

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Durham Technical Community College Request for Multi-Campus Center Approval

Request: Durham Technical Community College (DTCC) requests the State Board provide preliminary approval to designate the Orange County Campus as a multi-campus center (MCC). The site is located at 525 College Park Road, Hillsborough, NC. By granting preliminary approval, the State Board agrees to include the MCC funding (approximately \$513,000) for this location in its 2016 budget requests submitted to OSBM. Final State Board approval is contingent on the General Assembly appropriating additional MCC funds for the location.

Background: In 2008 DTCC opened the Orange County Campus on a 20-acre plot located in the Waterstone development in southern Hillsborough in the geographic center of Orange County. The first building on this campus is a 40,000-square-foot brick structure, including 22 instructional spaces consisting of classrooms, computer and science labs, a full-service library, flexible use space, instructional and student support services areas, and faculty and student lounges. A recent site analysis conducted by the O'Brien-Atkins architectural firm, as part of the college's master campus plan update, suggests full-buildout of the space would include two additional buildings of 40,000 to 50,000 square feet. The real property associated with this site is owned by the DTCC Board of Trustees.

Rationale: DTCC provided the following justification for MCC designation.

1. An adequate population base must exist to support the multi-campus operation.

Orange County's population of approximately 145,000 ranks it in the top twenty percent of counties in North Carolina. Orange County is the most populous county in the state without either main campus or approved MCC location. The population of Orange County grew by over 13% between 2000 and 2010, and is projected to grow by an additional 10% over the next decade.

2. Programs and services provided are based on appropriate student demand and needs.

The Orange County Campus has seen steady, significant expansion of programs since the opening of the facility in spring 2008. The college currently offers an array of credit and non-credit courses that are available to current DTCC students and visiting students at the Orange County Campus. Students have the ability to complete the Associate in Arts, Associate in General Education, Associate in Applied Science degree in Emergency Medical Sciences, and a Certificate in Nursing Assistant at the facility. The college also offers adult literacy programming, continuing education courses, and an array of curriculum courses that serve visiting students, provide a scheduling option for students enrolled in other DTCC programs, and support our Career and College Promise initiatives with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and the Orange County Schools.

With increased enrollment and an unduplicated head count of over 700 students, future plans include increasing general education offerings in English, science, math, social science, and humanities. In 2016 the college intends to increase course offerings for both the Nursing Assistant and Emergency Medical Science programs.

3. Programs and services provided through multi-campus centers comply with the *Criteria for Accreditation* of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC).

DTCC – Orange County Campus has received recognition from the SACSOC. (A copy of the official letter from SACSOC has been provided to the North Carolina Community College System Office.)

4. Adequate county government maintenance and operation of physical plant support is available.

DTCC enjoys significant support from the county's elected officials. Financial support from Orange County has increased steadily since the facility was opened, and the college's request for the FY 15-16 budget of \$751,875 was fully funded by Orange County, including adequate funds for maintenance and operation of physical plant.

Significantly, this amount also includes funds to off-set the cost to Orange County residents to take the high school equivalency examination and an appropriation to deploy a college liaison to help with recruitment efforts in high schools in the county's two public school systems. This commitment beyond the required facilities and capital needs speaks to the county's on-going support of the college and their recognition of DTCC as Orange County's community college.

5. An instructional program and services plan has been developed which includes appropriate details concerning program mix, staffing, and instructional support functions.

Addressing the increased demand for learning and student support services is currently being met by reassigning and sharing resources and staff. A full-time OCC Student Services director, full time advisor, and reference librarian have been assigned to OCC. Additional staffing and resource needs will be evaluated and requested for the next academic year.

6. The multi-campus center does not have a negative impact on institutions in contiguous areas.

DTCC's Orange County Campus (OCC) has not had a negative impact on Alamance Community College, the institution located closest to OCC. In the first three years of OCC's operation (2007-08 through 2009-10), full-time equivalent enrollment at Alamance Community College increase by nearly thirty percent (from 3,871 to 5,058). Subsequent enrollment fluctuations at Alamance have been consistent with other colleges in the system.

- 7. Students enrolled at a multi-campus location must be able to complete at least one associate degree at the campus that requests the multi-campus designation.**

Associate of Arts – College Transfer

Associate in General Education

Associate of Applied Science – Emergency Medical Sciences

- 8. The duplication of instructional support and other cost expenses are justifiable from cost effectiveness and quality perspectives.**

Earlier this year, UNC-Hospitals opened a new full-service medical facility across the street from the OCC, and the college is in discussion with Orange County government about the advantages of erecting a second building and the OCC to provide medical and allied health training for potential employees of the new hospital. Designation of this facility as a multi-campus center will provide access to the resources necessary to support the necessary administrative and support functions at OCC as the college contemplates further program expansion to meet the needs of the residents and organizations of Orange County.

- 9. The multi-campus operation must enroll a minimum of 300 budget FTE.**

	2013-14	2014-15
Curriculum FTE (Summer, Fall, Spring)	247	281
Continuing Education FTE (Spring, Summer, Fall)	104	99
Total FTE	351	380

Conditions of Approval: None recommended.

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