

## **DEGREE PROGRAMS AND OTHER EDUCATION OFFERED**

### **Degrees and Programs**

SCC offers a wide variety of college-credit curriculum programs. Courses in many areas are available at night or online, and some programs may be completed through evening and distance learning classes.

Associate degree programs prepare students to enter the workplace immediately upon graduation and/or to continue their education at a four-year institution. Full-time non-developmental students can generally complete associate degree programs in two years.

Vocational diploma programs are primarily for those who wish to enter a trade prior to completing an associate degree and may be completed in as little as three semesters by non-developmental students on a full-time basis. In many curriculum areas, diploma programs are the equivalent of the initial semesters of the associate degree program, and most courses earned in completing the diploma count toward the associate degree.

Certificate programs provide short term training which may be immediately applicable to employment and may be completed in as little as one semester on a full-time basis. In many curriculum areas, the courses earned in completing the certificate program count toward the diploma and/or associate degree.

To view a listing of SCC's degrees and programs, visit [www.sccnc.edu/curriculum%20program%20list.pdf](http://www.sccnc.edu/curriculum%20program%20list.pdf)

### **GED PROGRAM**

#### **General Educational Development (GED)**

Those receiving an acceptable passing score on five sections of the GED test will receive a High School Equivalency Diploma awarded by the North Carolina Community College System. The five sections of the GED test are Language Arts – Writing, including an essay; Social Studies; Science; Language Arts – Reading; and Mathematics. The test is given approximately every month.

GED tests have been accepted as a valid means of awarding a high school diploma. Recent national surveys confirm that most employers and training programs accept GED diplomas in the same manner as

traditional high school diplomas. In addition, students may enroll in any community college program with the GED diploma. Universities will accept GED graduates after they meet other admission requirements. (Students usually complete their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year school.) Certain branches of the military will also accept GED graduates while some branches may have additional requirements. Adults who have not completed high school may take the GED test at SCC. North Carolina residency is required. Students must first enroll in a class and meet testing requirements in order to pre-register for the test.

Visit SCC's Basic Skills Program here  
<http://www.sccnc.edu/coned/basicskl.htm>