

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

Request: Forsyth Technical Community College (Forsyth Tech) requests the State Board provide preliminary approval to designate the Transportation Technology Center as a multi-campus center (MCC). The site is located at 4255 North Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, NC. By granting preliminary approval, the State Board agrees to include the MCC funding (approximately \$526,000) for this location in its 2017 budget requests submitted to OSBM. Final State Board approval is contingent on the General Assembly appropriating additional MCC funds for the location.

Background: Forsyth Tech received Off-Campus Center approval for the Automotive and Transportation Technical Center in Winston-Salem in November 2007. This 139,000 sq. ft. state of the art facility, located on 13 acres, opened in 2012. It houses the following curriculum programs: Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology, Automotive Systems Technology, Race Car Technology (Richard Childress Race Car), Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, and Motorcycle Mechanics. It is the only one of its kind in the southeast and is also the home of the International Center and other Economic and Workforce Development classes - such as ESL (English as a second language), OBD, Auto Safety Inspections, Forklift Training, and Photography.

Rationale: Forsyth Tech provided the following justification for MCC designation.

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

Winston-Salem has an adequate population base to support multi-campus operations at Forsyth Tech. The population of Forsyth County is 369,000 (2015). The College also serves Stokes County with a population of 46,000. The Center is the only location in either county for the specific associate degree and diploma programs offered there.

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

The instructional programs and services are designed to meet student needs. Complete curriculum programs at the Center include Automotive Technology, Collision Repair and Refinishing, Motorcycle Service, and Race Car Technology. Strong consistent enrollment attests to student needs being met. Student services include on-site student advising, cashier operations, and a Center Bookstore. Student counseling, financial aid assistance, and library services are provided on a planned schedule by staff from the main campus, by appointment, or through technology-based service delivery. The College also offers Career and College Readiness classes and English as a Second Language at the Center drawing upon the socioeconomic and ethnic diversity of northwest Winston-Salem neighborhoods. Thus, the Center provides the full array of instruction and services to support student attainment of associate degrees and other credentials.

- 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.***

The programs and service at the Center comply with the SACS-COC Criteria for Accreditation. The Center was approved by SACS-COC on November 11, 2011.

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

Forsyth County provides for the maintenance and operation of the Center in an annual allocation within the overall County portion of the Forsyth Tech budget (as noted in the College's DCC 2-1 report).

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

The programs and services at the Transportation Technology Center are included in the College's strategic planning and tactical (annual) planning process. Each instructional program at the Center and the Center as a whole develops an annual plan. These plans are based on enrollment and student outcome data and include projected staff, current expense, and equipment needs which drive College budget decisions for the Center and its programs.

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

Since the Center opened in January 2012, community colleges in contiguous counties have not experienced a significant impact. Given the Center's geographic location in metropolitan Winston-Salem and near the center of Forsyth County, no additional impact is anticipated.

- 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.**

Students can complete Associate in Applied Science degrees and related diplomas and certificates in Automotive Technology, Collision Repair and Refinishing, Motorcycle Service, and Race Car Technology.

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

Forsyth Tech draws upon College-wide resources for instructional and student services to provide support for the Center, ensuring that the quality of services at the

Transportation Technology Center are consistent with the services provided on the main campus and at other off-campus locations. For example, financial aid specialists have the main campus as their “home base” but go to the Center on a regularly scheduled basis to provide support to students there. They also use teleconferencing to connect with students at the Center. This system provides a cost efficient means of providing these services across the College.

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

The Transportation Technology Center enrolls more than the minimum requirement for multi-campus centers (Forsyth Tech Institutional Research data):

Academic Year	BFTE
2012-2013	499.0
2013-2014	505.3
2014-2015	512.4

Conditions of Approval: Staff recommends that the college be required to provide a copy of the SACS-COC approval letter dated November 11, 2011 (as referenced in item 3 above) be provided to the System Office for our files.

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