, and delays the processing time to certify your enrollment and payment of benefits from the VA. If you change your major, you must complete a Student Information Update Form in the Admissions Office and you must complete a Program Change Form for the VA. Notify the TTC Veterans Assistance Office to complete the Program Change Form for the VA. This form has to be completed before a new certification of benefits to the VA can be certified.

- You must attend class in a traditional classroom or maintain active involvement in online or other modes of distance learning courses. If you have to withdraw from a course or withdraw completely from school, you must notify the TTC Veterans Assistance Office and the VA. When completing the withdrawal form you must have your instructor sign the form and complete your last date of attendance in the course. Submit your withdrawal form to the TTC Admissions Office and bring a copy of the form to the TTC Veterans Assistance Office. Failure to follow this procedure will result in late reports to the VA and will result in future overpayments that you will have to pay back. If mitigating circumstances caused the withdrawal, you must submit a statement explaining the circumstances, which TTC will submit to VA for the VA to make their determination.
- You must maintain satisfactory attendance, conduct, and progress as outlined by Trident Technical College's academic probation/academic standing policy to continue receiving benefits. If the standards are not met, the TTC Veterans Assistance Office will notify appropriate agencies and your benefits will be suspended. Benefits may resume if the conditions that caused the suspension are corrected.

Attendance Policy for Students Receiving VA Benefits and SCFT

All veterans and eligible persons receiving VA educational benefits while enrolled at TTC are required to maintain class attendance. When a student's absences in a traditional class exceeds two consecutive weeks of scheduled meetings after the drop/add period, the instructor will complete and submit an Attendance/Progress Report to the TTC VA Office. If a student ceases active involvement in online or other modes of distance learning courses for two consecutive weeks, the same procedure of reporting will apply. Attendance reports resulting in a reduction of credit hours enrolled have to be reported to the Department of Veterans Affairs and will result in an overpayment of benefits. The TTC VA Office will notify the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia or the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office in Charleston, SC of the change in enrollment. The respective offices will determine the necessary adjustment to a student's educational benefits.

Standards of Academic Progress

Students receiving veteran's educational benefits and students receiving Free Tuition for Certain Veterans' Children must be making satisfactory progress toward a degree, diploma or certificate. The TTC Veterans Assistance Office must monitor the progress of these students to ensure that they are making satisfactory progress toward completion of their program in a reasonable period of time. The Standards of Academic Progress required by Trident Technical College's students are the guidelines used for all veterans, veteran's dependents, reservists, and active duty personnel. Please review this policy thoroughly as it is the student's responsibility to understand the requirements. The Academic Standards of Progress policy can be found on TTC's Web site (<http://www.tridenttech.edu>).

VA Work-study

Students enrolled in $\frac{3}{4}$ or full time attendance are eligible to apply for a VA work-study job. Applications can be obtained from the TTC Veterans Assistance Office.

Activated Student Reservists

Students currently attending college that have been called to active duty must notify the TTC Veterans Assistance Office. Information and procedures to follow are outlined at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/scoguard/ActMobil.htm>.

Servicemember's Opportunity College of the Navy Program (SOCNAV)

If you are active duty personnel or a dependent of active duty personnel and have declared a major in a program of study at TTC, you are eligible for a Servicemember's Opportunity College of the Navy Student Agreement. The Student Agreement gives you a degree plan that shows the courses and other requirements needed to complete your program. The Student Agreement is a contract-for-degree made by the College with you. This agreement is your guarantee that you will receive a degree from TTC when all requirements for the degree are completed. Eight TTC programs are available through the Navy Distance Learning Program.

To receive a Student Agreement for SOCNAV, contact the Registrar's office in the Student Center on Main Campus. You must complete a minimum of 25 percent of your major program of study curriculum at TTC. If you transfer to other locations, refer to the SOCNAV Handbook to identify courses from other colleges that can be used to completed your degree. The SOCNAV Handbook is available at all Navy campus offices.

International Students

TTC students are from 116 countries and enjoy participation in an active international student organization at the College. The admissions coordinator for international students is located at the Main Campus and is the College's designated school officer (DSO) with the Department of Homeland Security.

F-1 STUDENTS

F-1 students are registered in SEVIS, the Department of Homeland Security international student software tracking system, immediately upon arrival at TTC. The college listed on the I-20 form and on the F-1 visa is the only college the student is authorized to attend. F-1 students are required to pursue a full course of study (at least 12 semester hours) during spring and fall semesters; however, students starting TTC in Summer Term must be full time. F-1 students are required to make normal progress and maintain academic good standing toward completing their course of study and must complete studies before the I-20 program completion date. F-1 students are required to keep a valid I-20 by following proper procedures for changes in educational level or program of study, requesting extensions or transfers, or exceptions to full-time status. F-1 students may remain in the United States longer than the 60-day grace period after completing a full course of study ONLY if granted approval prior to completion for practical training, transfer or changing educational levels. F-1 students are NOT allowed to work off campus without specific authorization. F-1 deposits may not be used for tuition or fees and are not refunded until completion of the second term.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

All international students must abide by rules requiring disclosure of information and prohibition on criminal activity, and also by any special requirement such as Special Registration. All visa and permanent resident students must provide a current street address and must report any change in address to the Department of Homeland Security and to TTC's DSO in Admissions. F-1 address changes are updated in the SEVIS software. For additional information, see www.uscis.gov.

The Registration Process

In-Person Registration

The following students **MUST** register in person: new students, students who have not attended TTC since January 1, 2002, undecided majors, high school students, students on academic suspension or returning from suspension, and students who owe College fees.

New Students

1. Apply for admission to TTC and receive your acceptance letter.
2. Attend Orientation
3. Contact your advisor to set up an appointment to be advised and to register. Your advisor's name will be given to you during Orientation. If you are unable to contact your advisor, someone in your degree program department can assist you.
4. Register during Priority Registration for the best schedule.
5. Review course list for class offerings prior to advisor appointment.
6. Take a Registration Form to appointment.

Returning Students

If you have completed credit courses at TTC within the last three terms, follow these steps in order to register:

1. Register during Online Priority Registration if eligible. Students register according to a priority status based on accumulated credit hours.
2. If ineligible to register during Online Priority Registration, register during Priority Registration for the best schedule.

If you have not completed credit courses at TTC within the last three terms, follow these steps in order to register:

1. Complete a Student Update form in the Admissions Office.
2. Contact our advisor to set up an appointment to be advised and to register.
3. Register during Online Priority Registration if eligible. Students register according to a priority status based on accumulated credit hours.
4. If ineligible to register during Online Priority Registration, register during Priority Registration for the best schedule.

Nondegree Students

If you are not seeking a certificate, diploma or degree and are not assigned an advisor, follow these steps in order to successfully register:

1. Register during Online Priority Registration if eligible. Students register according to a priority status based on accumulated credit hours.
2. If ineligible to register during the Online Priority Registration, register during Priority Registration for the best schedule.
3. Register in the Orientation Centers or Admissions and Registrar's office windows on any campus during Priority Registration.
4. Review the class list for class offerings prior to visit to the Orientation Centers or Admissions and Registrar's office windows and complete a Registration Form with desired courses.

Visit TTC's Web site (<http://www.tridenttech.edu/>) to find out about your advisor, online priority registration, priority registration and class list.

Registration for Undecided Students

Undecided students are advised by counselors in Counseling and Career Services at Main Campus and the Student Success Centers at Palmer and Berkeley campuses. Refer to the registration tips before meeting with your advisor.

ALL STUDENTS CAN REGISTER WITH AN ADVISOR ON DUTY ON REGISTRATION DAY IF THEY DID NOT REGISTER DURING ON-LINE OR PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Prerequisites

Many courses require prerequisite courses and/or test scores. A prerequisite is either a completed course or specified test scores needed to enroll in another course. TTC's computer system will automatically block your registration when a prerequisite course and/or placement test score is required for enrollment in the course if your TTC records do not show that you have met the prerequisites.

If prerequisites are not included in your TTC record but you have evidence of meeting required prerequisites (transcripts, grade sheets, or qualifying test scores) you may contact the academic department head to request departmental approval to take the course. (See Registration - Helpful Tips)

Auditing Courses

If you do not wish to receive a grade or college credit or take final examinations, you may register as an audit student. You cannot change your status from audit to credit or from credit to audit after the drop/add period. If you are an audit student you must pay full tuition for courses. You may audit an individual course only one time. Exceptions must be approved by the vice president for Academic Affairs. Some courses cannot be audited, and some may have special requirements. Contact the appropriate academic department head or dean for more information. You must get departmental approval to audit courses with prerequisite or corequisite courses or skill requirements if your TTC records do not show that you have met the prerequisites or other requirements. You may be asked to provide evidence of prerequisites or skill requirements such as transcripts, grade reports or test scores.

Registration – Helpful Tips

- **Fast Forward and Weekend College courses** are taught in the same amount of instructional time as semester courses, just condensed into fewer weeks. These courses are listed in a separate section in *On Course*.
- **To complete an associate degree in two years**, you must register for at least 15 semester credit hours per semester. Some programs require more than 15 semester credit hours per semester. To register for classes, you must first apply for admission to the College and be accepted to the College as a TTC student. When you complete the admission requirements for the program of study you have selected, you will receive an acceptance letter in the mail (unless you are applying after Priority Registration). You must be accepted before you can register. Review the list of courses that are required for your program of study in the TTC catalog.
- **On Course lists courses offered for the upcoming semester.** The *On Course* schedule is available in the Admissions office approximately two weeks before Priority Registration begins. Be sure to consult *On Course* every time you register for an upcoming semester because procedures and fees are subject to change. You will find additional information in *On Course* about specific class sections such as lab requirements, computer-based sections, special start and end dates, and other important details.
- **The earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting the classes you want at the times you need.** Make an appointment with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor is assigned through the Orientation Center. Academic advisors' phone numbers are listed in the front of the *On Course* schedule, and faculty advisors' office hours are posted on their office doors. You also can check My Profile on TTC Express for your academic advisor.
- Your academic advisor will assist you in scheduling your classes and checking for **prerequisites and corequisites**. You also can check the course descriptions in the TTC catalog to find out what prerequisites or corequisites are required for a course.

- **If you do not meet corequisite or prerequisite requirements for a course, you cannot register for the course unless you receive approval from the appropriate academic department.** To register for the courses your academic advisor and you have selected, the courses must be entered into the College's computer system during the Priority Registration or Registration period. Registration dates are listed in *On Course*.
- **Check your printed schedule immediately after registering to confirm days, times, courses and campus locations.** Correct any errors immediately while the sections you have selected are still available.
- **Deadlines for paying tuition** also are listed in *On Course*. If you miss tuition and fee payment deadlines, you will be dropped from all classes. Courses may be canceled if too few students enroll. If one of your courses is canceled, you will be notified so that you can add another section or course during the drop/add period.
- **Once you pay tuition and fees,** you can obtain a **parking decal** from the Business office and a student identification card from Student Activities.
- **If you register then decide to change the times and/or days of a course, you must select a different section of the same course.** Course section numbers are listed in *On Course*, at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/> and in the TTC Express online registration system.

Credit by Examination

TTC offers students enrolled in credit courses the option to exempt some courses through Credit by Examination. However, because of articulation agreements or the nature of the course, some courses cannot be challenged. Each academic department, working within the framework of the overall College policy, has established procedures for Credit by Examination. If you are interested, contact the appropriate department head or dean for those procedures.

A nonrefundable fee is charged for administering each written examination. You may not take a Credit by Examination test for a course in which you have earned a previous grade, including withdrawal. A student enrolled in a course may not take a Credit by Examination test for that course after the drop/add period. The only exception is the student who audits a course. A Credit by Examination test may be taken only once. To receive credit, you must earn a minimum grade of C. Credit hours awarded through Credit by Exam must not exceed 25 percent of your total curriculum hours. Credits earned through Credit by Examination are not added to your grade point average.

Course Cancellations

You are entitled to a 100 percent refund of tuition for any courses you registered for that are canceled by the College. If you choose to add another course in place of the canceled course, follow the drop/add process and contact the Business office to determine any increase or decrease in tuition.

Drop / Add

Drop/add dates and deadlines are published in the Student Handbook calendar and *On Course* schedule of courses. Courses may not be added or sections changed after the drop/add period.

Refunds for canceled courses or courses dropped are processed and mailed to you within three to four weeks after the drop/add period. You will forfeit a tuition refund unless you officially drop during the refund period as outlined in *On Course*.

You can add or drop a course on TTC Express or you can initiate the process in the Registrar's office on Main Campus or the Admissions office at the Palmer or Berkeley campus.

If you decide to add or change a course, it is essential that you follow the drop/add procedures and deadlines. Drop/adds are processed in the Registrar's or Admissions offices at each campus.

It is your responsibility to initiate the paperwork to drop or withdraw from courses. Withdrawals are processed on campus in the Registrar's office or Admission office or Palmer and Berkeley campuses.

Failure to attend courses does not constitute proper procedure for dropping or withdrawing from courses. An F will be assigned if you do not officially drop/withdraw. Also, if you haven't paid for courses by the payment deadline, you will be removed from all courses.

Withdrawal from Courses

You can withdraw from a course after the drop/add period on TTC Express or you can initiate the process in Registrar's office on Main Campus or the Admissions office at the Palmer or Berkeley campus.

You will receive a W in courses when you withdraw after the drop/add period. Refunds are prorated according to TTC Refund policy during the established refund period. The last day to withdraw from a course and receive a grade of W is published in the academic calendar.

When you withdraw, the grade of W will be entered on your academic record. This grade will not affect your GPA but may affect your financial aid eligibility for future semesters. If you are receiving federal student aid Title IV funds, you need to discuss course withdrawals and your financial aid status with a member of the Financial Aid staff.

If you do not officially withdraw from a course, you will receive a grade of F on your permanent academic record. A decision not to attend a course does not constitute a withdrawal from it. If you stop attending classes without officially withdrawing, you risk harming your academic record with a failing grade. The withdrawal policy for some programs is more restrictive and will apply to students in those programs.

VETERANS WITHDRAWAL POLICY

TTC requires veteran students who withdraw from a course to obtain the last date of attendance from the instructor for inclusion on the withdrawal form before submitting the form to the Registrar's office for processing. A copy of the withdrawal form must be submitted to the TTC Veterans Assistance Office. Veteran students who withdraw from a class or classes need to contact the TTC Veterans Assistance Office to discuss your award status and the VA policy on withdrawals.

Payments, Refunds and Account Balances

Payment Policy

When you register for the upcoming semester, you are required to pay the balance due on your account by the published payment due date. TTC must receive payment for the balance due by the published payment due date, or the College will remove your enrollment in courses for the next semester.

The deadline for payment applies to all students with a balance due on their account, including those receiving financial aid if a balance due exists after financial aid has been applied.

If you enrolled during the Priority Registration period and are removed from classes for nonpayment, you may not be able to re-enroll until Final Registration day. There is no guarantee that you will be able to re-enroll in the original course sections that you selected.

Failure to pay the balance due by the published payment due date will result in your removal from all enrolled courses.

Refund Policy

Refunds are processed according to TTC policy. You must drop/add or withdraw on TTC Express or complete a drop/add or withdrawal form and submit it to the Registrar's office to receive a refund during the designated refund period. Withdrawals after the prorated refund period are not eligible for refunds. (Failure to attend class is not official notice of withdrawal.) See the College catalog, TTC Web site (www.tridenttech.edu) or *On Course* schedule for refund guidelines and published refund dates.

Account Balances

You are responsible for accessing your TTC Express account to determine the amount that you owe. The balance that you owe can be viewed by clicking on the Balance Due screen in TTC Express. If you applied for financial aid, the balance due amount is what you actually owe after all financial aid awards that you are eligible to receive have been applied to your account.

You will not receive a bill in the mail for tuition and fees due. Your grades, transcript, financial aid status and account balance can be viewed online using your TTC Express account. Go to www.tridenttech.edu.

Student Records

The Registrar's Office is responsible for maintaining student records, including the registration process, student grades, grade point average calculations, academic honors, standards of progress for academic standing, transcript evaluation, student transcripts, graduation applications and conferral of degrees.

TTC students can register or view their student records online in TTC Express by going to TTC Web site at www.tridenttech.edu.

Attendance Requirements

Before attending classes, you must meet all prerequisites and officially register for all courses. Prompt and regular attendance is your responsibility. You are responsible for all material covered and all assignments made in class. Any time you are absent from a class, laboratory or other scheduled events, it is your responsibility to make satisfactory arrangements for any makeup work permitted by the instructor.

An absence is defined as nonattendance for any reason, including illness, emergency or official leave. If you arrive late to class, you may not be allowed into the classroom and may be considered absent for that period. If you leave before the instructor dismisses class, you may also be considered absent. All class sessions are important. Any time you miss a class, you increase your risk of making a failing grade.

If you quit coming or participating in the course and do not officially withdraw by the withdrawal date for each semester, you will receive a grade of F or U. Your instructor cannot assign a grade of W. If you receive financial aid or veterans' aid, your aid may be revised as a result of any changes in your course schedule.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Trident Technical College is required by federal regulations to track and report changes in international students enrollment or attendance during the semester. Faculty are required to notify the Admissions office when an international student stops attending a traditional class or stops active involvement in a distance learning class for more than two weeks. The College's International Students Admissions Coordinator will notify the Department of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services when an international student has ceased attendance or changed their enrollment status during the semester.

VETERANS ATTENDANCE POLICY

All veterans and eligible persons receiving VA educational benefits while enrolled TTC are required to maintain class attendance. When a student's absences in a traditional class exceeds two consecutive weeks of scheduled meetings after the drop/add period, the instructor will complete and submit an Attendance/Progress Report to the TTC VA Office. If a student ceases active involvement in online or other modes of distance learning courses for two consecutive weeks, the same procedure of reporting will apply. The TTC VA Office will notify the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia or the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office in Charleston, S. C. of the change in enrollment. The respective offices will determine the necessary adjustment to a student's educational benefits.

Withdrawal Policy

After the drop/add period, you may withdraw from a course either on TTC Express or by completing a withdrawal form in the Registrar's office. Refunds are prorated according to TTC Refund policy. The last day to withdraw from a course and receive a grade of W is published in the academic calendar. The academic calendar is printed in the calendar section of this handbook.

If you withdraw, the grade of W will be entered on your academic record. This grade will not affect your GPA.

Failure to submit paperwork to withdraw from a course will result in the grade of F on your permanent academic record. A decision not to attend a course does not constitute a withdrawal from it. If you stop attending classes without officially withdrawing from the course(s), you risk harming your academic record with a failing grade. The withdrawal policy for some programs is more restrictive and will apply to students in those programs.

If you are receiving Title IV financial assistance, you need to discuss withdrawals and your financial aid status with a member of the Financial Aid staff. Students who are receiving financial aid and totally withdraw prior to the end of the 60 percent period in a semester will be subject to repayment of Title IV funds.

VETERANS WITHDRAWAL POLICY

TTC requires veteran students who withdraw from a course to obtain the last date of attendance from the instructor for inclusion on the withdrawal form before submitting the form to the Admissions office for processing. A copy of the withdrawal form must be submitted to the TTC Veterans Assistance Office. Veteran students who withdraw from a class or classes need to contact the TTC Veterans Assistance Office to discuss your award status and the VA policy on withdrawals.

Change of Student Information

The information given on your original application for admission is considered current. Failure to report address changes causes delays in receiving important correspondence. To change any personal information or program of study, you must complete a Student Information Update form in the Admissions office. You can also update your address on TTC Express->Address Change.

Change of Program Major

You may change your major at any time if you meet the academic qualifications for the program. If you decide to change your major, submit the request to the Registrar Office at Main Campus or to the Admissions Office at Palmer or Berkeley Campus prior to registration. The Orientation Center will assign a new advisor based on your new major. All changes submitted during the drop/add period will be effective that semester. Changes submitted after the drop/add period will be effective the next semester.

If you are receiving Veterans educational benefits and change your major, you must contact the TTC VA Office and complete the Program Change Form for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Release of Student Records

Transcripts are issued by the Registrar's office. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), known as the Buckley Amendment, requires that you sign individual release forms for each company, school or individual to whom you desire information released.

Parents of post secondary level students have no inherent rights to view a student's education records. Records may be released to parents only under the following circumstances:

- By written consent of the student
- In compliance with a subpoena
- By parents submitting evidence that the student is declared as a dependent on their most recent Federal Income Tax form (IRS Code of 1954, Section 152).

Parents or guardians of dependent students may access dependent student records by completing a request form and providing appropriate documentation to verify the dependent status of the student to the office of the vice president for Student Services.

In accordance with FERPA, Trident Technical College is allowed to publish the following designated student directory information relating to individual students: the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. Students wishing to restrict publication of their student directory information must notify the Registrar's office in writing.

Procedures to be used for compliance with the provision of the Act can be found in the Registrar's office and the Student Services office. Questions concerning the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to the Registrar's office and the Vice President for Student Services office.

Home Program

The Home program is available for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science students who leave TTC before completing their degrees. Participants can transfer selected, pre-approved credits back to TTC to complete their associate degrees. See your advisor for details.

Grading System

You may view your grades online at TTC Express. Grades will not be released in the Admissions office. Report address changes immediately to the Admissions office or update directly on TTC Express.

Unit of Credit

The semester credit hour is the system of credit used by TTC. Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are not rounded.

Calculating GPA

The words grade, point and average give you a clue as to how you find your GPA. First you have to determine your grade points, and then you take an average. Every letter grade has a numerical value assigned to it: A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1; F=0.

To find out your grade points for a class you have taken, multiply the numerical value of your letter grade by the credit hours assigned to the course. Example: you took English 101, which is three credit hours, and you earned a C in the course (Remember, C=2). Just multiply 2 (for the C) x 3 (credit hours). That is, $2 \times 3 = 6$. So, for this class, you have six grade points.

Now calculate the grade points for each class using the example below:

Course	Credits	Grade Earned	Grade Value	Grade Points
ENG-101	3	C	2	$3 \times 2 = 6$
CHM-110	4	A	4	$4 \times 4 = 16$
PSY-201	3	B	3	$3 \times 3 = 9$
Total Credits	10	and Grade Points		31

Once you have figured out your grade points you can compute the average. To compute the grade point average:

1. Total your grade points by adding the grade points from each class: $6+16+9=31$
2. Total the number of credits attempted: $3+4+3=10$
3. Divide the total grade points by the total number of credits: 31 divided by 10 = 3.1

The grade point average, or GPA, in this case is 3.1.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade	Numerical Scale
A	91-100
B	81-90
C	71-80
D	65-70
F	Below 65

Grade System Chart				
	Grade	Used in GPA Calculations	Earns Credit Hours	Grade Points Carried Each Credit Hour
A	Excellent	Yes	Yes	4
B	Above Average	Yes	Yes	3
C	Average	Yes	Yes	2
D	Below Average	Yes	Yes	1
F	Failure	Yes	No	0
I	Incomplete*	No	No	0
W	Withdrawn	No	No	0
SC	Satisfactory Completion	No	Yes	0
U	Unsatisfactory	No	No	0
AU	Audit	No	No	0

**Defaults to F (or U, if applicable) automatically after midterm of the next semester, unless work is completed and grade is assigned by the instructor.*

Repeated Courses

If you repeat a course to attain a higher grade point average, the first grade will remain on your transcript. However, the highest grade obtained for that course will be used to compute your grade point average.

Grade Changes

To request a change of grade in any course, contact the instructor who originally assigned the grade. You must request any grade change within two semesters of the semester in which the grade was assigned.

Incomplete Grades

Requirements for an Incomplete grade (I) must be completed by midterm of the next semester. A grade of F or U will be assigned for an I that is not removed by the appropriate date.

Requests for a change of grade other than Incomplete must be submitted to the Registrar's office by the appropriate faculty member within one semester to two semesters following the semester in which the grade was assigned.

Academic Honors

To be placed on the dean's list by the academic dean in your division of study, you must meet the following requirements:

- Declare a major;
- Take a minimum course load of 12 credit hours for the full-time dean's list or a minimum course load of six credit hours for the part-time dean's list;
- Earn a current semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or above;
- Receive no course grade lower than a C during the given semester. A grade of D, F or I during the given semester disqualifies you from the dean's list. A designation of Audit (AU) or Satisfactory Completion (SC) does not affect inclusion on the dean's list, as long as your remaining course load meets or exceeds the minimum hours required.

Academic Standing

Students who are unable to achieve passing grades for a semester will be subject to meeting the requirements of the College's academic action which includes a warning and probation period followed by academic suspension for a semester when academic standards are not met as follows:

Academic good standing

Academic good standing occurs when your current term GPA is at least 2.0 or higher, and your last academic standing was not academic suspension.

Academic warning

Academic warning occurs when your current term GPA is below 2.00. If you are on warning, you will receive a letter explaining the College's academic warning/academic standing policy and advising you that you will be placed on academic probation if your term GPA is below 2.00 for a second consecutive term.

Academic probation

Academic probation occurs when your current term GPA is below 2.00 and your last academic action was academic warning. If you are on probation, you will receive a letter from TTC explaining the College's academic probation/academic standing policy and advising you that a second consecutive term GPA below 2.00 as well as a cumulative GPA below 2.00 will result in academic suspension.

Academic suspension

An academic suspension for one semester occurs after any three consecutive terms of enrollment in which your term GPA is below 2.0, and first term in which your cumulative GPA is below 2.0. Consecutive terms of enrollment are any two terms in which the student is enrolled even if there are terms in between in which the student is not enrolled.

After being academically suspended for one semester, you must meet with a counselor in Counseling and Career Development Services.

Students are placed on academic and financial aid suspension when their academic performance falls below the minimum standards set by the College (cumulative grade point average and/or credit hour completion rate).

Students may appeal their suspension by completing the online appeal form on the TTC Web site (www.tridenttech.edu) and submitting printed documentation of the extenuating circumstances causing their poor performance to the counter in the Student Center, Bldg. 410, Main Campus or to the Admissions office at Palmer or Berkeley campuses. This explanation and documentation must not only describe the circumstance but also its resolution for future enrollment.

The appeal process is overseen through the office of the vice president for Student Services. The appeal deadline is 5 p.m. on the final registration day for the upcoming term.

The online appeal form must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. Appeals submitted without appropriate documentation will be denied. Appropriate documentation includes:

- One page, typewritten letter explaining the circumstances and their resolution
- Physicians/hospital report detailing the duration and extent of serious health conditions
- Police reports and associated documentation
- Any other relevant documentation to substantiate the appeal

An extenuating circumstance shall be defined as a situation involving a serious health condition of the student, death or serious health condition of an immediate family member, or a traumatic/extraordinary event. Immediate family must be related to the student or student's spouse as follows: parents/legal guardians, grandparents, brothers, sisters and children

Relatives outside this definition require additional documentation or a more immediate relationship. A serious health condition is defined as an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

- Any period of incapacity or treatment related to inpatient care
- Any period of incapacity requiring care by a health care provider resulting in five consecutive absences
- Continuing treatment by a health care provider for a chronic or long-term condition that is incurable or so serious that, if not treated, would result in a period of incapacity
- A traumatic/extraordinary event shall be defined as a sudden, uncontrollable event that adversely affects the student's academic performance, such as natural disaster, divorce, rape, religious mission, military duty and mandated work schedule changes.

Not included in this definition are issues such as transportation, roommate problems, problems with faculty, difficult course load, etc.

You will be notified through your student e-mail account in CampusCruiser of the appeals committee's decision. The committee's decision is final.

Academic Fresh Start

Academic Fresh Start is available to you on a one-time basis if you re-enroll at TTC after a period of three years and wish to expunge your previous academic record at TTC. To qualify, you must meet specific conditions. Details are available in the Registrar's office or on the TTC Web site (www.tridenttech.edu). (Academic Fresh Start does not apply to financial aid.)

Graduation Process

The College awards associate degrees, diplomas and certificates upon the successful completion of the required academic course work as described in the Catalog.

Some programs may permit the use of courses not listed in the current catalog as course substitutions for required courses or electives. The decision to permit the use of course substitutions is made by the student's academic program of study. Students must request course substitutions through their advisor.

Upon completing requirements for any associate degree, diploma or certificate, you should apply for graduation from that particular program. Diplomas may not be issued for programs that have been discontinued.

To graduate, you must have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better for all courses required in your degree, diploma or certificate program. If you have earned credit hours from other institutions or agencies, you may meet the qualifications for graduation by completing a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required in courses in your program at TTC. Refer to College Admissions Procedures for catalog applicability.

If you decide to re-enroll at TTC after graduating, you will need to declare a new major to continue your studies in a new program of study by submitting a student update form to the Admissions office.

Applying for Graduation

To apply for your associate degree, diploma or certificate, use the graduation application available in the Registrar's office or submit the online graduation application in TTC Express.

To be eligible to participate in the ceremony, students must submit the graduation application to the Registrar's office during the semester prior to program completion or by the designated application deadline. A separate graduation application is required for each program of study.

Students who do not complete all requirements for graduation by the end of the term anticipated for graduation must reapply for graduation by submitting a new Application for Graduation form to the Registrar's office. All financial obligations to the College must be resolved before a degree can be issued.

Diplomas and certificates are issued to students who successfully complete all requirements approximately four to six weeks after application for graduation and the end of the semester of successful program completion

Graduation Ceremony

TTC holds one graduation ceremony annually at the end of Spring Semester. If you will be completing your course requirements at the end of the fall, spring, or summer term of the current academic year, you are invited to participate in the ceremony.

If you plan to participate in the annual graduation ceremony, you must submit the graduation application to the Registrar's office during the semester prior to program completion or by the designated application deadline and check the appropriate block on the graduation application to indicate attendance. When indicating participation in the graduation ceremony on the application, students graduating with multiple programs must select one program to march under in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Application Ceremony Information:

Blank = Not Attending Ceremony

NP = No photograph

P = Photograph

D = Disability Assistance Requested, No photograph

PD = Disability Assistance Requested, Photograph

You also must purchase a cap and gown from the TTC Bookstore by the established graduation application deadline. Before you may purchase your cap and gown, you must obtain a Cap and Gown Order Form at the Registrar's office on the Main Campus. A Graduation Application must be submitted at the Registrar's office before a Cap and Gown Order Form will be issued.

Students earning more than one degree, diploma or certificate in the same academic year are required to select one program of study for graduation ceremony participation, including honors recognition.

Diploma covers are given at the ceremony. Diplomas and certificates are issued to students approximately four to six weeks after applying for graduation and successful program completion of your final semester.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are awarded based on the following criteria:

<u>Honors Level</u>	<u>Cumulative GPA*</u>
Summa Cum Laude	3.95 - 4.000
Magna Cum Laude	3.75 - 3.949
Cum Laude	3.60 - 3.749

Graduation honors are awarded at the official graduation ceremony to students who complete course requirements as of fall and spring semesters. Students completing course requirements during the summer term will receive honors when the degree, diploma or certificate is awarded. TTC awards medallions to honor the outstanding academic achievement of students during the graduation ceremony. In order to receive an honors medallion, you must participate in the graduation ceremony. The diplomas prepared by the Registrar's office for students who achieve academic honors reflect the student's accomplishment.

Fall and Spring Graduates

The level of the honors medallions is based on your final term cumulative grade point average.* You must take a minimum of 30 credit hours of college level courses at TTC to be eligible for graduation honors, and your program of study must have a minimum requirement of 30 credit hours.

Summer Term Graduates

Students who will complete their studies in Summer Term will be issued honors medallions based on their most recent cumulative GPA.* You must take a minimum of 30 credit hours of college level courses at TTC to be eligible for graduation honors.

* Cumulative GPA is based on all work attempted at TTC. GPA is not rounded.

Allied Health Sciences / Nursing Progression Requirements

If you are in any Allied Health Sciences curriculum, you are required to achieve at least a 2.00 GPA each term for the duration of your program. Applications for graduation must be submitted to the Registrar's office during the semester prior to completion or by the designated application deadline. Furthermore, if you are an Allied Health Sciences or Nursing student, you must achieve at least a grade of C in each theory, laboratory and clinical component of the program and must achieve a minimum grade of C in all prerequisite and corequisite courses. Allied Health Sciences and Nursing programs may have additional and more stringent requirements for student retention, promotion and graduation.

Program Exit Examinations

Associate degree programs may require applicants for graduation to complete a nonpunitive exit examination. If you are required to take an examination, the College will notify you by mail.

Testing Services

Testing Services offers placement testing in a computerized format. You may take this test throughout the semester prior to your admission to the College. If you miss a test in one of your courses and are allowed to make it up, you may be directed by your instructor to report to Testing Services to take your makeup exam. Testing Services also administers most distance learning tests and several certification tests. For testing information, call 843.574.6410 on Main Campus, 843.722.5516 on Palmer Campus, and 843.899.8079 on Berkeley Campus. Use of Testing Services by the student constitutes an implicit agreement, on the student's part, to abide by the Testing Services rules as posted in each testing area. All tests are carefully monitored for academic misconduct, and appropriate actions will be taken in such situations as outlined in the Student Code found in this Student Handbook.

Distance Learning Testing

Distance Learning courses involve a variety of nontraditional course delivery methods (e.g., course-in-a-bag, online, mixed-mode, etc.) designed to make college classes available to individuals who, for a variety of reasons, may not be able to attend traditionally scheduled classes. The course content and the expected learning outcomes do not change from the courses offered through traditional delivery. The only difference is the method of instruction and testing.

If you are enrolled in a Distance Learning course (course-in-a-bag, and some online and mixed-mode courses) and your instructor tells you to go to Testing Services for course testing, please follow these procedures:

- Provide a valid picture ID at time of testing (e.g., college ID, driver's license, passport, military ID) NOTE: Work IDs are not accepted.
- Provide your course name, course number, and section number.
- Print your name, sign your name, indicate date of testing on the Distance Learning Test Pass provided by Testing Services, and sign the log-in/log-out roster.
- Place your belongings in a red testing bag provided by Testing Services; you can keep the bag on the floor next to you while testing.
- You are responsible for your own test time limits.
- You are responsible for allowing adequate time for test completion during Testing Services' hours of operation.
- You are responsible for ensuring that the testing deadline has not passed. (Note: Testing Services will not allow you to test if the instructor's test deadline has passed as indicated on the instructor's Test Information Cover Sheet.)
- If you believe you require a disability-related testing accommodation, please contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 843.574.6313 at the beginning of the semester prior to taking a test.

Make-up and Retests

With instructor approval, Testing Services administers both makeup tests if you miss a test due to an emergency and retests if you fail a test. If your instructor allows makeup tests or retests in Testing Services, you should follow testing procedures. You are required to test on the campus on which you take your course. If you need to test on a different campus, contact your instructor at least three days prior to testing for authorization to have your test sent to desired campus (e.g., Palmer or Berkeley to Main for Saturday testing).

If your instructor tells you to go to Testing Services for a makeup or retest, please follow these procedures:

- Provide a valid picture ID at time of testing (e.g., college ID, driver's license, passport, military ID) NOTE: Work IDs are not accepted.
- Provide your course name, course number, and section number.

- Print your name, sign your name, indicate date of testing on your Test Pass (given to you by your instructor or supplied to you by Testing Services), and sign the log-in/log-out roster.
- Place your belongings in a red testing bag provided by Testing Services; you can keep the bag on the floor next to you while testing.
- You are responsible for your own test time limits.
- You are responsible for allowing adequate time for test completion during Testing Services' hours of operation.
- You are responsible for ensuring that the testing deadline has not passed. (Note: Testing Services will not allow you to test if the instructor's test deadline has passed as indicated on the instructor's test administration information.
- Each semester, the last day for taking makeup tests or retests is the weekday before the start of final exams.

If you believe you require a disability-related testing accommodation, contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 843.574.6313 at the beginning of the semester prior to taking a test.

CLEP and DANTES DSST

CLEP

TTC may grant credit for selected College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations with satisfactory scores obtained from either paper-and-pencil or computer-based test administrations.

College Board charges \$65 for each examination taken. Fees are payable by check, money order or credit card (VISA, Mastercard, American Express), to College-Level Examination Program on the day of testing. (Note: DANTES pays the \$65 per test CLEP Examination Fee for examinees with appropriate military ID.) For all examinees, a \$16 per test service fee, paid separately from the CLEP examination fee(s), is payable to Trident Technical College on the day of testing. CLEP examinations allow examinees to demonstrate knowledge relating to specific college courses that have similar titles. CLEP examinations are multiple-choice format and 90 minutes in duration. Some exams have optional essay sections depending on your institution's requirements. Examinations fall into one of the following categories: humanities, history and social sciences, foreign languages, composition, science and mathematics, and business.

DANTES DSST

TTC may grant credit for selected DANTES DSST examinations with satisfactory scores. DANTES DSST exams are multiple-choice format and approximately 2 hours long. Some exams have an optional essay section. Candidates should contact the institution that will be accepting the credits to determine if the essay section is required. Examinations fall into one of the following categories: humanities, social and physical sciences, applied technology and mathematics, and business.

DSST charges \$70 for each examination. Examination fees are payable by debit card or credit card (VISA, Mastercard, American Express), to DSST on the day of testing. A \$16 per test service fee, paid separately from the DSST Examination Fee(s), is payable to Trident Technical College.

Open Test Center

As a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES) DSST Open-Test Center, TTC administers CLEP (and CLEP for Military), at Main and Palmer campuses, and DANTES DSST tests, at Main Campus, throughout the year. To schedule an appointment call 843-574-6438 (Main Campus) or 843-722-5516 (Palmer Campus).

TTC Advanced Standing Limitations for Credit by Examination

Advanced Standing through credit by examination is subject to the following limitations:

- The College grants up to 16 semester credit hours (but no more than one-fourth of total hours required to complete curriculum) of Excelsior College, CLEP, DANTES DSST or PONSI credit providing the minimum required score is attained on approved exams.
- Students must verify that official test score reports are on file in the Registrar's office prior to the start of the semester during which the requested credit may be granted.
- If the minimum required score is not attained, students may retest six months after the original test date (CLEP and DANTES DSST).
- TTC will not grant credit for a course previously attempted (including withdrawals after the drop-add period).
- Awarded Advanced Standing credits will not affect a student's grade point average.
- TTC does not guarantee that Advanced Standing credit awarded for required TTC courses will transfer to other institutions.

Computerized Certification Tests (Prometric)

Testing Services on Main Campus administers computerized professional licensure and certification tests (e.g., Microsoft, CompTIA, Cisco) as an Authorized Prometric Test Center (APTC). For all certification testing, you must present one valid picture ID and two valid signature IDs (e.g., driver's license, passport, Military ID, Credit Card, etc.), read the testing regulations, and sign and date the log-in form. You are provided with erasable note boards for use as scratch paper along with marking pens. Earplugs are available upon request. You must return note boards and pens after testing to receive your embossed score report. Note that candidates taking Beta tests do not receive their score reports until several weeks after testing.

You can register and pay for tests by phone or online. For the most common exams, call 1-800-755-EXAM for Microsoft exams; 1-800-204-EXAM for Cisco exams; and 1-800-77-MICRO for A+ exams. To register online, visit <http://www.2test.com> or <http://www.prometric.com>.

Students with Disabilities Testing Accommodations

Working with Services for Students with Disabilities, Testing Services provides the following accommodations for students with appropriately documented disabilities who require alternative testing outside the classroom:

- Minimally distraction-free environment
- Extended testing time
- Scribes for those with limited writing ability
- Accommodations for school-administered standardized tests (e.g., CLEP and DANTES DSST)
- Computerized testing in lieu of paper-and-pencil testing

If you need to use Testing Services for course testing, make an appointment with a counselor in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at the beginning of each semester upon receiving your course syllabi. You must supply appropriate documentation to SSD before an approved testing accommodation can be made.

Your SSD counselor will review your semester schedule and determine any assistance needed for testing. At least one week prior to taking your test, check with Testing Services to ensure all accommodations are confirmed. You are responsible (not your instructor or your SSD counselor) for reserving ADA testing rooms if needed.

If you believe you require a disability-related testing accommodation, contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 843.574.6131 prior to taking a test.

Student Development

Counseling and Career Development Services

How do I make a career choice? Consider the following questions as you examine your choices: What do I want to do? What do I enjoy and find interesting? Where do I want to work? What are the working conditions I desire? Where do I want to live? What city, state or country do I prefer? Am I willing to travel? Do I want to work for a profit-making or nonprofit organization? When do I want to work? Am I willing to do shift work?

How available are jobs in my interest area? Will there be a lot of competition? Can I advance? Is there a limit on how much I can earn?

Don't expect to make a choice without using energy. Along the way, you may become confused by your alternatives. Don't despair—get help from Counseling and Career Development Services available at all three campus locations. Juggling the roles of student, spouse, parent and worker can become overwhelming! Help is available.

Counseling and Career Development Services is here to assist you in these and other matters that affect your success.

Professional counselors are available at all TTC locations. Counselors can help you build classroom success skills, learn to make decisions and identify your personal goals. Personal growth groups and special workshops are offered to provide you with opportunities to develop skills for success.

Counseling and Career Development Services are available on each campus. The offices are equipped with computers and printed materials to help you explore career opportunities. You also have the opportunity to take a career interest inventory and use SCOIS and other computer resources to identify potential career paths. In addition, career development workshops are offered each semester. A number of services are also available through TTC's Web site at <http://www.tridenttech.edu/>.

Academic Counseling Resources

If you are concerned about your academic performance, you will find many helpful resources available in Counseling and Career Development Services. Workshops and individual services are offered each semester to enrolled students on study skills, test taking and test anxiety, time management, math anxiety, and stress management.

Services for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability, Services for Students with Disabilities can assist you while attending TTC or during the pre-admission process. You may coordinate direct services as well as referrals to the Commission for the Blind, Vocational Rehabilitation and other community resources through this office. If you receive assistance from the Commission for the Blind or Vocational Rehabilitation, TTC strongly encourages you to use Services for Students with Disabilities.

The staff provides a wide range of academic services to help you reach your academic goals. Included are liaison work with instructors to ensure an accessible, integrated environment, referral for diagnostic evaluation, temporary parking permits, information for obtaining taped textbooks, registration assistance, note-takers and other reasonable accommodations as supported through documentation.

These services are located in Counseling and Career Development Services, Main Campus, Student Center (Bldg. 410), Room 210. For an appointment or additional information, call 843.574.6131 or 843.574.6351 TTY (hearing impaired telephone). Appointments are available at other campuses as needed.

Career and Employment Services

Career and Employment Services provides access to off-campus employment, cooperative education opportunities, and institutional and federal work-study positions. Free services are available to all currently enrolled students, to TTC alumni and to employers.

Career and Employment Services posts all advertised part-time and full-time positions, including work-study availability, on TTC's Web site under Career and Employment Services.

Additional services include resume assistance, interview preparation, employment counseling, on-campus interviews, job search training, career transition planning and various career fairs throughout the year.

Contact information

Main Campus: Student Center (Bldg. 430)

Palmer Campus: Student Success Center, Room 226

Berkeley Campus: Student Success Center, Room 178

843.574.6119

Educational Opportunity Programs at TTC

Trident Technical College Educational Opportunity Programs consist of several federal and state grant programs. The federal grant programs are known as TRIO programs. The state grant program, Project Assist, is funded by the Carl Perkins Act.

These grant programs are educational outreach programs targeted to assist and guide TTC students or prospective college students who plan to enroll in nontraditional programs or are low-income, first-generation college students, students with disabilities, or college bound high school students to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to college. All are designed to assist students in overcoming barriers to higher education and provide participants with ongoing support in counseling, academic guidance, tutoring and assistance with applying for financial aid.

TTC students may be eligible to participate in one of the following grant programs:

- Project Assist
- Student Support Services

The College also has the following community outreach grant programs geared specifically either for high school students or adults planning to enroll in college:

- Educational Opportunity Center (adult students)
- Educational Talent Search (high school students)
- Upward Bound Math and Science (high school students, summer program)

Visit TTC Web site (www.tridenttech.edu) to learn more information about the above programs.

Project ASSIST

Project ASSIST (Assisting Successful Students in Selected Technologies) helps retain eligible enrolled students in technology programs and provides services to assist them in completing a program of study. Project ASSIST is a free service to enrolled students who are economically disadvantaged who maintain a cumulative 2.2 GPA and who are in one or both of the following categories:

- Single parents/displaced homemakers/single pregnant women
- Targeted programs in degrees such as Industrial, Engineering, Computer Technology and General Technology

The project encourages the enrollment of students in nontraditional fields of

study and may provide services that reduce barriers to eligible students enrolled in the targeted programs of study.

Project ASSIST provides comprehensive services that include career, personal and academic counseling.

Applicants must participate in a screening and orientation session. Students who are accepted must see a counselor once a month, attend selected workshops and successfully continue toward their academic goal.

Project ASSIST is funded through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Improvement Act of 2006.

Student Support Services

The Student Support Services (SSS) program focuses on improving retention and graduation rates at TTC. In addition, the program assists students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges or universities by providing transfer advice and transfer tours to various colleges and universities. SSS also provides activities for cultural enrichment. As a student in the program, you may receive tutoring in academic courses, assistance in obtaining financial aid, academic report at midterm from your instructors each semester and personal and career counseling.

You are eligible for the SSS program if you are enrolled at TTC, have an academic need and meet any of the following criteria: are a first generation college-student (neither of your parents/guidance received a four-year degree); meet federal guideline of certain income; have any diagnosed and documented disabilities. As an SSS participant, you need to see your counselor on a scheduled basis, attend SSS workshops as well as cultural activities. You also need to make progress toward achieving your academic goals.

Student Support Services is a TRIO program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional TRIO Programs

TTC also provides pre-college enrollment services to specific populations through the following TRIO programs – Educational Talent Search; Educational Opportunity Center; and Veterans Upward Bound.

Student Activities

Involvement in Student Activities programs complements the academic program and enhances your college experience. Preparing for the future is important. There's more to life than the classroom or the job. There's learning to work with people as a group or individually, developing social and professional skills, examining national and current issues, experiencing new and different cultural events, and getting involved in leisure and recreational events. Opportunities for personal and professional growth include student organizations, Student Cabinet, student publications and Student Activities programs. For a more detailed look, read on.

Student ID Card

The TTC student identification card allows you to use the library facilities, not just at TTC, but at other area colleges as well, including Charleston Southern University, The Citadel, the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina. Student identification cards are available for currently enrolled credit students through the Student Activities office at Main Campus, the Admissions office at Palmer Campus and the LRC at Berkeley Campus.

ID cards are issued during the registration process or can be obtained during the routine operating hours of the Student Activities office, Monday through Thursday. There is a \$5 fee to replace an ID card.

ID cards should be revalidated each semester. Proof of registration and a picture ID are required to receive a validation sticker.

Continuing Education students receive ID cards from the Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development. Call 843.574.6152 for more information.

Student Organizations

Here's a chance to learn to manage people and money, and to get things done for other students. Student organizations currently listed in the Student Activities office include:

- **Alpha Mu Gamma** - To recognize achievement in the field of foreign languages; to stimulate a desire for linguistic attainment; to encourage an interest in the study of foreign languages, literatures, cultures and civilizations; and to foster sympathetic understanding of other peoples and international friendship
- **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** - To engender a keen interest in and a sound understanding of civil engineering and to promote its enjoyment
- **Association of Information Technology Professionals** - To develop a better understanding of the nature and function of data processing
- **Campus Crusade for Christ** - To provide regular opportunities to study and discuss the Bible, worship and pray in a group setting, for fellowship, encouragement and spiritual development among members
- **Criminal Justice Student Association** – To become familiar with the overall objectives of the criminal justice system, to help members improve their professional performance, and to observe related law enforcement activities as practiced by the criminal justice system.
- **Future Educators Association** – To develop a sound understanding of teacher education and to explore a career in education, including first hand experiences.
- **Futuristic Impact Organization** - To engender a keen interest in helping individuals visualize success, to develop a sound understanding of cultural similarities and differences and to promote the awareness of student support services
- **Gay-Straight Alliance of TTC** – To assure that all students are valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation and to build a uniting bond eliminating prejudice based on sexual orientation.
- **Hospitality and Culinary Student Association** - To acquaint members with basic concepts and philosophies of sales and marketing in the hospitality industry, especially as it relates to the operational subjects being studied

- **Human Services Student Organization** - To promote interest, understanding and enjoyment of human services, and to assist the serious and dedicated student in developing leadership qualities and academic skills
- **International Club** - To promote good will and understanding, to develop character, to cultivate friendship, and to assist international students in their academic skills and daily life adjustment
- **Japanese Anime Educational Club** – To engender interest, understanding, and enjoyment of Japanese anime and manga
- **Lex Artis Paralegal Society** – To promote fellowship and provide a networking facility between all students and alumni of the TTC Lex Artis Paralegal Society.
- **Lowcountry Aviation Maintenance Association** - To promote safety, knowledge and dignity in the aviation profession
- **Novo Caesaries** - To promote fellowship and professionalism among all students and alumni of TTC's Cosmetology program, and to use its cosmetic talent for public service
- **Novo Derma** - To provide services to the College and community to develop an interest in skin knowledge and enjoyment in skin care
- **Novo Derma-Palmer** – To promote leadership, fellowship, and professionalism and to develop an interest in skin care and enjoyment in skin knowledge.
- **Occupational Therapy Association** - To promote occupational therapy as a health profession, sponsor activities, facilitate communication between students and administration, and provide community services
- **Partnership for Change in Communities and Families** – To serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of communities, families and children.
- **Pharmacy Technician Association** – To develop a sound understanding of pharmacy and to promote the enjoyment of pharmacy.
- **Phi Theta Kappa** - A national honor society for two-year colleges that promotes scholarship, develops character and cultivates fellowship among students
- **Physical Therapist Assistants Student Association** - To develop exposure in the professional environment of physical therapy
- **Psychology Club** – To prepare and develop a reliable network of resources as well as academic support for students preparing to pursue a career in psychology.
- **Radiologic Technology Association** - To promote scholastic excellence, develop character and make others aware of the radiologic profession as a service to the students of TTC
- **Respiratory Care Association** - To involve students in increasing their knowledge of the respiratory therapy field
- **Rho Rho Mu** – To engage in recruitment activities for the College, to actively promote retention, and to educate students about Greek organizations at four-year institutions.
- **Roots and Shoots** - To foster respect and compassion for all living things, to promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs, and to inspire each individual to take action to make the world a better place for the environment, animals and the human community
- **Single Parent/Homemakers Club** - To support each member and to help one another emotionally and socially
- **Society for Dental Assisting** - To provide information and further education in the dental assisting fields
- **Society for Medical Assistants** - To provide to the student body the services offered by the Allied Health Medical Assisting program
- **Society for Medical Laboratory Technology** - To provide services, information and further education in the medical laboratory technology field
- **Society of Broadcasters** – To bring together a society of individuals who have unique interest in the radio and television field to form a bond of ideas, productivity, and friendships.
- **Society of Student Leaders** - To create a support group that will help college students achieve their goals and better their lives

- **South Carolina Black Student Association** - To unite interested students to promote the achievement of overall excellence for black students
- **Student Accounting Association** - To engender a keen interest in accounting, to develop a sound understanding of accounting and to promote enjoyment of accounting
- **Student American Dental Hygienists' Association** - To cultivate, promote and sustain the art and science of dental hygiene; to represent and safeguard the common interest of the members of the dental hygiene profession; and to contribute toward the improvement of the health of the public
- **Student Nurses Association** - To assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality health care
- **Support of Children, Youth and Families** - To serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children; to encourage the study, interpretation and improvement of their education and general well-being; to cooperate with other groups having compatible purposes; and to support and promote local SCAEYC chapters
- **Terra Bella** - To increase awareness in horticulture and related fields through the interaction of ideas and methods scholastically and socially
- **The Trident Times** - To provide students with the opportunity to apply professional journalistic standards and practices through the exchange of news and viewpoints
- **TTC Gospel Choir** - To provide musical service to the College and community, to foster spiritual growth and diversity among TTC's students, and to develop an understanding for music
- **Unified Club Council** - To establish a unified council of club presidents that shall furnish concourse for discussion and provide an enhanced, stronger and better organized club system
- **Vet Tech Club** - To provide awareness to the community on animal care and well-being and to provide services to the Berkeley County SPCA to ensure a better chance for adoption of their animals
- **Visual Arts Association** - To provide and promote a better understanding of the functions of advertising and its values, to stimulate and encourage advertising professionalism through advertising education, and to develop the abilities of its members

Forming New Student Organizations

If your interests are in an area not represented by current organizations, then consider starting a new student organization.

General guidelines for student organizations:

- There will not be two student organizations of the same type and purpose unless administrative approval is granted.
- TTC student organizations shall be open to all currently enrolled students, faculty or staff without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.
- TTC student organizations shall adhere to the regulations and procedures as outlined in the guidelines for student organizations entitled The Common Denominator as the basis for establishment, operation and continued existence.

- Step 1 - Establish the name of your student organization and determine an educational purpose for the organization.
- Step 2 - Identify one or more full-time TTC faculty or staff members to serve as the advisor(s).
- Step 3 - Recruit a minimum of 10 students to join the organization and submit a list of their signatures and printed names to Student Activities.
- Step 4 - Write a constitution that states the name, purpose, membership requirements, officers' duties, election process, financial matters, meeting requirements and amendment methods. A sample constitution is available in the Student Activities office.
- Step 5 - Submit the constitution to Student Activities for approval by the director of Student Activities, assistant vice president for Student

Development and vice president for Student Services. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in disciplinary action.

Activity Period

All classes are suspended one hour each month on a rotating basis to provide time for student organizations to conduct meetings. The activity period schedule is available from the Student Activities office or may be found posted on campus bulletin boards.

Student Cabinet

All TTC student organizations comprise the College's Student Cabinet, which meets every semester with the president of the College. Student Cabinet members are the president and vice president of each student organization. Student Cabinet provides an avenue for students to express viewpoints to College officials, to receive information regarding College policies and procedures, and to participate in the institution's decision-making process by serving on appropriate institutional committees.

Trident Times – Student Newspaper

TTC's student newspaper, The Trident Times, is published by the students and for the students. The newspaper editor is interviewed and selected by the Student Publication Board. The newspaper staff is made up of students interested in applying their journalistic skills through the exchange of news and viewpoints.

The Trident Times is currently available in paper copy distributed at all three campuses and also electronically on CampusCruiser at

<http://prod.campuscruiser.com/ttc>.

TTC Student Awards Program

TTC's Awards Program is held at the end of Spring Semester to recognize both the academic and leadership accomplishments of outstanding students and student organizations.

TTC Student Events

Several resources are available on campus to keep you informed of College happenings. Please be aware of the following sources of advertising and information.

A Monthly Calendar of Events is published by the Student Activities office and contains a brief summary of activities and academic information for the upcoming month. The calendars are available through the Student Activities office, are posted on bulletin boards in student lounges on all campuses and may be accessed on CampusCruiser.

The bulletin boards located in the building hallways on each campus highlight information about College activities, as well as classified ads. Items placed on bulletin boards require approval through the Student Activities office or the campus directors of Berkeley and Palmer campuses.

There's a campus program for everybody. Student Activities strives to provide programs that include social, educational, co-curricular and family components. Suggestions for campus events are always welcome. Just stop by Student Activities to make any suggestions or call 843.574.6012.

Student Lounge Guidelines

- Courteous behavior is requested in all activities.
- Smoking is prohibited; smoking areas are located outside the building.
- Please refrain from actions that would damage the furniture, including moving or walking on furniture.
- Place trash in containers.
- Gambling and solicitation are against the law.
- Only radios with headsets are permitted.
- Inappropriate public display of affection is prohibited.
- Programs or events conducted in the student lounge must be scheduled in advance with the Student Activities office.
- Failure to follow these guidelines could result in disciplinary action.

Public Safety

Emergency Numbers : Off Campus: 843.574.6911 | On Campus: 6911
Nonemergency Number: 6053

	City of North Chas. Police	Berkeley Co. Sheriff	City of Chas. Police	Charleston Co. Sheriff
Police/Fire/EMS	911	911	911	911
Nonemergency	740-2800	577-9562	574.7434	202-1700

* When calling from any campus you must first dial 9 to get an outside line. Calls to 911 from campus phones will automatically notify Public Safety first for quicker response.

NOTE: Long distance calls require the 843 area code to be dialed before dialing numbers other than 911.

Public Safety Officers

TTC employs state constables who are trained and certified police officers for the state of South Carolina. The Public Safety officers enforce all federal, state and local laws as well as the policies and procedures of the College.

Campus Security Act and Crime Statistics

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Statistics Act requires TTC to collect and report crime statistics for crimes committed on campus, non-campus property and public property contiguous to TTC campuses. These statistics are also required to be reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) to assist students and their parents in researching criminal offenses on college campuses. Statistics for more than 6,000 colleges and universities in the United States can be accessed on OPE's Web site (www.ope.ed.gov/security). The College policies and procedures relating to campus security and the annual crime statistics are published on Public Safety's Web page at <http://www.tridenttech.edu>. Other web sites containing crime information include:

- State of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division S.C. Sex Offenders Registry Web site: <http://www.sled.state.sc.us/>
- Security on Campus Web site: <http://www.soconline.org/>

While the College makes considerable efforts to ensure the safety and security of everyone on campus, it is your responsibility to take precautions to protect yourself.

Whenever a threat to students is determined, timely notice will be made by College officials to help you become aware and protect yourself. Law enforcement activities on campus are supplemented by mutual aid agreements with local police agencies.

Think and practice crime prevention. Report any crimes or suspicious situations to Public Safety immediately, 843.574.6911 (6911 from a campus phone).

Public Safety Services

Escorts to Your Car

If you would like an escort from class to your car, call the Public Safety office at 843.574.6053 or contact an officer on campus. (Other priorities may prevent an officer from escorting you at a specified time, so please be patient.)

Emergencies

When calling for emergency response, please make sure you provide Public Safety with as much information as possible—nature of emergency, exact location and description of person involved—so that help can respond quickly.

Emergency messages

If you need to be contacted because of a medical emergency or death in the family while you are on campus, your family can call the Public Safety office at 843.574.6053, and Public Safety will attempt to locate you in your class to

relay the message. Please understand this service is only for major emergencies. The College is unable to relay messages for other problems.

Emergency telephones

The College has automatic dial emergency phones located in the parking lots of Main, Berkeley and Palmer campuses. These phones provide a direct connection to the College's Public Safety office. See campus maps for locations of emergency phones.

First Aid

Public Safety provides First Aid for you while on campus. All injuries should be reported to Public Safety immediately. If further medical assistance is needed, Public Safety will notify EMS.

Lost and Found

If you find any items that have been misplaced or forgotten, bring them to the Public Safety office. If you have lost any books or personal belongings, check with Public Safety to see if they have been found. Items are held for 90 days.

Motorist Assistance

For assistance with dead batteries, keys locked inside vehicles and flat tires, call the Public Safety office. You are required to sign a release before officers can provide assistance. For other mechanical problems, the Public Safety office will help you locate an appropriate service agency.

Special Medical Attention

If you want to notify the College about any special medical conditions or important information in a medical emergency, you can fill out a Special Medical Attention form available at Public Safety. This information is kept confidential to Public Safety, EMS and medical personnel.

College Regulations

Alcohol and Drugs

The sale, possession and consumption of controlled substances is specifically prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may only be served or consumed on campus in accordance with TTC Procedure 7-4-2. For details read the Student Code or go to TTC's Web site at <http://www.tridenttech.edu>. Violators are subject to arrest and College disciplinary action.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages may only be served or consumed on campus in accordance with TTC Procedure 7-4-2 (Physical Facilities: Campus Events with Alcoholic Beverages). Violators are subject to enforcement of all applicable laws and College policies and procedures.

Animals

Animals are not allowed on the premises or property of TTC except for animals trained to assist the disabled, police dogs or police horses, or animals used for educational purposes in academic programs. The feeding of animals (feral, domestic, or wildlife) on campus is prohibited with the exception of those animals treated by the Veterinary Technology Program or animals trained to assist persons with disabilities.

Children

To meet its mission of providing quality education, it is essential that the College maintain an environment that is conducive to student learning and employee productivity. For this reason, children should not be left unattended on campus. Unattended children should be reported to Public Safety immediately.

Employees should not bring children to campus during scheduled work hours, and no employee should assume responsibility for on-campus supervision of children. Employees are expected to take leave until off-campus child-care arrangements are made.

As prescribed in the Catalog/Student Handbook, students should not bring children to class or leave them unattended on campus. Students whose children are with them or who are left unattended on campus should not be admitted to class.

Vice Presidents may approve exceptions to this procedure for employees who request permission to bring children to campus for events such as a "Shadow Day." Employees must make requests, in writing, to the appropriate Vice President in advance of the activity.

Classroom Policies

To minimize classroom disruptions and protect the integrity of test-taking situations, activated electronic communications, devices such as pagers and telephones, generally are not permitted in TTC classrooms. The only exception to this policy will be for on-call emergency personnel (police, fire, EMS), who are required to notify their classroom instructor of their need for such devices at the beginning of the semester and provide documentation verifying their occupation. However, on-call emergency personnel may not leave a testing situation, communicate by electronic means and return to complete an examination. In these cases, instructors should make arrangements for retesting. Eating and drinking in the classroom are not permitted.

Disruption of Academic Process

Any disturbance that may hinder the educational programs provided by TTC is in violation of South Carolina law (Statute 16-17-420).

Fire Drills

Unannounced fire drills are conducted on a periodic basis. You should take your purse, bookbag and any other personal belongings without delay when evacuating in case return to the building is not possible. You are to assemble at least 150 feet from buildings and are not to reenter buildings unless instructed by Public Safety or other College officials.

Firearms Prohibited

To ensure a safe and secure environment for all members of the campus community, firearms are not allowed in any building, premises or property owned, operated or controlled by TTC except where allowed by law for law enforcement or military purposes.*

Under state law, a person may transport pistols, rifles or shotguns in their vehicles. The College prohibits the removal of these firearms from the vehicle and the carrying of such firearms into any building or area adjacent thereto such as a parking lot on campus. Persons holding concealed weapon permits under the Law Abiding Citizens Self Defense Act of 1996 are prohibited from carrying firearms onto TTC. This applies to any firearm or replica of a firearm in an assembled or unassembled condition.

Anyone who violates this policy is in violation of Section 16-23-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended and is subject to arrest and criminal prosecution with a minimum penalty of \$5000 fine and five years imprisonment or both.

Other Weapons Prohibited

In addition, this procedure prohibits carrying any other weapon (knife, sword, blackjack, metal pipe, club, dirk, slingshot, brass knuckles, razor, or other type of weapon, object or device which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death) on campus. This applies to any weapon or replica of a weapon in assembled or unassembled condition.

*Law enforcement officers, active duty or reserve military or national guard personnel on duty having authorization to carry such firearms or weapons are exempt from this procedure. Personal Attitudes, Dress and Behavior

Personal Attitudes, Dress and Behavior

You are expected to behave in ways that do not infringe upon the rights of others. This includes showing responsibility and respect regarding the following issues: eating, electronic devices and dress. TTC students and visitors are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to the academic and business functions in which the TTC community is engaged. It is a violation of the student code of conduct to do otherwise, and you are expected to adhere to the TTC Creed and guidelines for campus behavior.

Safety Hazards

All safety hazards should be reported immediately to Public Safety. Skateboards, roller skates and inline skates are prohibited in buildings and parking lots.

Severe Weather Announcements

In the event of inclement weather, cancellation of classes will be announced by most local radio and television stations. In addition, you may call TTC's Emergency Closing Information line to hear recorded information regarding TTC closing. To reach the Information line, dial 843.574.6262 then enter extension 9091.

Smoking

TTC promotes a safe, healthy environment on all its campuses and prohibits smoking inside and at all entrances to all College facilities. Smokers are expected to smoke in designated areas and discard cigarettes in ash urns provided at each building on campus.

Restricted Areas

- Smoking is prohibited at the entrances to and inside all College buildings.
- College/State Vehicles
- Smoking is prohibited in state vehicles.

Monitoring No Smoking Regulations

Public Safety will advise individuals who are not in compliance with the College's no smoking procedure of the outdoor smoking areas. Any disruptions related to the smoking regulations should be reported immediately to Public Safety. If student disruptions warrant further investigation, Public Safety will report these disruptions to the vice president for Student Services for possible disciplinary action.

In addition, South Carolina's Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990 cites violation of the act as a misdemeanor that, upon conviction, results in a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 (plus court costs). The issuance of a citation is at the discretion of the Public Safety office.

Theft of Personal Property

Any article left unattended in a public place is subject to theft. Any article of value should be kept with you or secured in your vehicle out of plain view. Book theft is a common problem on all college campuses. Mark your books with some form of identification. Keep books with you, and do not leave them unattended in public places. If you do have a book stolen, report it to Public Safety immediately.

Traffic and Parking Regulations

Parking Decals and Traffic Regulations

All students operating vehicles on campus must obtain a parking decal. Parking decals are available in the Business office on Main Campus, and in the Admissions offices on Berkeley and Palmer campuses. Decals are to be placed on the rear window, driver's side of the vehicle.

Decals issued for the Fall Semester are valid through the end of the calendar year. New decals need to be obtained for Spring Semester. Spring Semester

decals are valid for use through the Summer Term. Temporary parking permits, which may be issued at no cost for special seminars, can be obtained from Public Safety.

You are required to obey all South Carolina traffic and seat belt laws while operating a vehicle on campus. Speed limit on all campuses is 15 miles per hour. Parking violations can result in the issuance of a parking citation. S.C. Uniform Traffic citations also may be issued for traffic and related violations. All traffic accidents should be reported to Public Safety immediately.

Disabled Parking Decals

To legally park in a TTC disabled parking space, a vehicle must properly display a S.C. disabled parking placard and must be used in the transport of the permit holder. Faculty, staff and students with temporary disabilities, requiring the use of a TTC disabled parking space, should contact Services for Students with Disabilities through Counseling and Career Development Services at Main Campus or the Student Success Centers at Berkeley and Palmer campuses. A temporary TTC decal allowing temporary disabled parking privileges on TTC campuses may be obtained with proper documentation. When specific spaces for disabled parking are all occupied, parking in the nearest available space is authorized to include faculty/staff parking.

Bicycles

Bicycle racks are provided on Main Campus at: Student Center (Bldg. 410, north side), Industrial and Engineering Technology Building (Bldg. 700, front), Health Sciences Building (Bldg. 630, front), Breezeway between the General Education and Math and Science buildings (Bldgs. 100/300), General Education Building (Bldg. 100, outside Public Safety) and Math and Science Building, (Bldg. 300, rear, near the Learning Resources Center, Bldg. 510).

Bikes may not be taken into buildings or parked where they may become a safety hazard. Please use the bicycle racks and lock your bike.

Preventing or Reporting Sexual Assaults

Sexual assault is strictly prohibited by the College. The College's Sexual Assault Policy complies with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-105-10 et seq. (Supp. 2002), commonly known as the "South Carolina Campus Sexual Assault Information Act".

"Sexual assault" is defined as rape or any actual or attempted nonconsensual or forcible sexual touching, including fondling, kissing, groping, attempted intercourse (whether oral, anal or vaginal), penetration or attempted penetration with a digit or any other object. Nonconsensual sexual assault includes those situations in which the victim is unable to consent.

"Rape" is defined as vaginal, anal, or oral intercourse without consent, whether the victim is overcome by force, fear, intimidation resulting from threat of force, or by drugs administered without consent, or when the victim is otherwise unable to consent. Consent requires speech or conduct indicating a freely given agreement to have intercourse or participate in sexual activities. Previous sexual relationships, current relationships with the perpetrator or the use of alcohol and/or drugs may not be taken as an indication of consent. Use of alcohol and/or drugs by the perpetrator is not an excuse for violation of the sexual assault policy.

The term "unable to consent" means:

- unable to understand the circumstances and implications of the sexual advances;
- unable to make a reasoned decision concerning the sexual advances; or
- unable to communicate that decision in an unambiguous manner. Such a situation can result from illness, the influence of alcohol or some other substance, physical or psychological disabilities, unconsciousness or some other cause.

The College will impose sanctions on individuals who commit sexual assault. In cases involving a student, an interim (immediate) suspension may be imposed, which means the accused cannot attend classes or be on campus until an administrative hearing is held (within 10 days). In other cases, the accused may be permitted to attend classes pending a final decision from the Vice President for Student Services. If that recommendation is suspension (from the College) or expulsion (from the College), a hearing will also be held. Among the other disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed are the following: admonition, censure, probation, and the restriction of privileges.

Harassment is a pattern of intentional, substantial and unreasonable intrusion into the private life of a targeted person that causes the person (and would cause a reasonable person) to suffer mental distress. Stalking is a pattern of words or conduct that is intended to and that does cause a targeted person (and would cause a reasonable person) to fear death, assault, criminal sexual contact, kidnapping (either the targeted person or a member of his/her family), or damage to his/her property or a family member's property. The TTC Public Safety Department takes all complaints of harassment and stalking seriously and actively assists students, faculty, and staff in dealing with matters of this type through civil and criminal means. The College's Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure can be found at Sexual Harassment Policy and Sexual Harassment Procedure.

Sexual Assault Prevention

1. Use the campus escort and transit services.
2. Be aware of the emergency telephones and their locations.
3. Avoid being in classrooms or office buildings alone at night. If you must be there, let the campus police know where you are and how long you will be there. Stay near a telephone.
4. Report any suspicious person or activity to the Public Safety Department, whatever the time, day, or night.
5. Know who is at your door before opening it.
6. Vary your routine. Do not walk the same route night after night.
7. When walking at night, be alert. Listen for footsteps and voices to be sure no one is following you.
8. Avoid unlit areas. Whenever possible, walk and park in well-lit public areas.
9. Always lock the doors in your car, room, apartment, or house. Keep the car doors locked even when you are driving.
10. Never pick up hitchhikers.
11. When driving, always make sure you have enough gas to reach your destination.
12. When walking to your car at night, have your car keys in your hand before leaving the building.
13. When walking from your car to your residence, have your door key in hand before you leave your car. If you are being dropped off, ask the driver of the car to wait until you are safely in your residence.
14. Take advantage of the rape awareness and rape defense training offered by the College and community groups.
15. If you drink alcoholic beverages, drink responsibly.

Public Safety Department Programs

The Public Safety Department offers numerous educational and personal safety programs for students, faculty, and staff. These programs are offered regularly. Notices are posted on the Public Safety Department's website and at various College bulletin boards.

Crime Prevention

The College actively promotes campus security by providing services to prevent criminal activities, enhance personal safety, and protect property.

Escort Service

College Public Safety officers are available to escort faculty, staff, students and visitors to their vehicles and as otherwise requested. To request an escort, contact the Public Safety Department at 574-6053.

Reporting a Crime

All members of the College community share the responsibility of preventing crime. Everyone should report all crimes and suspicious activities, whether you are a victim or a witness. Report crimes and other emergencies on campus to the Public Safety Department immediately. The emergency number is 843-574-6911 (6911 on campus) and it is posted throughout the College on telephones and in the College and tri-county area telephone directories.

Emergency Phones

Emergency telephones are available in buildings and parking lots. In case of a telephone outage, crimes on campus should be reported to local police who will relay the information by radio to the Public Safety Department. Also, report crimes related to College activities occurring off campus to local police and Public Safety immediately.

- Your name
- Your exact location and the exact location of the incident
- The phone number from where you are calling
- Description of injuries, if any, and need for medical assistance
- Immediate details of the incident (where it occurred, how long ago)
- Information about the suspect (name, physical description, clothing description, direction of flight, description of vehicle, etc.)

S.C. Sex Offenders Registry

Information on all registered adult sex offenders (age 17 and older) is available from the S.C. Sex Offenders Registry Website. Information is also available on registered sex offenders (ages 12-16) who have committed the following offenses: criminal sexual conduct in the first degree; criminal sexual conduct in the second degree; criminal sexual conduct with minors, first degree; criminal sexual conduct with minors, second degree; engaging a child for sexual performance; producing, directing or promoting sexual performance by a child; or kidnapping.

An evaluation must be made on any other requests for information on registered offenders under age 17 who are victims of or witnesses to an offense at public or private schools, child day care centers, family day care centers, or businesses and organizations that primarily serve children, women or vulnerable adults. Evaluations are also required on information requests for offenders who are age 11 or younger who may have a prior conviction or adjudication of delinquency. Those who request the information must complete and submit a written request form at SLED or at a sheriff's office. A copy of the request form is available online, and it may be mailed or faxed to Sex Offenders Registry, SLED, P.O. Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221. The fax number is 803-896-7022

If you are sexually assaulted:

- Memorize as much detail as possible about the attacker.
- On campus call the College's Public Safety Department at 574-6053 immediately. Off campus call local emergency medical service immediately by dialing "911" or their local number. This does not obligate you to file charges or testify in court.
- If you prefer not to call the police, but you want to make it known that a rape occurred, you may contact the Vice President for Student Services or any member of the Counseling and Career Development Department.
- Do not bathe, shower, douche, or urinate.
- Do not change clothes, if it can be avoided. If changing clothes is necessary, secure you changed clothes inside a paper bag, not plastic.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, rinse your mouth, or brush your teeth. These actions may destroy evidence.
- Do not disturb the crime scene(s).
- You may call and request medical transportation without divulging that you have been raped. Even if you choose not to become involved with the police, you should seek medical assistance.
- You are strongly encouraged to go through the rape protocol exam for medical attention and for the purpose of preserving important physical evidence of the assault. The rape protocol exam should be done as soon as possible. Physical evidence can be obtained up to 72 hours after the assault. However, as time passes, the quality of the evidence diminishes.
- Contact a friend or family member to be with you.

What Happens When a Rape Is Reported to the Public Safety Department?

When you notify Trident Technical College Public Safety officers of a rape, the following will occur:

- Public Safety will respond to your location on campus, ensure that you are safe and provide you with emergency medical assistance.
- Public Safety will ask you questions about the assault (location and time of the assault, a description of the accused, etc.). If you request to speak to a male or female officer, Public Safety will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your request, to include contacting another law enforcement agency having concurrent jurisdiction. Local law enforcement may become involved depending on the circumstances surrounding the incident. A family member, friend, or counselor may be with you during the interview.
- Public Safety will protect the crime scene, contact local law enforcement as may become necessary and assist in the collection and preservation of evidence.
- Public Safety will make contact with and escort you to an appropriate medical facility.
- Public Safety will contact other assistance agencies (People Against Rape, Solicitor's Office Victims/Witness Program, etc.) on your behalf. The Victims/Witness coordinator from the Solicitor's Office will help you file any documents related to the S.C. Victim's Compensation Fund.
- Public Safety will treat you and your case with sensitivity, understanding, and professionalism regardless of your gender or the gender of the accused. Public Safety officers will not prejudice you or blame you for what occurred.
- Public Safety will NOT release your name to the public or the press.
- Public Safety will continue to be available to you, answer your questions, and explain the system and processes involved (solicitor, courts, etc.).
- Public Safety will professionally investigate your case, which may lead to the arrest and prosecution of the accused. You will be kept up-to-date on the progress of the investigation and/or prosecution.

What Happens When a Rape Is Reported to the Vice President for Student Services?

- Upon learning of a rape, the Vice President for Student Services (or designee) will contact you to offer the services of several Student Services departments. Any information you provide will be kept in the strictest of confidence.
- In the event you want the College to pursue disciplinary action, you will be asked to provide a written report of the incident. That information will be forwarded to the Vice President for Student Services, who will start College disciplinary processes. You will be invited, but not required, to meet with the Vice President for Student Services in order to discuss College's disciplinary procedures further. Please remember that information regarding student discipline is maintained as a confidential record.
- When available information has been reviewed by the Vice President for Student Services, sanctions may be imposed. If the Vice President for Student Services recommends a temporary suspension, suspension (from the College), or expulsion (from the College), an administrative hearing may be scheduled.
- You will have the option to attend the administrative hearing and provide testimony regarding the attack. The Vice President for Student Services will attempt to make special accommodations for testifying if you are not able to face the accused. You will be listened to and treated with respect. You may have a friend, counselor, or support person present during the hearing. All hearings are closed to the public and are confidential.

When you report a rape to the Vice President for Student Services, he/she is required by law to inform the Trident Technical College Public Safety Department. However, reporting this crime to the TTC Public Safety Department in no way obligates you to press charges or testify in court. Even if you do not want to press charges, we strongly encourage you to contact the police for immediate help. You may discontinue the involvement of Vice President for Student Services and any other police or legal services at any point.

Victim's Rights

- The alleged victim has the right to be informed of the process prior to any disciplinary action involving the incident and has the option of discontinuing the process if he or she is the only witness.
- The alleged victim has the right to attend the hearing that involves the accused student. The alleged victim has the option of providing testimony regarding the incident. The Vice President for Student Services will attempt to make special accommodations for testifying if you are not able to face the accused.
- The alleged victim is entitled to bring an adviser, friend, counselor, or parent during testimony at the hearing. All hearings are closed to the public and are confidential.
- The alleged victim shall be informed of the outcome of the disciplinary hearing. In the event the accused student appeals the decision, the Vice President for Student Services will keep the victim informed of the status of those appeals.
- The alleged victim may request changes in his/her academic situation. The College will accommodate such changes if reasonably possible.

Rights of the Referred Student

The College's "Rules for Student Disciplinary Procedure and Sanctions" can be found in the "Student Code and Academic Issues" section of the TTC Catalog/Student Handbook or on the College's website at Disciplinary Process.

How the College Can Help?

- The College's Counseling Office will offer emotional support and refer you to community resources for victims of sexual assault.
- The College will also change your academic situation if changes are requested and reasonably available.

Sexual Harassment Policy

TTC strives to maintain an academic and work environment that protects the dignity and promotes the mutual respect of all students and employees of the College.

Sexual harassment of students or employees will not be tolerated. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, verbal or written communications, and gestures or physical contacts of a sexual nature unsolicited and/or unwelcome will be considered sexual harassment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The College is fully committed to the prevention and elimination of sexual harassment and has procedures for handling allegations of sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment takes many forms, from continuous joking to physical assault. It may involve threats that you will fail in class or lose your job. It may make your study or work environment uncomfortable through continued sexual comments, suggestions or pressures. It may include sexually oriented verbal kidding or abuse including derogatory or degrading gender references such as whistling, catcalls or sexual remarks or jokes; subtle or overt pressure for sexual activity; and physical contact such as patting, pinching or constant brushing against another's body.

TTC's policy 8-2-0 and procedure 8-2-1, both titled "Sexual Harassment and Related Unprofessional Conduct," are available for review in the campus libraries and in the offices of vice presidents, deans and directors. The following faculty and staff members have been designated as contacts to help students, faculty and staff with sexual harassment concerns.

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Student Code

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Trident Technical College students are members of both the community at large and the academic community. As members of the academic community, students are subject to the obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. As members of the larger community of which the College is a part, students are entitled to all rights and protection accorded them by the laws of that community. By the same token, students also are subject to all laws, the enforcement of which is the responsibility of duly constituted authorities. When students violate laws, they may incur penalties prescribed by legal authorities. In such instances, College discipline will be initiated only when the presence of the student on campus will disrupt the educational process of the College. However, when a student's violation of the law also adversely affects the College's pursuit of its recognized educational objectives, the College may enforce its own regulations. When students violate College regulations, they are subject to disciplinary action by the College whether or not their conduct violates the law. If a student's behavior simultaneously violated both College regulation and the law, the College may take disciplinary action independent of that taken by legal authorities.
- B. **Internal Solutions of Problems**
The College will seek to solve problems by internal procedures of due process. When necessary, off-campus law enforcement and judicial authorities may be involved.
- C. **Definitions**
When used in this code, unless the content requires other meaning:
1. College means Trident Technical College.
 2. President means the chief executive officer of the College.
 3. Vice President refers to either the vice president for Student Services or vice president for Academic Affairs.
 4. Student means a person taking any course(s) offered by the College, either full time or part time.
 5. Instructor means any person employed by the College to conduct classes.
 6. Violation of Law means a violation of a law of the United States or any law or ordinance of a state or political subdivision which has jurisdiction over the place in which the violation occurs.
 7. Administrative Officer means anyone designated at the College as being on the administrative staff such as president, vice president, academic dean or public safety officer.
 8. Disciplinary Probation means a confidential record of the student's action is maintained in the appropriate vice president's office. While no record is kept in permanent files, in the event of future violations of the student code, the student will be subject to suspension or expulsion.
 9. Suspension means a temporary separation of the College and student under specified conditions.
 10. Expulsion means permanent separation of the College and student insofar as pursuance of degree, diploma or certificate programs are concerned. Depending upon the circumstances, the expulsion may also apply to Continuing Education courses.
 11. Student Cabinet refers to the student group comprised of the president and vice president of all officially chartered student organizations of TTC.

D. Additional Requirements

There may be additional and/or more stringent requirements for students in Allied Health Sciences Division programs and Nursing Division programs. If there is a conflict between this handbook and the Allied Health Sciences Division or Nursing Division handbooks, the Allied Health Sciences Division or Nursing Division handbooks will prevail.

II. GENERAL RIGHTS OF STUDENTS

A. Nondiscrimination

There shall be no discrimination in any respect by the College against a student or applicant for admission as a student, based on race, color, age, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation. Student organizations of the College shall employ membership policies which do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

B. Freedom of Speech and Assembly

Students shall have the right to freedom of speech and assembly without prior restraints or censorship subject to clearly stated, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding time, place and manner. In the absence of a College policy to the contrary, the president must approve in advance all special-purpose student gatherings such as assemblies, protests, parades, processions or similar gatherings.

C. Freedom of Press

In their publications, students are entitled to the constitutional right of freedom of the press, including constitutional limitations on prior restraint and censorship. To ensure this protection, the College shall have an editorial board with membership representing Student Cabinet, faculty and administration. The College has the responsibility of defining the selection process for its editorial board. The primary responsibility of the board shall be to establish and safeguard editorial policies and to appoint an editor in chief for the student newspaper.

D. Protection Against Unreasonable Searches and Seizures

Students are entitled to the constitutional right to be secure in their persons, dwellings, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. College public safety officers or administrative officers may conduct searches and seizures only as authorized by law.

E. Student Representation in College Governance

Students may be asked to serve on campus committees that have the following duties:

1. To propose policies that affect student activities and conduct.
2. To make policy decisions on such matters.
3. To implement policy.

F. Classroom Behavior

Discussion and expression of all views relevant to the subject matter are recognized as necessary to the educational process, but students have no right to interfere with the freedom of instructors to teach or the rights of other students to learn. The instructor sets the standards of behavior acceptable in the classroom by announcing these standards early in the semester. If a student behaves disruptively in class after the instructor has explained the unacceptability of such conduct, the instructor may dismiss the student for the remainder of that class period. The instructor should initiate a discussion with the student to resolve the issue prior to the next class meeting. A further disruption by the student may result in a second dismissal and referral in writing by the faculty member to the vice president for Student Services.

G. Evaluation and Grading

Instructors will follow the announced College standards in evaluating and grading students. Grades are awarded for student academic achievement. No grade will be reduced as a disciplinary action for student action or behavior unrelated to academic achievement.

H. Privacy Information

Information about individual student views, beliefs and political associations acquired by instructors, counselors or administrators in the course of their work is confidential. It can be disclosed to others only with prior written consent of the student involved, under legal compulsion or in case of emergency as determined by the director of Public Safety or the appropriate vice president.

I. Records

1. General

The Registrar's office will maintain and safeguard student records. All official student and former student records are private and confidential and shall be preserved by the College. Separate records may be maintained by other departments for the following categories: (1) academic, (2) medical, psychiatric and counseling, (3) placement, (4) financial aid, (5) disciplinary, (6) financial, and (7) veterans affairs.

2. Disciplinary Records

Records of disciplinary action shall be maintained in the office of the vice president for Student Services. No record of disciplinary action for student action or behavior unrelated to academic achievement shall be entered or made on the student's academic records in the Registrar's office.

3. Confidentiality of Records

Before information in any student file may be released to anyone, the student must give prior written consent except in these instances stated below:

- To instructors and administrators for legitimate educational purposes and for routine administrative and statistical purposes.
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions.
- To appropriate parties to protect the health and safety of students or other individuals in emergencies with the understanding that only information essential to the emergency situation will be released.
- The vice president may authorize release of directory information as defined by the College, in accordance with the law.
- If the inquirer has a court order, the vice president or someone designated by that official will release information from the student's file.
- To parents or guardians of dependent students who submit a request form and provide appropriate documentation to support student's dependent status requests.

4. Treatment of Records After Student Graduation or Withdrawal

When students withdraw or graduate from a technical college, their records shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this code.

5. Student Organizations

An essential prerequisite for a student organization to be approved is that it have educational importance and that its objectives be clearly explained in a proposed charter. The formation of organizations strictly as social clubs is discouraged.

III. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

A. General

Certain conduct is proscribed and upon violation of such proscriptions, a student shall be subject to one or more of the sanctions specified in section IV.B.2.b. However, it is expected that the more severe sanctions of suspension and expulsion will be imposed sparingly and only for more extreme or aggravated violations or for repeated violations.

B. Abuse of Privilege of Freedom of Speech or Assembly

No student, acting alone or with others, shall obstruct or disrupt any teaching, administrative, disciplinary, public service, research or other activity authorized or conducted on the campuses of the College. This disruption does not necessarily have to involve violence or force for the student to face disciplinary action. In addition to administrative action, any person who violated civil or criminal laws may be turned over to the

appropriate authorities. In the event of illegal or disruptive activity on a College campus, the vice president or other administrative officer will request that those involved either leave the campus or abide by regulations governing uses of, or presence on, the campus. The vice president or other official will further announce that failure to disperse will result in enforcement of South Carolina law pertaining to illegal or disruptive activity on a College campus. According to South Carolina law, it shall be unlawful for any person willfully or unnecessarily (a) to interfere with or disturb in any way or in any place the students or teachers of any school or college in this state, (b) to enter upon any such school or school premises, (c) to loiter around the premises, except on business, without the permission of the principal or president in charge, or, (d) to act in an obnoxious manner thereon.

C. Falsification of Information

Falsification of information and other unlawful acts, with intent to deceive, is defined to include but is not limited to:

- Forgery, alteration or misuse of College documents, records or identification cards.
- Destruction of evidence with the intent to deny its presentation to the Student Grievance Committee when properly notified to appear.

D. Infringement of the Rights of Others

Infringing on the rights of others is defined to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Physical or verbal abuse inflicted on another person.
- Severe emotional distress inflicted upon another person.
- Theft, destruction, damage or misuse of the private property of members of the College community or nonmembers of the College community occurring on campus or off campus during any College-approved activity.
- Sexual harassment.

E. Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with the directions of College officials in the performance of their duties; failure to promptly identify oneself to College officials when requested; failure to comply with disciplinary sanctions. This includes direct disobedience of a lawful order of a College official, as well as failure to evacuate a building during a fire alarm or refusing to present an ID upon request.

F. Other Unlawful Acts

Unlawful acts which call for discipline include, but are not limited to:

- Destruction, theft, damage or misuse of College property occurring on or off campus.
- Unauthorized entry upon the property of the College after closing hours.
- Unauthorized presence in any College facility after closing hours.
- Unauthorized possession or use of a key to any College facility or other property.
- Possession or use, on campus, of any firearm or other dangerous weapon or incendiary device or explosive unless such possession or use has been authorized by the College.
- Possession, use or distribution on campus of any narcotics or dangerous or unlawful drugs as defined by the laws of the United States or the State of South Carolina.
- Possession, use or distribution on campus of any beverage containing alcohol or presence on campus under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Violation of institutional policies while on campus or off campus when participating in a College-approved activity.
- Violation of South Carolina and/or federal laws while on campus or off campus when participating in a College-approved activity.
- Engaging in any activity which disrupts the educational process of the College, or adversely interferes with other normal functions and services.

G. Also see Academic Misconduct

IV. RULES FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS

The procedures which follow are designed to deal with complaints against students by faculty, staff or other students, excluding complaints of academic dishonesty. Due process is essential in dealing with infractions of College regulations and state and federal statutes. Consequently, any disciplinary sanction imposed on a student or organization will follow the provisions of this code.

A. Administrative Suspension

1. If an act of misconduct by one or more students threatens the health or well-being of any member of the academic community or seriously disrupts the function and good order of the College, an administrative officer may direct students involved to cease and desist such conduct and advise them that failing to cease and desist will result in immediate temporary suspension. If the students fail to cease and desist, the administrative officer may then suspend them from the College until a resolution of the matter can be made.
2. The administrative officer invoking such administrative suspension shall notify the vice president in writing of the individuals involved and the nature of the infraction before 5 p.m. of the first class day following its imposition. If immediate identification of the student or students is impossible, such notice shall be given within two working days after identification has been determined.
3. After notification of the students involved, a hearing will be held in three working days or as soon thereafter as practicable, if requested by the suspended student(s).

B. Complaints

1. A charge involving a student infraction must be filed in writing with the office of the vice president for Student Services.
2. The vice president shall make a preliminary investigation of the charge. After investigating the charge the vice president may act as follows:
 - a. Drop the charges.
 - b. Impose a sanction from the following:
 1. A written reprimand.
 2. An obligation to make restitution or reimbursement.
 3. A suspension or termination of particular student privileges.
 4. Disciplinary probation.
 5. Suspension from the College.
 6. Expulsion from the College.
 7. Refer the student to a College office or community agency to perform or obtain services.
 8. Other sanctions as determined to be appropriate by the vice president.
 9. Any combination of the above.
3. A student (except for the students for whom tuition has been waived) who has been suspended from the College or expelled from the College may request a hearing before the Student Grievance Committee. This request must be submitted within two working days after receipt of the letter. At the hearing, the vice president shall report the nature of the alleged misconduct, the name of the complainant, the name of the student against whom the charge has been filed, the preliminary investigation and the reason for his or her decision.

V. THE STUDENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The College shall have a Student Grievance Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee) to consider the case of a student who declines to accept the decisions of the vice president. A committee shall be appointed each time a hearing is requested.

A. Membership of the committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Three faculty members appointed by the president.
2. Three student volunteers from the Student Cabinet and approved by the president.
3. One member of the Student Services staff appointed by the vice president for Student Services and approved by the president.
4. The vice president serves as a nonvoting member of the committee.
5. The chair shall be appointed by the president from among the membership of the committee.

B. Functions of the committee are described as follows:

1. To hear a grievance from a student charged with an infraction that may result in disciplinary action.
2. To hand down a decision based only on evidence introduced at the hearing.
3. To provide the student with a statement of the committee's decision, including findings of fact, and if applicable, to impose one or more of the following sanctions or disciplinary actions:
 - a. A written reprimand.
 - b. An obligation to make restitution or reimbursement.
 - c. A suspension or termination of particular student privileges.
 - d. Disciplinary probation.
 - e. Suspension from the College.
 - f. Expulsion from the College.
 - g. Any combination of the above, including sanctions more or less severe than those imposed by the vice president.

VI. PROCEDURES FOR HEARING BEFORE THE STUDENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

A. Procedure Duties of the Vice President

At least seven calendar days prior to the date set for a hearing before the committee, the vice president shall have hand delivered or sent a certified letter to the student's last known address providing the student with the following information:

1. A restatement of the charge or charges.
2. The time and place of the hearing.
3. A restatement of the student's procedural rights.
4. A list of potential witnesses.
5. The names of committee members.

On written request of the student, the hearing may be held prior to the expiration of the seven days advance notification period, if the vice president concurs with this request and if it is possible to convene the committee more quickly.

B. Procedural Rights of the Student include the following:

1. The right to counsel. However, the role of the person acting as counsel is solely to advise the student. Legal counsel will not be allowed to question or cross examine witnesses or to address the committee or witnesses for any purpose, directly or indirectly.
2. The right to produce witnesses on one's behalf.
3. The right to request, in writing, that the president disqualify any voting member of the committee for prejudice or bias. (The request must contain reasons.) A request for disqualification, if made, must be submitted at least two working days prior to the hearing. If such disqualification occurs, the appropriate nominating body shall appoint a replacement to be approved by the president.
4. The right to present evidence.
5. The right to know the identity of the person(s) bringing the charge(s).
6. The right to hear witnesses on behalf of the person bringing the charges.

Discrimination Complaints by Students

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a system to channel student complaints against faculty and staff concerning discrimination on the basis of age, gender, color, race, disability or other conditions, preferences or behavior, excluding sexual harassment complaints. The College has a specific sexual harassment policy and procedure. Also, the College has a mediation process for students with disabilities. For information, contact a counselor for students with disabilities.

This procedure may not be used for any complaint which is not based on alleged discrimination. For academic matters, see Academic Complaints By Student.

II. PROCEDURES

A. First Step

The student must go to the instructor or staff member with whom the alleged problem originated within 10 days of the incident which generated the complaint. An attempt will be made to resolve the matter equitably and informally at this level. The conference must take place within 10 working days of the faculty or staff's notice of the complaint.

B. Second Step

If the complaint is not resolved at the informal conference, the student may file a written complaint. A complaint form shall be made available to the student from the vice president for Student Services. The vice president will explain the complaint process to the student. The vice president shall give written acknowledgment of receipt of the complaint form. This acknowledgment shall be given immediately or no later than two working days after receipt of the complaint form from the student. The vice president will then refer the complaint to the immediate supervisor involved. The supervisor shall respond in writing to the student within 10 working days of the receipt of the complaint form from the vice president.

C. Third Step

If the written statement of the supervisor does not resolve the complaint, a request to appear before the Student Complaint Committee may be made. This request must be made in writing and addressed to the vice president, who will immediately convene the Complaint Committee as quickly as practical. The student must submit the request within five working days after receiving the written response of the supervisor.

The request shall include a copy of the original grievance form and the reason why the supervisor's response is unsatisfactory. A copy of the supervisor's response must be attached to the request by the student. The vice president will notify immediately the president of the College who shall ensure that a committee is organized in a manner consistent with Section III. A. of this procedure (the Student Complaint Committee). The vice president will send copies of the student's request to the members of the committee, the employee and the employee's supervisor. The employee against whom the complaint was filed shall be given an opportunity to respond in writing to the chairperson of the committee.

The meeting(s) shall be conducted between five and 15 working days following the date of the request. A postponement may be granted by the chairperson upon written request of either party if the reason stated justifies such action.

The committee shall hold interviews with the grievant, the employee and the supervisor, singularly, and in the absence of other witnesses.

7. The right to testify or to refuse to testify without such refusal being detrimental to the student.
8. The right to appeal to the president who will review the official findings of the hearing. The appeal to the president must be in writing and it must be made within seven working days of the receipt of the committee's decision.

C. The Conduct of the Committee Hearings

1. Hearings before the committee shall be confidential and shall be closed to all persons except the following:
 - a. The student
 - b. Counsels
 - c. A recorder chosen by the committee chair
 - d. Witnesses shall
 1. Give testimony before the committee.
 2. Be subject to questions from the student and committee.
 3. Upon the decision of the committee chair, be asked to leave the hearing.
2. The committee shall have the authority to adopt supplementary rules of procedure consistent with this code.
3. The committee shall have the authority to render written advisory opinions concerning the meaning and application of this code.
4. The committee shall not convene on a complaint if a student accused of misconduct under this code has been charged with a crime for the same act or closely related acts by federal, state or local authorities. However, the committee may proceed to hear and decide the case prior to the disposition of pending or threatened criminal charges in one of the following instances:
 - a. If the student so requests in writing, within seven working days of the criminal charge being brought, or
 - b. If the nature of the alleged misconduct and the circumstances surrounding it pose a serious risk to the health and well-being of the student or other members of the College community.
 - c. If the vice president determines it is in the best interest of the College.
5. A student who refuses to comply with the procedures and rules established by the committee may be subject to removal from the hearing. The committee will complete the hearing and make a decision in the student's absence.
6. Upon completion of a hearing, the committee shall meet in executive session to determine concurrence or nonconcurrence with the vice president's decision. The committee may make sanctions more or less severe than those imposed by the vice president.
7. Decisions of the committee shall be made by majority vote.
8. Within five working days after the decision of the committee, the vice president shall have hand delivered or shall send a certified letter to the student's last known address providing the student with the committee's decision.

D. Appeal to the President

The appeal to the president must be in writing and must be made within seven working days of the receipt of the committee's decision.

The president, whose decision is final, shall have the authority to:

1. Receive from the student an appeal of the committee's decision.
2. Review the findings and decisions of the committee.
3. Hear from the student, the vice president and/or the members of the committee before ruling on an appeal.
4. Approve or modify the decision of the committee.
5. Inform the student in writing of the final decision within 10 working days of the receipt of the appeal.

The committee may interview any additional witnesses that it considers necessary to render a fair decision.

The committee shall decide by a majority vote the solution to the grievance. In the case of a tie, the chairperson shall vote and thus break the tie. The chairperson shall forward a copy of the committee's decision to all parties involved and to the office of the president of the College within two working days of the committee's decision.

D. Fourth Step

The committee's decision may be appealed by either party involved to the president within 10 working days of the committee's decision. The president shall review the committee's findings and decisions, conduct whatever additional inquiries are deemed necessary and render a decision within 10 working days of receipt of the grievant's appeal. The decision of the president is final.

III. THE STUDENT COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

A. The Student Complaint Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. Three student volunteers from the Student Cabinet.
2. Two faculty members recommended by the vice president for Academic Affairs.
3. One Student Services staff member recommended by the vice president for Student Services.
4. One administrator, appointed by the president of the College, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. All recommended members must be approved by the president.

B. Purpose and Function of the Complaint Committee

1. All Student Complaint Committees are ad hoc and shall be formed to hear specific complaints. A new committee may be formed every time a complaint under this procedure is filed.
2. When a committee is formed, it may adopt additional rules and guidelines not in contradiction with these procedures.

C. Rights of the Parties Involved in a Complaint

1. When a committee meeting is scheduled, the parties involved are entitled to:
 - a. A written notice of the complaint.
 - b. A written notice of the time and place of the meeting. This notice shall be forwarded to all parties at least five working days prior to the meeting unless they waive this requirement.
2. Review all available evidence, documents or exhibits that each party may present at the meetings.
3. Have access to the names of the witnesses who may testify.
4. Appear in person and present information on his or her behalf, call witnesses, and ask questions of any person present at the meeting.
5. The right to counsel. The role of the person acting as counsel is solely to advise the student. Legal counsel will not be allowed to question or cross examine witnesses or to address the committee for any purpose, directly or indirectly.

Academic Misconduct

1. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate use of a College computer, cheating, plagiarism and/or collusion, and falsification of information.

A. A computer violation of the honor code is defined to include the following:

1. Representing another's work or answers as one's own.
2. Using another's access (password) for either obtaining privileged information or causing unauthorized changes.

3. Bypassing, by any means, security measures installed on the computer.
4. Using College Internet access for sending, receiving or printing information which is personal or unrelated to current course work at TTC.

NOTE: Students must comply with all College lab rules and TTC Procedure 3-1-1 "Use of Information Technology Resources," available at www.tridenttech.edu/ttcpolicies/section3/UseofITResources.htm

B. Cheating is defined to include the following:

1. Copying from another student's work.
2. Using unauthorized material during a test.
3. Unauthorized collaborating with any other person during a testing situation.
4. Substituting material written ahead of time for material required to be produced during a testing situation.
5. Soliciting, obtaining, using, buying, selling, or transporting unauthorized tests or information about tests or other course projects.
6. Substituting for another student or permitting another person to substitute for oneself during a testing situation.

C. Plagiarism is defined as the appropriation of any other person's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own work offered for credit.

D. Collusion is defined as the unauthorized collaboration with any other person in preparing work offered for credit.

E. Falsification of information with intent to deceive.

F. Other behavior constituting academic misconduct as determined by the vice president of Academic Affairs or her designee.

2. Procedure for Disciplinary Action for Academic Misconduct

A. First Offense

1. When a faculty member has reliable evidence of academic misconduct, the faculty member will review the facts and the proposed penalty with the appropriate department head.
2. With the approval of the department head, the faculty member may choose one of the four levels of action:

Level 1: Give no credit for the work in question and require the work to be done again for credit.

Level 2: Give a zero for the work in question and not allow the work to be redone for credit.

Level 3: Assign a grade of F for the course.

Level 4: Assign a grade of F for the course and request in writing to the dean that the assistant vice president for Instruction place the student on disciplinary probation.

Note: In cases of computer violations of the honor code, sanctions also may include denial of computer access upon the recommendation of the instructor and approval by the department head, dean and assistant vice president for Instruction.
3. If the dean approves of the disciplinary probation request, it will be forwarded to the assistant vice president for instruction. After receiving the request and documentation and discussing the charge of academic misconduct with the student, the assistant vice president for Instruction may:
 - a. Uphold the decision to assign a grade of F for the course and place the student on disciplinary probation.
 - b. Direct the faculty member to take another level of action or no action.

B. Second Offense

1. If the assistant vice president for Instruction determines that a student has been involved in a second incident of academic misconduct, the student will be subject to suspension or expulsion from the College.

C. Grievance Process

1. A student placed on suspension or expulsion for academic misconduct may grieve the decision of the assistant vice president for instruction by requesting a hearing before the vice president for Academic Affairs. This request must be submitted to the vice president for Academic Affairs within two working days after the student receives the assistant vice president's decision.
2. If a student wishes to grieve the decision of the vice president for Academic Affairs, the student may request a hearing before the Student Grievance Committee. This request must be submitted to the vice president for Academic Affairs within two days after the student receives the decision. At the hearing the vice president shall report the nature of the alleged misconduct, the name of the student against whom the charge has been filed, results of the investigation and the decision of the vice president.
3. In cases of academic misconduct, the vice president for Academic Affairs will be responsible for the procedural duties of the vice president as outlined in "Procedures for Hearing Before the Student Grievance Committee."

Academic Complaints By Students

Most academic matters generally will be left to the discretion of the faculty member; however, students may follow the procedure below concerning academic complaints. No retaliation or adverse action will be taken against the student for filing the complaint.

1. The student must first notify the faculty member of the complaint within 10 working days of the incident which generates the complaint.
2. The faculty member will discuss the matter with the student within 10 working days of this notice.
3. If the matter is not resolved in this informal conference, the student may file a written complaint with the faculty member's supervisor. Complaint forms are available in all academic division offices.
4. The supervisor must respond to the complaint within five working days of receipt of the complaint.
5. If the matter is still not resolved, the student will have five working days to present the written complaint to the next level supervisor (the dean or assistant vice president for instruction).
6. If the matter is still not resolved, the student will have five working days to present the written complaint to the vice president for Academic Affairs. In all cases, the decision of the vice president will be final.

Faculty Employment and Evaluation

English Fluency Requirements

I. General Information

A. Purpose

These procedures were developed to comply with Tech policy 8-2- 109.1 and the English Fluency in Higher Education Act of 1991. The purpose of these procedures is to define methods to ensure that all permanent and adjunct faculty whose first language is other than English and who teach one or more credit courses possess adequate proficiency in both the written and spoken

English language and that an appropriate response be given to the student complaints regarding an instructor's English fluency.

B. Exclusions

This policy does not apply to the following instructional settings: continuing education courses; student participatory and activity courses such as clinics, studio and seminars; special arrangement courses; courses designed to be taught predominantly in a foreign language; and courses taught by visiting instructors.

II. Procedural Guidelines

- A. Applicants for permanent and adjunct faculty vacancies will proceed through the College's normal screening process with assessment based on standard job-related criteria to include perceived written and oral communication abilities.
- B. If an applicant becomes a finalist for a faculty position but his/her written or oral English proficiency is judged by the dean to require further evaluation, then the applicant will be referred to an English Fluency Evaluation Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee. The committee will ensure that an English fluency evaluation is made on the basis of the following criteria. The applicant will be evaluated by the committee through the performance of the following minimum proficiency exercise:
 1. Writing an analysis of at least 350 words in English of a scholarly paper written in English and related to the subject area.
 2. Conducting an oral instructional presentation for a time period equivalent to a class period and related to the subject area. At least half of the presentation should use the lecture method.
- C. The committee will include representatives from the following:
 1. One representative from the vice president for Academic Affairs office;
 2. One representative from Developmental Studies Reading;
 3. One representative from curriculum English;
 4. One representative from Employee Relations. The committee will ensure that appropriate procedures are used to provide a favorable environment for the exercises, as well as controls and security to ensure that the exercises completed by the applicants are independent and original work. Candidates must be judged by Committee consensus as proficient in both exercises described in No. 2.
- D. Any grievances under this procedure are to be filed with the office of the vice president for Academic Affairs. When a student files a grievance regarding the English fluency of an instructor, the instructor will be referred within 10 working days to the English Fluency Evaluation Committee for a proficiency evaluation using procedures and methods described in No. 1 and No. 2.
- E. An instructor who is judged proficient by the committee will continue teaching assignments without any further action. A permanent instructor judged deficient by the committee will be given 120 calendar days to develop sufficient skill to be judged proficient by the Evaluation Committee. If during this time the instructor has not shown evidence of satisfactory progress in overcoming the deficiency, additional action up to and including termination may be taken. The process of notification of need for correction of the deficiency as well as the maximum time allowed for correction are defined specifically in TTC Policy 8-0-0, Faculty Performance Management System.
- F. Any adjunct instructor judged deficient by the committee may be immediately terminated.
- G. The College's Human Resources office will annually report to SBTCE a recap of grievances filed by students under the provisions of this policy and any invocation of the fluency proficiency guidelines herein.

Faculty Evaluations

Trident Technical College continually strives to improve the quality of instruction. One of the College's most significant tools in this improvement effort is the Student Evaluation of Courses and Instructors. Collectively, students are the individuals best prepared to judge the quality of instruction.

The evaluation process is designed to protect each student's confidentiality. The evaluation form allows students to respond to questions related to the quality of their classroom experience. Students also are encouraged to write personal comments regarding any aspect of the course or instructor. Since the results are used to make changes in course content and to improve performance, it is important for students to be accurate and honest.

This evaluation is an online process, which sends the instrument directly to the student's e-mail account.

After all evaluations have been submitted, an independent, nonacademic office compiles the results. The final results for each course and instructor are shared with the appropriate academic department and are used to improve the quality of courses and instruction.

Transfer Regulations for Public Colleges in South Carolina

Regulations and Procedures for Transfer in Public Two-Year and Public Four-Year Institutions in South Carolina as Mandated by Act 137 of 1995

Background

Section 10-C of the South Carolina School-to-Work Transition Act (1994) stipulates that the Council of College and University Presidents and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, operating through the Commission on Higher Education, shall develop better articulation of associate and baccalaureate degree programs. To comply with this requirement, the Commission upon the advice of the Council of Presidents established a Transfer Articulation Policy Committee composed of four-year institutions' vice presidents for academic affairs and the Associate Director for Instruction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. The principal outcomes derived from the work of that committee and accepted by the Commission on Higher Education on July 6, 1995, were:

- An expanded list of 86 courses which will transfer to four-year public institutions of South Carolina from the two-year public institutions;
- A statewide policy document on good practices in transfer to be followed by all public institutions of higher education in the State of South Carolina, which was accepted in principle by the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs and the Commission;
- Six task forces on statewide transfer agreements, each based in a discipline or broad area of the baccalaureate curriculum.

In 1995 the General Assembly passed Act 137, which stipulated further that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, shall have the following additional duties and functions with regard to the various public institutions of higher education. These duties and responsibilities include the Commission's responsibility to establish procedures for the transferability of courses at the undergraduate level between two-year and four-year institutions or schools. This same provision is repeated in the legislation developed from the Report of the Joint Legislative Study Committee, which is now moving through the General Assembly during the 1996 session.

Act 137 directs the Commission to adopt procedures for the transfer of courses from all two-year public to all four-year public institutions of higher education

in South Carolina. Proposed procedures are listed below. Unless otherwise stated, these procedures shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Commission and shall be fully implemented, unless otherwise stated, by September 1, 1997.

Statewide Articulation of 86 Courses

1. The Statewide Articulation Agreement of 86 courses already approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for transfer from two- to four-year public institutions (See Appendix A) shall be applicable to all public institutions, including two-year institutions and institutions within the same system. In instances where an institution does not have synonymous courses to ones on this list, it shall identify comparable courses or course categories for acceptance of general education courses on the statewide list.
2. All four-year public institutions shall issue annually in August a transfer guide covering at least the following items:
 - A. The definition of a transfer student and requirements for admission both to the institution and, if more selective, requirements for admission to particular programs.
 - B. Limitations placed by the institution or its programs for acceptance of standardized examinations (e.g., SAT, ACT) taken more than a given time ago, for academic course work taken elsewhere, for course work repeated due to failure, for course work taken at another institution while the student is academically suspended at his/her home institution, and so forth.
 - C. Institutional and, if more selective, programmatic maximums of course credits allowable in transfer.
 - D. Institutional procedures used to calculate student applicants' GPAs for transfer admission. Such procedures shall describe how nonstandard grades (withdrawal, withdrawal failing, repeated course, etc.) are evaluated; and they shall also describe whether all course work taken prior to transfer or just course work deemed appropriate to the student's intended four-year program of study is calculated for purposes of admission to the institution and/or programmatic major.
 - E. Lists of all courses accepted from each technical college (including the 86 courses in the Statewide Articulation Agreement) and the course equivalencies (including free elective category) found on the home institution for the courses accepted.
 - F. Lists of all articulation agreements with any public South Carolina two year or other institution of higher education, together with information about how interested parties can access these agreements.
 - G. Lists of the institution's Transfer Officer(s) personnel together with telephone and FAX numbers and office address.
 - H. Institutional policies related to academic bankruptcy (i.e., removing an entire transcript or parts thereof from a failed or underachieving record after a period of years has passed) so that re-entry into the four-year institution with course credit earned in the interim elsewhere is done without regard to the student's earlier record.
 - I. Residency requirements for the minimum number of hours required to be earned at the institution for the degree.
3. Course work (individual courses, transfer blocks, statewide agreements) covered within these procedures shall be transferable if the student has completed the course work with a C grade (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or above, but transfer of grades does not relieve the student of the obligation to meet any GPA requirements or other admissions requirements of the institution or program to which application has been made.

- A. Any four-year institution which has institutional or programmatic admissions requirements for transfer students with cumulative grade point averages (GPAs) higher than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale shall apply such entrance requirements equally to transfer students from regionally accredited South Carolina public institutions regardless of whether students are transferring from a four-year or two-year institution.
 - B. Any multi-campus institution or system shall certify by letter to the Commission that all course work at all of its campuses applicable to a particular degree program of study is fully acceptable in transfer to meet degree requirements in the same degree program at any other of its campuses.
4. Any course work (individual courses, transfer blocks, statewide agreements) covered within these procedures shall be transferable to any public institution without any additional fee and without any further encumbrance such as a validation examination, placement examination/ instrument, verification instrument, or any other stricture, notwithstanding any institutional or system policy, procedure, or regulation to the contrary.

Transfer Blocks, Statewide Agreements, Completion of the AA/AS Degree

5. The following Transfer Blocks/Statewide Agreements taken at any two-year public institution in South Carolina shall be accepted in their totality toward meeting baccalaureate degree requirements at all four-year public institutions in relevant four-year degree programs, as follows:
- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: Established curriculum block of 46-48 semester hours
 - Business Administration: Established curriculum block of 46-51 semester hours
 - Engineering: Established curriculum block of 33 semester hours
 - Science and Mathematics: Established curriculum block of 48-51 semester hours
 - Teacher Education: Established curriculum block of 38-39 semester hours for Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education students only. Secondary education majors and students seeking certification who are not majoring in teacher education should consult the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, or the Math and Science transfer blocks, as relevant, to assure transferability of course work.
 - Nursing: By statewide agreement, at least 60 semester hours shall be accepted by any public four-year institution toward the baccalaureate completion program (BSN) from graduates of any South Carolina public associate degree program in nursing (ADN), provided that the program is accredited by the National League of Nursing and that the graduate has successfully passed the National Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and is a currently licensed Registered Nurse.
6. Any unique academic program not specifically or by extension covered by one of the statewide transfer blocks/agreements listed in #4 above shall either create its own transfer block of 35 or more credit hours with the approval of CHE staff or shall adopt either the Arts/Social Science/ Humanities or the Science/Mathematics block by September 1996. The institution at which such program is located shall inform the staff of the CHE and every institutional president and vice president for academic affairs about this decision.

7. Any student who has completed either an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree program at any public two-year South Carolina institution which contains within it the total course work found in either the Arts/ Social Sciences/Humanities Transfer Block or the Math/Science Transfer Block shall automatically be entitled to junior-level status or its equivalent at whatever public senior institution to which the student might have been admitted. (Note: As agreed by the Committee on Academic Affairs, junior status applies only to campus activities such as priority order for registration for courses, residence hall assignments, parking, athletic event tickets, etc. and not in calculating academic degree credits.)

Related Reports and Statewide Documents

8. All applicable recommendations found in the Commission's report to the General Assembly on the School-to-Work Act (approved by the Commission and transmitted to the General Assembly on July 6, 1995) are hereby incorporated into the procedures for transfer of course work among two and four-year institutions.
9. The policy paper entitled State Policy on Transfer and Articulation, as amended to reflect changes in the numbers of transfer blocks and other Commission action since July 6, 1995, is hereby adopted as the statewide policy for institutional good practice in the sending and receiving of all course credits to be transferred.

Assurance of Quality

10. All claims from any public two- or four-year institution challenging the effective preparation of any other public institution's course work for transfer purposes shall be evaluated and appropriate measures shall be taken to reassure that the quality of the course work has been reviewed and approved on a timely basis by sending and receiving institutions alike. This process of formal review shall occur every four years through the staff of the Commission on Higher Education, beginning with the approval of these procedures.

Statewide Publication and Distribution of Information on Transfer

11. The staff of the Commission on Higher Education shall print and distribute copies of these Procedures upon their acceptance by the Commission. The staff also shall place this document and the Appendices on the Commission's homepage on the Internet under the title Transfer Policies.
12. By September 1 of each year, all public four-year institutions shall on their own homepage on the Internet under the title Transfer Policies:
- A. Print a copy of this entire document (without appendices).
 - B. Print a copy of their entire transfer guide.
 - C. Provide to the staff of the Commission in satisfactory format a copy of their entire transfer guide for placing on the Commission's homepage on the Internet.
13. By September 1 of each year, the staff of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall on its homepage on the Internet under the title Transfer Policies:
- A. Print a copy of this document (without appendices).
 - B. Provide to the Commission staff in format suitable for placing on the Commission's homepage on the Internet a list of all articulation agreements that each of the 16 technical colleges has with public and other four-year institutions of higher education, together with information about how interested parties can access those agreements.

14. Each two-year and four-year public institutional catalog shall contain a section entitled TRANSFER: STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Such section at a minimum shall:
 - A. Publish these procedures in their entirety (except Appendices).
 - B. Designate a chief Transfer Officer at the institution who shall provide information and other appropriate support for students considering transfer and recent transfers.
 - serve as a clearinghouse for information on issues of transfer in the State of South Carolina.
 - provide definitive institutional rulings on transfer questions for the institution's students under these procedures work closely with feeder institutions to assure ease in transfer for their students.
 - C. Designate other programmatic Transfer Officer(s) as the size of the institution and the variety of its programs might warrant.
 - D. Refer interested parties to the institutional Transfer Guide.
 - E. Refer interested parties to institutional and Commission on Higher Education's Web sites for further information regarding transfer.
15. In recognition of its widespread acceptance and use throughout the United States. SPEEDE/EXPRESS should be adopted by all public institutions and systems as the standard for electronic transmission of all student transfer data.
16. In conjunction with the colleges and universities, develop and implement a statewide Transfer Equivalency Database at the earliest opportunity. (As an electronic counseling guide, this computerized, online instrument will allow students and advisors to access all degree requirements for every major at every public four-year institution in South Carolina. Also, the Database will allow students to obtain a better understanding of institutional programs and program requirements and select their transfer courses accordingly, especially when the student knows the institution and the major to which he/she is transferring.)

Development of Common Course System

17. Adopt a common statewide course numbering system for common freshman and sophomore courses of the technical colleges, two-year regional campuses of the University of South Carolina, and the senior institutions.
18. Adopt common course titles and descriptions for common freshman and sophomore courses of the technical colleges, two-year regional campuses of the University of South Carolina, and the senior institutions. The Commission will convene statewide disciplinary groups to engage in formal dialogue for these purposes.

(A common course numbering system and common course titles and descriptions for lower division course work at all public institutions in the state can help reduce confusion among students about the equivalency of their two-year course work with lower-division course work at the four-year level. To this end, a common system leaves no doubt about the comparability of content, credit and purpose among the lower-division course at all public colleges and universities in South Carolina. It would also help eliminate institutional disagreement over the transferability of much lower-division course work, thus clearing a path for easier movement between the technical colleges and senior institutions.)

For more information regarding transfer to four-year colleges and universities, contact Susan Norton, assistant vice president of Academic Programs, or visit our Web site at www.tridenttech.edu.

Residency Requirements for Public Colleges in South Carolina

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SCCHE) monitors the residency laws and regulations for tuition and fees at all public colleges and universities in the state of South Carolina. Students can review the residency requirements at <http://www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/Residency/Residency.htm>.

Alcohol and Drug Use

Policy and Information for Employees and Students of the South Carolina Technical College System

It is the policy of the South Carolina Technical College System to provide a drug free, healthful, safe and secure work and educational environment. Employees and students are required and expected to report to their work, class or student activities in appropriate mental and physical condition to meet the requirements and expectations of their respective roles.

The South Carolina Technical College System prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of narcotics, drugs, other controlled substances or alcohol at the workplace and in the educational setting. Unlawful for these purposes means in violation of federal/state/local regulations, policy, procedures, rules, as well as legal statutes. Workplace means either on agency premises or while conducting agency business away from the agency premises. Educational setting includes both institutional premises or in approved educational sites off campus.

In order to prevent the consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse at the workplace and in the educational setting, the South Carolina Technical College System has implemented this policy to ensure a drug-free work and educational environment.

The South Carolina Technical College System recognizes that chemical dependency through use of controlled or uncontrolled substances, including alcohol, is a treatable illness. The agency supports and recommends employee and student rehabilitation and assistance programs and encourages employees and students to use such programs.

All locations also will implement drug-free awareness programs for employees and students. Such programs will annually ensure that employees and students are aware that:

1. Alcohol and other drug abuse at the workplace and in the educational setting is dangerous because it leads to physical impairment, loss of judgement, safety violations and the risk of injury, poor health or even death. Health risks and effects of controlled substances and alcohol will be provided to students and employees.
2. Alcohol and other drug abuse also can significantly lower performance on the job and in the classroom, thus impacting on the agency and the College mission, as well as seriously affect the student's educational and career goals.
3. Employees must report any personal conviction under a criminal drug statute, for conduct at the workplace, to their human resources officer within five days.
4. It is a condition of employment and admission that all employees and students must abide by the policy on alcohol and other drug use as well as related procedures statements/laws/guidelines. Violation of any provision may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion respectively, and may have further legal consequences consistent with federal and state laws and regulations.

Additionally, management may require an employee or student to enter an employee/ student assistance or drug rehabilitation program as a condition of employment or enrollment.

5. Use of employee assistance programs (EAP), student assistance programs (SAP), or drug/alcohol rehabilitation services is encouraged.

South Carolina Laws - Alcohol

Purchasing Beverages for Underage Person

It is unlawful for a person who purchases beer or wine while on licensed premises to give the beer or wine to a person to whom beer or wine cannot lawfully be sold, for consumption on the premises.

Penalty — Fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days. (Code 61-4-80)

Providing Beer or Wine for Underage Person

It is unlawful for a person to transfer or give to a person under the age of 21 years for the purpose of consumption of beer or wine at any place in the State.

Penalty — Fined up to \$200 or confinement up to 30 days. (Code 61-4-90)

Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

It is against the law for any person over 18 to knowingly and willfully influence a minor to violate any law or municipal ordinance.

Penalty — Fine up to \$3,000 and/or confinement up to three years. (Code 16-17-490)

Unlawful Possession of Beer or Wine

It is unlawful for a person to have in his possession, except in the trunk or luggage compartment, beer or wine in an open container in a moving vehicle of any kind which is licensed to travel in this State or any other state and that may travel upon public highways of this State. This section must not be construed to prohibit the transporting of beer and wine in a closed container.

Penalty — Fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 30 days. (Code 61-4-110, 20-7-370/380)

Sale of Beverages to Persons Under 21

It is unlawful for a person to sell beer, ale, porter, wine or other similar malt or fermented beverage to a person under 21 years of age.

Penalty — Fine up to \$200 or confinement up to 60 days. (Code 61-4-50)

Public Disorderly Conduct

Students found on any public highway or in any public place who are intoxicated or disorderly may be charged with disorderly conduct.

Penalty — Fine up to \$100 or confinement up to 30 days. (Code 16-17-530)

Altering and Fraudulent Use of License

It is against the law to lend, issue, sell or use your license, or anyone's license or a fictitious license (fake ID), for an unlawful purpose.

Penalty — First offense fine up to \$200 and/or confinement up to 30 days, and mandatory driver's license suspension for 90 days to six months. (Code 56-1-510/515, 61-4-60)

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

It is unlawful for persons under the influence of alcohol or other drugs to drive.

Penalty—Not less than \$200 fine; imprisonment up to five years; driver's license suspension six months to permanent. (Code 56-5-2930/2940/2990)

Felony Driving Under the Influence

If you cause bodily harm or death to someone while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any combination, you are guilty of a felony DUI.

Penalty — For bodily harm, a mandatory fine up to \$10,000 and mandatory confinement up to 10 years. For death, mandatory fine up to \$25,000 and mandatory confinement up to 25 years. (Code 56-5-2945)

Consent for Testing

Anyone who has driven on South Carolina highways automatically has given consent to a breathalyzer test if arrested. If you refuse to submit to a urine and/or blood test, your driver's license will be suspended. There is no law that states that you have to be given a driver's license, provisional or temporary. (Code 56-5-2946)

S-174 New DUI Provisions

Section 56-1-286

- A. The Department of Public Safety must suspend the driver's license, permit or nonresident operating privilege of, or deny the issuance of a license or permit to, a person under the age of 21 who drives a motor vehicle and has an alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths of one percent or more.
- B. A person under the age of 21 who drives a motor vehicle in this state is considered to have given consent to chemical tests of his or her breath or blood for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol.
- C. A law enforcement officer who has arrested a person under the age of 21 for a violation, or any other traffic offense established by a political subdivision of this state, and has probable cause to believe that the person under the age of 21 has consumed alcoholic beverages and driven a motor vehicle, may order the testing of the person arrested to determine the person's alcohol concentration. A law enforcement officer may detain and order the testing of a person to determine the person's alcohol concentration if the officer has probable cause to believe that a motor vehicle is being driven by a person under the age of 21 who has consumed alcoholic beverages.
- D. If a person refuses upon the request of the primary investigating officer to submit to chemical tests as provided in subsection (C), the department must suspend his or her license, permit or any nonresident operating privilege, or deny the issuance of a license or permit to him for six months or one year.
- E. If a person submits to a chemical test and the test result indicates an alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths of one percent or more, the department must suspend his license, permit or any nonresident operating privilege, or deny the issuance or permit to him or her for three months or six months.
- F. FA test may not be administered or samples taken unless the person has been informed in writing that he does not have to take or give the samples, but that his privileges to drive must be suspended or denied for at least six months if he refuses to submit to the tests and that his or her refusal may be used against him in court.

Other Drugs

Possession and Distribution of Drugs

It is illegal to have, to make or intend to distribute any controlled substance, i.e., cocaine, crack, marijuana, etc.

Penalty — Varies depending upon the circumstances under which the arrest was made and the amount of drugs. Fines up to \$200,000, confinement up to 30 years, and mandatory driver's license suspension of six months to one year. (Code 44-53-370)

Distribution Near School

It is against the law and a separate offense to distribute, sell, make or have a controlled substance within a specified distance of schools, technical colleges and/or colleges/universities.

Penalty — Fine up to \$10,000 and/or confinement up to 10 years. (Code 44-53-445)

Possession or Sale of Drug Paraphernalia

It is illegal to possess drug paraphernalia. Paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to, such things as: Roach clips—Clips used by the dentist to clip bibs

around the necks of patients. Bong—Pipe that may or may not use water.
Carburetor—Circulating tube with the holes at each end. Tube may be made out of glass or metal.

Penalty — Fine up to \$500 (Code 44-53-391)

Federal illegal possession penalties controlled substances

First conviction: Up to one year imprisonment and fined at least \$1,000 but not more than \$100,000, or both. After one prior drug conviction: At least 15 days in prison, not to exceed two years, and fined at least \$2,500 but not more than \$250,000, or both. After two or more prior drug convictions: At least 90 days in prison, not to exceed three years, and fined at least \$5,000 but not more than \$250,000, or both. There are special sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine: Mandatory at least five years in prison, not to exceed 20 years, and fined up to \$250,000, or both, depending on amount of crack possessed and number of convictions. In addition, there is forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess, facilitate, transport or conceal possession of controlled substances. There also are civil fines of up to \$10,000 and denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses. [21 U.S.C. 844 (a); 21 U.S.C. 853 (a) (2); 881 (a) (7); 21 U.S.C. 881 (a) (4); 21 U.S.C. 844 a; 21 U.S.C.853 (a)]

Local information

In addition to federal and state statutes, there are statutes or ordinances in the towns and cities in South Carolina which prohibit the use or distribution of alcohol or other drugs in the municipalities. These ordinances or statutes also carry penalties including jail and/or fines.

For an explanation of the counseling services available to TTC employees, see the College's Employee Assistance Program procedure, available in the College's Policy and Procedure manual, 8-13-5. Also, policy 2-10-0 contains additional information on the Drug Free Workplace Act and the Drug Free Communities and Schools Act. There can be serious employee sanctions for violation of these acts following the College's employee discipline processes, found in SBTCE policy 8-5-100 and procedure 8-5-100.1. The sale, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or narcotics, hallucinogens, stimulants and marijuana are specifically prohibited at TTC. The College will not tolerate students coming on campus in an intoxicated state. Violators are subject to prosecution under local, state and federal law and/or College policy.

TTC's Counseling and Career Development Services are available to assist in determining appropriate resources to meet student needs regarding drug or alcohol abuse. The office is located on Main Campus, Student Center (Bldg. 410), Room 210. Counselors are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To make an appointment call 843.574.6131. Referrals can be made to Palmer or Berkeley Campus.

Campus security and disclosure information

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC 1092(f)) and the Code of Federal Regulations require that all institutions of higher education that participate in federal student aid programs must prepare and distribute an annual report describing the institution's policy on crime prevention issues and statistics on the number of specific crimes (murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson) that have occurred on campus, on non-campus buildings or property, or on public property that is contiguous to campus property. The annual report must also list the number of arrests and administrative disciplinary actions for liquor law, drug and weapons possession violations. These statistics are also required to be reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) to assist students and their parents in researching criminal offenses on college campuses.

In addition to publishing crime statistics, the act requires colleges to provide timely warnings to the campus community of certain crimes reported to Public Safety or local law enforcement that may be considered threats to students and employees.

- TTC complies with this law in the following manner:
 - A. On an annual basis, TTC publishes a summary of specific crimes committed in the geographic categories as described above, for the most recent three calendar years. Public Safety publishes this information on TTC Public Safety's web site (www.tridenttech.edu/publicsafety_psSecurity.htm) and on OPE's web site (www.ope.ed.gov/security).
 - B. In the case of an immediate threat to persons or property, TTC communicates the pending danger to students and employees through Crime Alert Bulletins. Public Safety sends Crime Alert Bulletins to faculty, staff and students through electronic mail. Crime Alert Bulletins are also posted on Public Safety's webpage;
 - C. TTC maintains partnerships with all local police organizations to assist in communicating information and protecting persons and property in the case of an immediate danger; and
 - D. On a monthly basis, TTC reports the number and types of crimes committed on its campuses to state and federal authorities.
- Employees and students should report all crimes and suspicious situations to Public Safety immediately. Employees and students should address any comments concerning TTC's compliance with the act to the Director of Public Safety.
- Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies supplement law enforcement activities on campus through concurrent jurisdictions

Glossary of College Terminology

Every organization has a unique language. Thousands of colleges and universities in the United States are collectively referred to as institutions of higher learning and they all generally use the same language.

Sometimes you get the right answer to a question you asked, but the wrong answer to the question you thought you asked because you used the wrong vocabulary words. Additionally, you can misunderstand important information given to you from a college office because you are not familiar with college terminology. College life will be less complicated if you familiarize yourself with the language of TTC.

Definitions of words specific to Financial Aid are found in the Definitions in the Financial Aid section.

Academic Advisor - An instructor in an academic program who advises students concerning academic programs and class schedules. Counselors serve as academic advisors to students who are undecided as to major.

Academic Calendar - The official college calendar showing deadlines, holidays, student activity events, etc. An annual academic calendar is in the college catalog. A more detailed calendar is found in each semester's On Course and online (www.tridenttech.edu).

Academic Suspension - This occurs after any three consecutive terms of enrollment in which your term GPA is below 2.0, and the first term in which your cumulative GPA is below 2.0.

Advanced Standing - The awarding of academic credit for courses/tests/training taken at other colleges and universities.

Acceptance to college - Fulfilling the entrance requirements to be allowed to register for courses.

Alumni - All graduates.

Applying to college - Submitting a completed admissions application to the college's Admissions Office and paying the application fee.

Associate Degree - a two-year college degree.

Auditing - Attending a course without receiving credit.

Bridge Courses - nondegree credit courses that cover high school level content. These courses are offered for students who need to brush up on concepts previously learned or never took the course in high school.

CampusCruiser - TTC's student e-mail system which is available to students after applying to the college.

Catalog - A publication with important information on admissions, registration, student services, academic requirements and programs of study.

Certificate - A one-year or less academic program.

Challenge Courses - One credit courses that meet the week before classes start each semester for 15 hours of intense instruction to challenge placement in 032 courses (ENG, MAT, and RDG). Students who successfully complete the course and pass the departmental test may enroll in the next level of the course.

Class Schedule - The times (hours and days), locations (campus, building, room number), and instructors for courses during a term or semester. Copies of students' class schedules are available from their academic advisor or from TTC Express.

Continuing Education (CE) - A division of the college that offers noncredit training. These courses are not paid for by traditional financial aid.

Cooperative Education (Co-op) - Combines a student's classroom instruction with actual work experience; a student may receive course credit.

Corequisite - A course that must be taken at the same time as another course.

Cost of Attendance (see Financial Aid definitions)

Counselor - An employee in TTC's Counseling and Career Development Services who can help students with personal, academic and disability accommodation problems and is trained to take students through the career decision-making process. TTC's counselors are the academic advisors for undecided students until the students make a decision about their major.

Course in a Bag - Video course. Students purchase the textbook and receive a study guide with the instructor on video tapes after making a deposit. Tests are taken in the Testing Center on any campus. At the end of the semester, students return the video tapes to the bookstore for a refund of the deposit.

Credit - The amount of work a student completes is referred to as credit hours. Each course is assigned a specific number of credits based on the amount of time spent in class and/or lab. To receive a degree, diploma or certificate, a specified number of credits is required.

Credit by exam - A student can receive credit for a specified course if he/she passes an exam. There are several types of exams, such as CLEP, AP and challenge. Students should ask their academic advisor about this option.

Curriculum - The courses offered in a program of study.

Dean - The head of an academic division or an area within the college.

Default - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Department - One of several units in a division.

Developmental Courses - Nondegree course work designed to develop skills students need to be successful in a program of study.

Diploma Program - One-year degree program.

Drop/Add - The process by which enrolled students make changes to their original class schedule that occurs during the first few days of each term. The number of days varies for each session. Check the academic calendar for dates.

Dual Credit - Courses taken at a college that will be counted toward high school and college graduation. Special arrangements must be made before enrolling in these courses. Students should start with their high school counseling office or the principal's office if they are interested.

Dual Major - Students may declare two majors and take courses in both majors at the same time.

Eligible Program - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) - (see Financial Aid definitions).

FAFSA - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Fast Forward Courses - Accelerated courses that are 5-7 weeks in length.

Fast Work-Study - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Financial Aid - (FA) financial assistance to help pay for college tuition, fees and materials. It includes grants, loans, GI Bill, tuition assistance and scholarships.

Flex Classes - College courses that are offered in formats other than in the traditional full semester. Examples: weekend college, online, course in a bag, fast forward.

Full-time - Enrollment in at least 12 credit hours of coursework. Typically, this is 4 courses.

Grade Point Average (GPA) - A system of measuring students' course averages by using points for each grade. Learn how to calculate your own GPA by going to TTC's Web site (http://www.tridenttech.edu/535_2430.htm).

Graduation - The final awarding of a degree, diploma, or certificate at TTC. Students must apply at the Registrar's Office for graduation to receive the award and to march in the official ceremony. Students do not have to attend the ceremony to receive their award.

Grants - (see Financial Aid definitions).

Learning Center - A learning lab with audio/visual and computer resources and tutoring services.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) - The library.

Loan - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Lottery-Funded Tuition Assistance (LTA) - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Major - Your program of study or the degree you wish to earn.

Matriculation - Official registration/enrollment of a student in college.

Nondegree student - A student who is attending college but has not selected a program of study. These students are not eligible for most types of financial aid.

On Course - TTC's class schedule which includes a college calendar and general information about admissions, registration and financial aid.

Online - Using the internet. TTC offers courses, e-mail and registration that are accessed from its home web site (www.tridenttech.edu).

Open Advising Session - Group sessions offered once per month for prospective nursing students only. Also, available at www.tridenttech.edu.

Orientation - 1) New student orientation is an opportunity for students to learn what services are available and how processes work at a college. 2) At TTC there are also course orientations for students who enroll in a Course in a Bag. These take place several days before classes start each semester. Check On Course for times and dates.

Orientation Center - a place for new students to learn the processes and services available for them at a college. You will also be assigned your academic advisor. TTC's orientation is a walk-in service available every day the college is open.

Orientation Leader - An employee in TTC's Orientation Centers who orients new students to TTC and its services, registers nondegree students, and answers general questions about the college. Orientation Leaders are not academic advisors.

Part-time - Enrollment in less than 12 credit hours of coursework. Most financial aid will pay for part time enrollment. Each type of financial aid has its own rules about enrollment. Be familiar with the type of financial aid you have and follow its regulations.

Pell Grant - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Pin Number - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Placement Test - A test of current skill-level in English, reading, and mathematics. Students who do not have qualifying SAT or ACT test scores, or who have not transferred in math and English courses from a regionally accredited college will be asked to take all or part of the TTC Placement Test. Students will be placed into courses based on the results of this test. Opportunities for retesting are based on prescribed retest ranges and are discussed with each student at new student orientation. Initial placement testing is free; however, any additional testing requires payment of a retest fee.

Prerequisite - A completed course or specified test scores needed to enroll in another course.

Priority Registration - The major registration period for current, returning, readmitted and early accepted new students that occurs prior to Registration Day for the upcoming semester.

Probation - 1) Academic: A warning signal that indicates poor academic performance. A student is placed on probation if his or her grade point average falls below the standards established by the College. 2) (FA) Financial Aid/Veterans/State Free: The step between warning and suspension as described in the Standards of Academic Progress.

Program of Study - Your major or the degree you wish to earn.

Promissory Note - (see Financial Aid definitions).

Registration - Entering course selections into the college's computerized registration system to reserve your seat in a class. All students must apply and be accepted to the college before they can register for classes.

Residency - 1) The classification of how a person is going to be charged for tuition based on where he/she lives and for how long and under what circumstances. Check appendix E-22 in the current catalog for the complete Residency Policy of South Carolina. 2) At least 25% of the total credit hours in a program of study must be completed at TTC in order to earn a degree, diploma or certificate.

Retest - An opportunity to take all or part of the placement test again if scores are in prescribed retest ranges. Retest fee is \$25.

Selective Service Registration - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Semester - A typical length of time classes are offered at a college - usually 15 weeks.

South Carolina State Free Tuition Program - (FA) Children of deceased or 100% disabled Veterans who were killed or disabled during military service can attend any SC state supported college or university up until their 26th birthday and pay no tuition or fees. Children of deceased or 100% disabled police officers, firemen or rescue workers who were killed or disabled while on duty can go to any SC state supported college or university for a total of 4 years and pay no tuition or fees.

Student Aid Report (SAR) - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Student ID - A picture identification card that is required for students to show in various college offices and labs for services.

Student ID number - A number generated by TTC's electronic student database system when a student's application is entered. This number can be used in lieu of a social security number on college documents. The number is displayed on a student's ID card and on the My Profile screen in TTC Express.

Subsidized Stafford Loan - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Suspension - 1) Academic: A period of time when students are not permitted to attend classes due to below minimum academic performance or disciplinary actions. 2) (FA) Financial Aid,/Veterans/State Free: The status after probation. A period of time when students are not eligible for financial aid because they fall below the FA/VA/State Free Standards of Academic Progress.

Syllabus - A document distributed to students by the instructor. It shows the course description and objectives, the grading system and other important information.

Transcript - An official record of all academic work attempted by a student. It may contain the course number, title of each course taken and the final grade received. In addition, there may be a compilation of the number of credits, number of grade points and the grade point average.

Transfer - moving from one college to another where courses from one college may count toward a degree at another college. The college awarding the degree makes the decision as to whether a course transferred in from another college will count toward the degree. Students must have their official transcript sent to TTC's registrar's office for evaluation.

TTC Express - TTC's student registration/records software. Students receive an account within several days of applying to the college and can view their application status and records, register for classes, pay for fees, apply for graduation and much more.

Undecided - A student who plans to earn a degree, has not chosen a program but is exploring career options, and has met the admissions requirements for most associate degree programs. These students are not eligible for most types of financial aid.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loan - (see Financial Aid definitions)

Warning - (FA) Financial Aid/Veterans/State Free: The status after good academic standing described in the Standards of Academic Progress.

Weekend College - Courses that are completed in five weeks. Students register for one course that meets all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon for five consecutive weekends.

Withdrawal - Until a published date, a student may remove themselves from a class with no punitive grade.

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TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

TTC CREED AND CODE OF CONDUCT

TTC expects students to act in an adult manner, to take responsibility for their actions and to treat all students and employees with respect, even if they do not agree with other people's opinions and actions.

Trident Technical College is committed to the achievement of student success in an environment defined by civility and dignity. To that end, the College created a TTC Student Creed that clearly identifies expected behavior of all members of the College community. This creed is as follows:

As a Trident scholar, I PLEDGE TO

- *Accept responsibility for my actions, language and attitudes.*
- *Practice good manners and courteous behavior toward all that I encounter.*
- *Respect the rights and property of others.*
- *Demonstrate integrity in my academic pursuits.*
- *Honor the nobility of learning and scholarship.*
- *Recognize the value of diversity.*
- *Promote good citizenship, common decency and universal harmony.*

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TTC Calendar 2008-2009

FALL SEMESTER 2008

FALL 2008 - FULL TERM

Priority Registration Begins	June 23
Application Deadline	Aug. 4
Registration	Aug. 19
Course Cancellation	Aug. 21

FALL SEMESTER

Classes Begin	Aug. 25
Drop/Add	Aug. 25-29
Labor Day Holiday (College closed to the public)	Sept. 1
Student Activity Period	Sept. 9
Student Activity Period	Oct. 8
Midterm	Oct. 13
Student Holiday	Nov. 3-4
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Nov. 7
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Nov. 11-20
Student Activity Period	Nov. 13
Student Holiday	Nov. 26
Thanksgiving Holidays (College closed)	Nov. 27-30
Holiday Drop In	Dec. 6
Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other than Final	Dec. 8
Classes End	Dec. 8
Exams	Dec. 9-12, 15-16
Winter Holidays (College closed)	Dec. 20-Jan. 2

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FASTFORWARD CLASSES AND WEEKEND COLLEGE CLASSES SHOULD REVIEW THE FALL SESSION INFORMATION LIST ABOVE FOR DATES OF STUDENT ACTIVITY PERIODS AND STUDENT AND COLLEGE HOLIDAYS.

FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY AND VERIFICATION DATES

These dates are priority dates, not deadlines. The Financial Aid office continually processes applications according to the date the completed aid file is received.

FALL SEMESTER 2008

Priority Date **June 6, 2008**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file in order to have funds available for Fall Semester 2008.

Verification Date **July 11, 2008**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file verified in order to have funds available for Fall Semester 2008.

EXCESS FUNDS FOR AWARDS GREATER THAN THE TUITION AND FEES CHARGED TO THE STUDENT (OTHER CRITERIA BEING MET) GENERALLY ARE MAILED BY THE THIRD WEEK OF CLASSES EACH SEMESTER.

TTC Calendar 2008-2009

Fall 2008-Weekend 1

Registration Ends	Aug. 29
Classes Begin	Aug. 30
Drop Classes	Aug. 30-Sept. 5
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Sept. 19
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Sept. 20-26
Classes End	Sept. 21
Exams	Sept. 27

Fall 2008-Weekend 2

Registration Ends	Oct. 3
Classes Begin	Oct. 4
Drop Classes	Oct. 4-10
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Oct. 24
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Oct. 25-31
Classes End	Oct. 26
Exams	Nov. 1

Fall 2008-Weekend 3

Registration Ends	Nov. 7
Classes Begin	Nov. 8
Drop Classes	Nov. 8-14
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Dec. 5
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Dec. 6-12
Classes End	Dec. 7
Exams	Dec. 13

Fall 2008-FastForward 1

Registration	Aug. 19
Classes Begin	Aug. 25
Drop/Add	Aug. 25-27
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Sept. 24
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Sept. 25-Oct. 5
Classes End	Oct. 13
Exams	Oct. 14-15

Fall 2008-FastForward 2

Registration	Oct. 10
Classes Begin	Oct. 16
Drop/Add	Oct. 16-20
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Nov. 18
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Nov. 19-30
Classes End	Dec. 10
Exams	Dec. 11-12, 15-16

* Priority Registration for all Fall sessions begins on June 23, 2008. Registration end dates are noted by session.

NOTE:

PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR ALL SESSIONS ARE PUBLISHED ON THE TTC WEB-SITE AND IN THE ONCOURSE PUBLICATION FOR EACH SEMESTER

TTC Calendar 2008-2009

SPRING SEMESTER 2009

SPRING 2009 - FULL TERM

Priority Registration Begins	Oct. 6
Application Deadline	Dec. 5
Registration	Jan. 6
Course Cancellation	Jan. 8

SPRING SEMESTER

Classes Begin	Jan. 12
Drop/Add	Jan. 12-16
Martin Luther King Holiday (College closed to the public)	Jan. 19
Student Activity Period	Jan. 20
Student Activity Period	Feb. 18
Midterm	March 2
Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline	March 2
Student Holidays	March 9-10
Student Activity Period	March 26
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	March 27
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	March 31-April 9
Student Holidays	April 8-12
Good Friday (College closed to the public)	April 10
Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other than Final	April 27
Classes End	April 27
Exams	April 28-May 1, 4
Awards Day	May 8
Graduation	May 8

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FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY AND VERIFICATION DATES

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SPRING SEMESTER 2009

Priority Date **October 31, 2008**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file in order to have funds available for Spring Semester 2009.

Verification Date **November 28, 2008**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file verified in order to have funds available for Spring Semester 2009.

EXCESS FUNDS FOR AWARDS GREATER THAN THE TUITION AND FEES CHARGED TO THE STUDENT (OTHER CRITERIA BEING MET) GENERALLY ARE MAILED BY THE THIRD WEEK OF CLASSES EACH SEMESTER.

TTC Calendar 2008-2009

Spring 2009-Weekend 1

Registration Ends	Jan. 16
Classes Begin	Jan. 17
Drop Classes	Jan. 17-23
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Feb. 6
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Feb. 7-13
Classes End	Feb. 8
Exams	Feb. 14

Spring 2009-Weekend 2

Registration Ends	Feb. 20
Classes Begin	Feb. 21
Drop Classes	Feb. 21-27
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	March 13
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	March 14-20
Classes End	March 15
Exams	March 21

Spring 2009-Weekend 3

Registration Ends	March 27
Classes Begin	March 28
Drop Classes	March 28 - April 3
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	April 24
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	April 25-May 1
Classes End	April 26
Exams	May 2

Spring 2009-FastForward 1

Registration	Jan. 6
Classes Begin	Jan. 12
Drop/Add	Jan. 12-14
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	Feb. 11
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Feb. 12-22
Classes End	March 2
Exams	March 3-4

Spring 2009-FastForward 2

Registration	Feb. 27
Classes Begin	March 5
Drop/Add	March 5-6
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	April 7
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	April 8-19
Classes End	April 29
Exams	April 30-May 1, 4

* Priority Registration for all Spring sessions begins on October 6. Registration end dates are noted by session.

NOTE:

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TTC Calendar 2008-2009

MAYMESTER 2009

Application Deadline	May 1
Registration Ends	May 8
Classes Begin	May 11
Drop/Add	May 11
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	May 22
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	May 25-28
Classes End	May 28
Exams	May 29

SUMMER SEMESTER 2009

Priority Registration Begins	Feb. 23
Application Deadline	May 15
Confederate Memorial Day Observed (College closed to the public. Maymester classes held)	May 11
Memorial Day (College closed)	May 25
Registration	May 26
Course Cancellation	May 28

SUMMER SEMESTER - FULL TERM

Classes Begin	June 1
Drop/Add	June 1-3
Student Activity Period	June 9
Student Holidays	June 29-July 5
Independence Day Holiday (College closed)	July 3-5
Midterm	July 8
Student Activity Period	July 15
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	July 23
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	July 27-Aug. 5
Classes End	Aug. 7
Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other than Final	Aug. 7
Exams	Aug. 10-12

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FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY AND VERIFICATION DATES

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MAYMESTER/SUMMER SEMESTER 2009

Priority Date **April 3, 2009**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file in order to have funds available for Maymester/Summer Semester 2009.

Verification Date **April 17, 2009**

This is the priority date to have a completed Financial Aid file verified in order to have funds available for Maymester/Summer Semester 2009.

EXCESS FUNDS FOR AWARDS GREATER THAN THE TUITION AND FEES CHARGED TO THE STUDENT (OTHER CRITERIA BEING MET) GENERALLY ARE MAILED BY THE THIRD WEEK OF CLASSES EACH SEMESTER.

TTC Calendar 2008-2009

Summer 2009-Weekend 1

Registration Ends	May 29
Classes Begin	May 30
Drop Classes	May 30-June 5
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	June 19
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	June 20-26
Classes End	June 21
Exams	June 27

Summer 2009-Weekend 2

Registration Ends	July 10
Classes Begin	July 11
Drop Classes	July 11-17
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	July 31
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Aug. 1-7
Classes End	Aug. 1
Exams	Aug. 8

Summer 2009-FastForward 1

Registration	May 26
Classes Begin	June 1
Drop/Add	June 1-2
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	June 22-July 1
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	June 19
Classes End	June 26
Exams	July 6-7

Summer 2009-FastForward 2

Registration	July 10
Classes Begin	July 13
Drop/Add	July 13-14
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W	July 31
Student Evaluation of Course and Instructor	Aug. 3-9
Classes End	Aug. 7
Exams	Aug. 10-11

* Priority Registration for all Summer sessions begins on February 23. Registration end dates are noted by session.

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Counseling Workshops 2008-2009

MAIN CAMPUS

410 Building - 2nd Floor

September 10, 2008	11:30	College Survival Skills
September 11, 2008	1:00	College Survival Skills
October 14, 2008	11:30	Test Taking Strategies
October 15, 2008	1:00	Test Taking Strategies
November 11, 2008	11:30	Pros & Cons of Withdrawing
November 12, 2008	1:00	Pros & Cons of Withdrawing
December 2, 2008	11:30	How to Survive Exams
December 3, 2008	1:00	How to Survive Exams
January 14, 2009	11:30	College Survival Skills
January 15, 2009	1:00	College Survival Skills
February 17, 2009	11:30	Test Taking Strategies
February 19, 2009	1:00	Test Taking Strategies
March 18, 2009	11:30	Pros & Cons of Withdrawing
March 19, 2009	1:00	Pros & Cons of Withdrawing
April 1, 2009	11:30	How to Survive Exams
April 2, 2009	1:00	How to Survive Exams

PALMER CAMPUS

Student Success Center - Room 226

September 9, 2008	11:30	The Art of Reading a College Textbook
September 9, 2008	12:00 & 5:15	Survival Skills for College
September 17, 2008	12:30 & 5:15	Basic Study Skills
October 8, 2008	10:20 & 5:15	Test Taking Strategies
November 6, 2008	1:15 & 5:15	Pros & Cons of Withdrawal
November 13, 2008	9:30 & 5:15	How to cram-even though you shouldn't
January 20, 2009	11:30	The Art of Reading a College Textbook
January 20, 2009	12:00	Survival Skills for College
February 18, 2009	10:20 & 5:15	Test Taking Strategies
March 26, 2009	9:30 & 5:15	Pros & Cons to Withdrawing
April 22, 2009	11:00 & 5:00	How to cram-even though you shouldn't
June 9, 2009	10:30	The Art to Reading a College Textbook
June 9, 2009	11:00 & 5:15	Survival Skills for College
July 15, 2009	11:15 & 5:15	Test Taking Strategies

August

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Application Deadline - Fall 2008 _ Full Term

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August

2008

Monday

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Registration - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Registration - Fall 2008_FastForward 1

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Course Cancellation - Fall 2008 _ Full Term

Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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August

2008

Classes Begin - Fall 2008 _ Full Term & FastForward 1
Drop/Add - Fall 2008 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Monday

25

Drop/Add - Fall 2008 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Tuesday

26

Drop/Add - Fall 2008 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Wednesday

27

Drop/Add - Fall 2008 _ Full Term

Thursday

28

Drop/Add - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Registration Ends - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Friday

29

Classes Begin - Fall 2008_Weekend 1
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Saturday

30

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Sunday

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September 2008

Labor Day Holiday (College closed to the public)
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Monday
1

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Tuesday
2

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Wednesday
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Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

Thursday
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Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 1

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September 2008

Monday
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Student Activity Period
Counseling Workshop: The Art of Reading a College Textbook
@11:30:00 AM_Palmer-SSC/226

Tuesday
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Counseling Workshop: Survival Skills for College@12:00 & 5:15_Palmer-SSC/226

Counseling Workshop: College Survival Skills @11:30_Main-410/210

Wednesday
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Counseling Workshop: College Survival Skills@1:00_Main-410/210

Thursday
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Sunday
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September 2008

Monday
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Counseling Workshop: Basic Study Skills @12:30 & 5:15
Palmer-SSC/226
Wednesday
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Thursday
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Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008_Weekend 1
Friday
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Saturday
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Classes End - Fall 2008_Weekend 1
Sunday
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September 2008

Monday
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Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008_FastForward 1
Wednesday
24

Thursday
25

Friday
26

Exams - Fall 2008_Weekend 1
Saturday
27

Sunday
28

September/October 2008

Monday
29

Tuesday
30

Wednesday
1

Thursday
2

Registration Ends - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Friday
3

Classes Begin - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Saturday
4

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Sunday
5

October 2008

Priority Registration Begins - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Monday
6

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Tuesday
7

Student Activity Period
Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@10:20 & 5:15
Palmer-SSC/226
Wednesday
8

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Thursday
9

Registration - Fall 2008_FastForward 2
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 2
Friday
10

Saturday
11

Sunday
12

October

2008

Midterm - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Classes End - Fall 2008_FastForward 1

Monday

13

Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 1
Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@11:30
Main-410/210

Tuesday

14

Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 1
Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@1:00_Main-410/210

Wednesday

15

Classes Begin - Fall 2008_FastForward 2
Drop/Add - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Thursday

16

Drop/Add - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Friday

17

Drop/Add - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Saturday

18

Drop/Add - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Sunday

19

October

2008

Drop/Add - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Monday

20

Tuesday

21

Wednesday

22

Thursday

23

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008_Weekend 2

Friday

24

Saturday

25

Classes End - Fall 2008_Weekend 2

Sunday

26

October/November 2008

Monday
27

Tuesday
28

Wednesday
29

Thursday
30

Spring Semester - Financial Aid Priority Date **Friday**
31

Exams - Fall 2008_Weekend 2 **Saturday**
1

Sunday
2

November 2008

Student Holiday **Monday**
3

Student Holiday **Tuesday**
4

Wednesday
5

Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons of Withdrawal@1:15 & 5:15
Palmer-SSC/226 **Thursday**
6

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Registration Ends - Fall 2008_Weekend 3 **Friday**
7

Classes Begin - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3 **Saturday**
8

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3 **Sunday**
9

November 2008

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3

Monday
10

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons of Withdrawing@11:30
Main-410/210

Tuesday
11

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons of Withdrawing@1:00
Main-410/210

Wednesday
12

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Counseling Workshop: How to cram-even though you shouldn't
@9:30 & 5:15_Palmer-SSC/226

Thursday
13

Student Activity Period

Drop Classes - Fall 2008_Weekend 3

Friday
14

Saturday
15

Sunday
16

November 2008

Monday
17

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Tuesday
18

Wednesday
19

Thursday
20

Friday
21

Saturday
22

Sunday
23

November 2008

Monday
24

Tuesday
25

Student Holiday
Spring Semester - Financial Aid Verification Date
Wednesday
26

Thanksgiving Holidays (College closed)
Thursday
27

Thanksgiving Holidays (College closed)
Friday
28

Thanksgiving Holidays (College closed)
Saturday
29

Thanksgiving Holidays (College closed)
Sunday
30

December 2008

Monday
1

Counseling Workshop: How to Survive Exams@11:30
Main-410/210
Tuesday
2

Counseling Workshop: How to Survive Exams@1:00_Main-410/210
Wednesday
3

Thursday
4

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Application Deadline - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Friday
5

Holiday Drop In
Saturday
6

Classes End - Fall 2008_Weekend 3
Sunday
7

December

2008

Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other than Final - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Classes End - Fall 2008 _ Full Term

Monday

8

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term

Tuesday

9

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Classes End - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Wednesday

10

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Thursday

11

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Friday

12

Exams - Fall 2008_Weekend 3

Saturday

13

Sunday

14

December

2008

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Monday

15

Exams - Fall 2008 _ Full Term
Exams - Fall 2008_FastForward 2

Tuesday

16

Wednesday

17

Thursday

18

Friday

19

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Saturday

20

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Sunday

21

December

2008

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Monday

22

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Tuesday

23

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Wednesday

24

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Thursday

25

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Friday

26

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Saturday

27

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Sunday

28

December '08/January '09

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Monday

29

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Tuesday

30

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Wednesday

31

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Thursday

1

Winter Holidays (College closed)

Friday

2

Saturday

3

Sunday

4

January

2009

Monday

5

Registration - Spring 2009_Full Term, FastForward1

Tuesday

6

Wednesday

7

Course Cancellation - Spring 2009_Full Term

Thursday

8

Friday

9

Saturday

10

Sunday

11

January

2009

Classes Begin - Spring 2009 _ Full Term, FastForward1
Drop/Add - Spring 2009 _ Full Term, FastForward1

Monday

12

Drop/Add - Spring 2009 _ Full Term, FastForward1

Tuesday

13

Drop/Add - Spring 2009 _ Full Term, FastForward1
Counseling Workshop: College Survival Skills@11:30_Main-410/210

Wednesday

14

Drop/Add - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Counseling Workshop: College Survival Skills@1:00_Main-410/210

Thursday

15

Drop/Add - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Registration Ends - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Friday

16

Classes Begin - Spring 2009_Weekend 1
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Saturday

17

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Sunday

18

January

2009

Martin Luther King Holiday (College closed to the public)
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Monday

19

Student Activity Period
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Tuesday

20

Counseling Workshop: The Art of Reading a College Textbook @11:30_Palmer-SSC/226
Counseling Workshop: Survival Skills for College@12:00_Palmer-SSC/226

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Wednesday

21

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Thursday

22

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Friday

23

Saturday

24

Sunday

25

January/February

2009

Monday

26

Tuesday

27

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

1

February

2009

Monday

2

Tuesday

3

Wednesday

4

Thursday

5

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Friday

6

Saturday

7

Classes End - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Sunday

8

February

2009

Monday

9

Tuesday

10

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Spring 2009_FastForward 1

Wednesday

11

Thursday

12

Big Band Concert - Building 920 College Center 7:30pm

Friday

13

Exams - Spring 2009_Weekend 1

Saturday

14

Sunday

15

February

2009

Monday

16

Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@11:30_Main-410/210

Tuesday

17

Student Activity Period
Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@10:20 & 5:15
Palmer-SSC/226

Wednesday

18

Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@1:00_Main-410/210

Thursday

19

Registration Ends - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Friday

20

Classes Begin - Spring 2009_Weekend 2
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Saturday

21

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Sunday

22

February/March

2009

Priority Registration Begins - Summer 2009 _ Full Term
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Monday

23

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Tuesday

24

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Wednesday

25

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Thursday

26

Registration - Spring 2009_FastForward 2
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

Friday

27

Saturday

28

Sunday

1

March 2009

Midterm - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Graduation Ceremony Application Deadline
Classes End - Spring 2009_FastForward 1
Monday
2

Exams - Spring 2009_FastForward 1
Tuesday
3

Exams - Spring 2009_FastForward 1
Wednesday
4

Classes Begin - Spring 2009_FastForward 2
Drop/Add - Spring 2009_FastForward 2
Thursday
5

Drop/Add - Spring 2009_FastForward 2
Friday
6

Saturday
7

Sunday
8

March 2009

Student Holidays
Monday
9

Student Holidays
Tuesday
10

Wednesday
11

Thursday
12

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Spring 2009_Weekend 2
Friday
13

Saturday
14

Classes End - Spring 2009_Weekend 2
Sunday
15

March

2009

Monday

16

Tuesday

17

Wednesday

18

Thursday

19

Friday

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Saturday

21

Sunday

22

Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons of Withdrawing@11:30
Main-410/210

Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons of Withdrawing@1:00
Main-410/210

Exams - Spring 2009_Weekend 2

March

2009

Monday

23

Tuesday

24

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

27

Saturday

28

Sunday

29

Student Activity Period
Counseling Workshop: Pros & Cons to Withdrawing @9:30 & 5:15
Palmer-SSC/226

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Registration Ends - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Classes Begin - Spring 2009_Weekend 3
Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

March/April

2009

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Monday

30

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Tuesday

31

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Counseling Workshop: How to Survive Exams@11:30_Main-410/210

Wednesday

1

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Counseling Workshop: How to Survive Exams@1:00_Main-410/210

Thursday

2

Drop Classes - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Maymester/Summer Semester - Financial Aid Priority Date

Friday

3

Saturday

4

Sunday

5

April

2009

Monday

6

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W-Spring 2009_FastForward 2

Tuesday

7

Student Holiday

Wednesday

8

Student Holiday

Thursday

9

Good Friday (College closed to the public)

Student Holiday

Friday

10

Student Holiday

Saturday

11

Student Holiday

Sunday

12

April

2009

Monday

13

Tuesday

14

Wednesday

14

Thursday

16

Maymester/Summer Semester - Financial Aid Verification Date

Friday

17

Saturday

18

Sunday

19

April

2009

Monday

20

Tuesday

21

Counseling Workshop: How to cram-even though you shouldn't
@11:00 & 5:00_Palmer-SSC/226

Wednesday

22

Thursday

23

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Friday

24

Saturday

25

Classes End - Spring 2009_Weekend 3

Sunday

26

April/May 2009

Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other than Final - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Classes End - Spring 2009 _ Full Term **Monday** 27

Exams - Spring 2009 _ Full Term **Tuesday** 28

Exams - Spring 2009 _ Full Term
Classes End - Spring 2009_FastForward 2 **Wednesday** 29

Exams - Spring 2009_ Full Term & FastForward 2 **Thursday** 30

Exams - Spring 2009_ Full Term & FastForward 2
Application Deadline - Maymester 2009 **Friday** 1

Exams - Spring 2009_ Full Term & FastForward 2
Exams - Spring 2009_Weekend 3 **Saturday** 2

Sunday 3


May 2009

Exams - Spring 2009_ Full Term & FastForward 2 **Monday** 4

Tuesday 5

Wednesday 6

Thursday 7

 **Graduation** **Friday** 8
Awards Day
Registration Ends - Maymester 2009

Saturday 9

Sunday 10

May

2009

Classes Begin - Maymester 2009
Drop/Add - Maymester 2009

Monday

11

Confederate Memorial Day Observed (College closed to the public. Maymester classes held)

Tuesday

12

Wednesday

13

Thursday

14

Application Deadline - Summer 2009 _ Full Term

Friday

15

Saturday

16

Sunday

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May

2009

Monday

18

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

21

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Maymester 2009

Friday

22

Saturday

23

Sunday

24

May

2009

Memorial Day (College closed)

Monday

25

Registration - Summer 2009 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Tuesday

26

Wednesday

27

Classes End - Maymester 2009
Course Cancellation - Summer 2009 _ Full Term

Thursday

28

Exams - Maymester 2009
Registration Ends - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Friday

29

Classes Begin - Summer 2009_Weekend 1
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Saturday

30

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Sunday

31

June

2009

Classes Begin - Summer 2009 _ Full Term & FastForward 1
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1
Drop/Add - Summer 2009 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Monday

1

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1
Drop/Add - Summer 2009 _ Full Term & FastForward 1

Tuesday

2

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1
Drop/Add - Summer 2009 _ Full Term

Wednesday

3

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Thursday

4

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Friday

5

Fall Semester - Financial Aid Priority Date

Saturday

6

Sunday

7

June

2009

Monday

8

Student Activity Period

Counseling Workshop: The Art to Reading a College Textbook
@10:30:00 AM_Palmer-SSC/226

Tuesday

9

Counseling Workshop: Survival Skills for College@11:00 & 5:15_Palmer-SSC/226

Registration - Summer 2009_FastForward 2

Wednesday

10

Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

14

June

2009

Monday

15

Tuesday

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Wednesday

17

Thursday

18

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W-Summer 2009_Weekend 1
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W-Summer 2009_FastForward 1

Friday

19

Saturday

20

Classes End - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Sunday

21

June

2009

Monday

22

Tuesday

23

Wednesday

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Thursday

25

Classes End - Summer 2009_FastForward 1

Friday

26

Exams - Summer 2009_Weekend 1

Saturday

27

Sunday

28

June/July

2009

Student Holiday

Monday

29

Student Holiday

Tuesday

30

Student Holiday

Wednesday

1

Student Holiday

Thursday

2

Independence Day Holiday (College closed)

Friday

3

Student Holiday

Saturday

4

Student Holiday

Sunday

5

July

2009

Exams - Summer 2009_FastForward 1

Monday

6

Exams - Summer 2009_FastForward 1

Tuesday

7

Midterm - Summer 2009 _ Full Term

Wednesday

8

Thursday

9

Registration Ends - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Friday

10

Classes Begin - Summer 2009_Weekend 2
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Saturday

11

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Sunday

12

July

2009

Classes Begin - Summer 2009_FastForward 2
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2
Drop/Add - Summer 2009_FastForward 2

Monday

13

Classes Begin - Summer 2009_FastForward 2
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Tuesday

14

Student Activity Period
Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Wednesday

15

Counseling Workshop: Test Taking Strategies@11:15 & 5:15_Palmer-SSC/226

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Thursday

16

Drop Classes - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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July

2009

Monday
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
22

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W - Summer 2009 _ Full Term **Thursday**
23

Friday
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Saturday
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Sunday
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July/August

2009

Monday
27

Tuesday
28

Wednesday
29

Thursday
30

Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W-Summer 2009_Weekend 2
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of W-Summer 2009_FastForward 2 **Friday**
31

Classes End - Summer 2009_Weekend 2 **Saturday**
1

Sunday
2

August

2009

Monday

3

Tuesday

4

Wednesday

5

Thursday

6

Friday

7

Classes End - Summer 2009 _ Full Term
Deadline for Make-up Tests, Retests, Distance Learning Tests other
than Final - Summer 2009 _ Full Term

Classes End - Summer 2009_FastForward 2

Saturday

8

Exams - Summer 2009_Weekend 2

Sunday

Exams - Summer 2009 _ Full Term Aug. 10-12

Exams - Summer 2009_FastForward 2 Aug. 10-11

Notes & Phone Numbers

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Notes & Phone Numbers

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