



Career **Technologies**

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Danell Moses, B.S.B.A., M.A.Ed.

Dean of Career Technologies
Southwestern Community College

Thank you for considering our **Career Technologies** division!

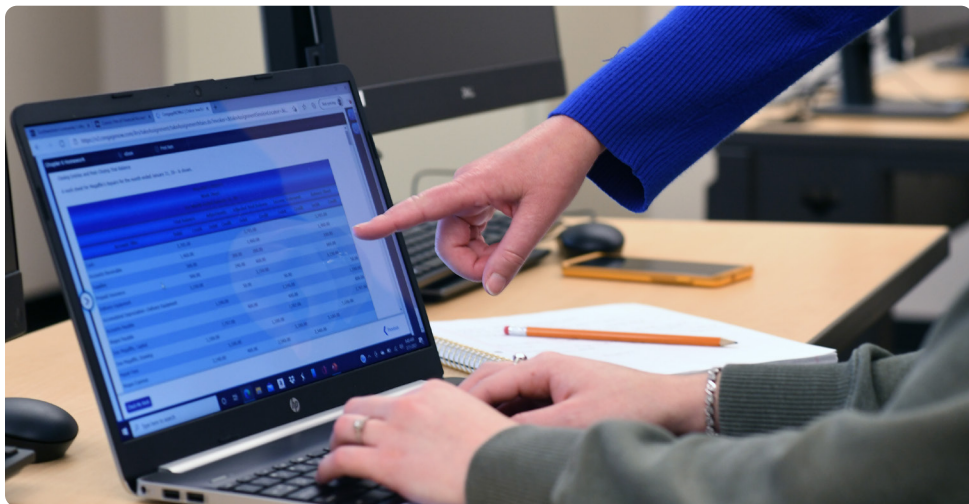
We're **devoted to your success**, and we will do everything in our power to make your time at Southwestern fulfilling and rewarding.

This booklet gives you a brief overview of each Career Technologies program we offer, and I want to encourage you to contact our talented and dedicated faculty members in the career pathways that appeal to you.

You can also check out our website **(SouthwesternCC.edu)** for more details.

We're glad you've got Southwestern on your mind; please let us know how we can help you take the next step in your educational journey!

Accounting & Finance



Do you have a knack for numbers and **enjoy math**?
Are you a **problem solver**?
This could be the profession for you!

program facts:

- 1 of 5 original programs dating back to our college's founding in 1964.
- We offer multiple certificate options in addition to an associate degree.

Faculty Perspective:

"Accounting is like a puzzle to me. I really enjoy looking at the numbers and seeing how they fit together. It's also fulfilling to give businesses advice on how to be profitable and how to sustain their operations."

--Sharon Lauffer, Instructor



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Advertising & Graphic Design



If you're an **artist at heart** and **enjoy creating**, this program will allow you to expand your craft and discover great career opportunities.

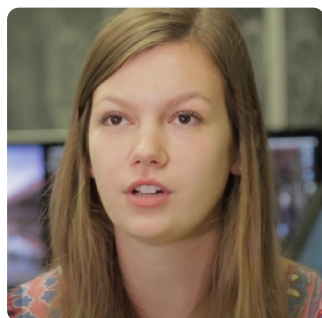
program facts:

- Opportunity to create for a living.
- Wide variety of career options around & beyond Western NC.

Graduate Perspective:

"The facilities are very, very well-rounded. They have all the software you need to grow your knowledge as well as screen-printing, pin-stripping, air-brushing, photography courses - everything you could possibly think of."

--Elizabeth Ramirez, 2014 Graduate



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Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration



Those who like to **work with their hands** and **help others** would be perfect for this program. Choose from a wide variety of jobs in this lucrative field.

program facts:

- One of the most-stable career fields in our area.
- High-paying jobs are available immediately upon graduation.

Student Perspective:

"Our instructor is top notch, and SCC is a great place to learn different trades."

--Will Murajda, Student



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Automotive



Interested in **working with vehicles**? We'll equip you with all the skills necessary to succeed in this growing industry.

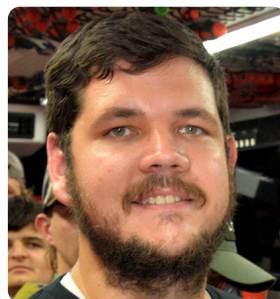
program facts:

- Our program regularly receives the top level of certification offered by the ASE Education Foundation.
- Our instructors have worked in the profession for decades.

Student Perspective:

"We've got pretty much every new piece of technology that the big dealerships use, and we have an opportunity to get certified on them."

--Mitch Parris, Student



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Business Administration



Dream of **owning a business** or helping an existing one thrive? This program offers the guidance you'll need to succeed.

program facts:

- Degree and certificate options in Business, Entrepreneurship and Office Administration.
- Work for a government agency, large or small business or start your own business.

Graduate Perspective:

"Before attending the Entrepreneurship program, I had a hobby that kept me occupied. Now I have a growing and developing business that I am very proud of. SCC helped to make the process even more enjoyable, and now I have my sights set on further education and success."

--Dee Wilder, 2022 Graduate



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Cosmetology



Does it make you happy to **build up the confidence** of others?

This program will provide you with the proper tools and techniques to become a pro!

program facts:

- Our instructors are seasoned professionals with successful careers in the beauty industry.
- Our graduates work for area salons and travel the country as consultants.

Graduate Perspective:

"Southwestern gave me a fulfilling career in the beauty industry that I've been in for over 35 years, and I've had a wonderful life because of it."

--Jeff Runken, 1985 Graduate



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Criminal Justice



Would you like to **protect and serve**? In this field, you'll learn how to **keep your community safe** while studying investigative principles, ethics and community relations.

program fact:

- Sworn Officers who've already completed Basic Law Enforcement Training receive credit for 19 hours toward their associate degree in this field.

Faculty Perspective:

"Our goal is to prepare students with the training, knowledge and experience they need to make a positive impact on society."

—Ashley Burleson, Program Coordinator



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Culinary



Do you **enjoy cooking**? Why not turn it into a career? This program will help get you started while teaching you **various cooking techniques** to make delicious foods.

program facts:

- Students take field trips to gain actual “farm-to-table” experience.
- Our demonstration kitchen is modeled after a professional TV studio.

Faculty Perspective:

“We take a holistic approach to Culinary Arts, starting with your budget for meals and making sure you have fresh ingredients in your inventory - and we take you through every step until the finished entree is served to your customer.”

--John Robinson, Program Coordinator



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Cyber Security



As society leans more on technology, crime has followed suit. If you're interested in **technology** and **criminal justice**, this career path is a perfect way to help prevent hackers from destroying lives and property.

program facts:

- This program can be taken completely online.
- Certificate and Associate Degree options available.

Faculty Perspective:

"Cyber crime affects every aspect of modern life. Every prompt to change your password, every 'captcha' verification and every two-factor authentication reminds us how perilous our digital interactions have become. This program offers an opportunity to fight back."

--Scott Cline, Program Coordinator



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Early Childhood



Do you **love children**? This program will guide you through the process of working with kids and their families in diverse learning environments.

program facts:

- Concentrations in Administration, B-K Licensure Transfer, Infant/Toddler Care, Non-Teaching Licensure Transfer and Preschool are all available as fully online options.

Faculty Perspective:

"There's nothing more fulfilling than knowing you made a positive impact in young lives."

--Linda Aiken, Program Coordinator



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Information Technology



Technology affects every aspect of our lives, so there is an **ever-growing need for those** who know how to troubleshoot and manage it. If you're a **problem solver** and **enjoy working with computers and software**, this is the program for you.

program facts:

- Concentration options include Network Management, Software & Web Development and Support & Services.
- Multiple degrees and certificates available.

Graduate Perspective:

"The faculty and staff at SCC provided me with a foundation of knowledge and a platform to explore my potential and future."

--Jared Ballew, 2007 Graduate & 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient



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Medical Office Administration



If you're **naturally organized** and want to **help patients** with their insurance and other records, explore this career pathway!

program facts:

- Employment opportunities range from medical offices to hospitals and laboratories.
- Associate Degree and diploma options available.

Faculty Perspective:

"Helping patients streamline their paperwork is extremely fulfilling because it allows them to receive their care, and you're also relieving stress from the doctors and nurses."

--Jennifer Barfield, Program Coordinator



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Outdoor Leadership



Enjoy **hands-on learning** where the mountains and rivers will be your classroom. Pursue an intentional lifestyle and career helping others outdoors.

program facts:

- First and only program of its kind in the state.
- Certificates available in Wilderness Therapy and Wilderness Emergency Medicine.

Graduate Perspective:

“(Instructor) Paul Wolf was extremely energetic; you could tell he had a huge passion for what he did ... Even to this day, I think of the ways he helped to guide me, and I am so appreciative.”

—Dustin Wilson, 2003 Graduate & SCC's 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient



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Welding



Learn about different processes and practices, using a **variety of welding equipment** and also **special VR machine trainers** to prepare for a lucrative future!

program facts:

- Recently expanded lab includes plasma cutter and plenty of individual work stations.
- Graduates are always in high demand among employers.

Faculty Perspective:

"We're going to take you through the entire gamut. Pretty much anything you think might happen in the real world is what we're going to experience in the lab."

—Chris McMahan, Program Coordinator



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How to Apply:

Submit an application online:

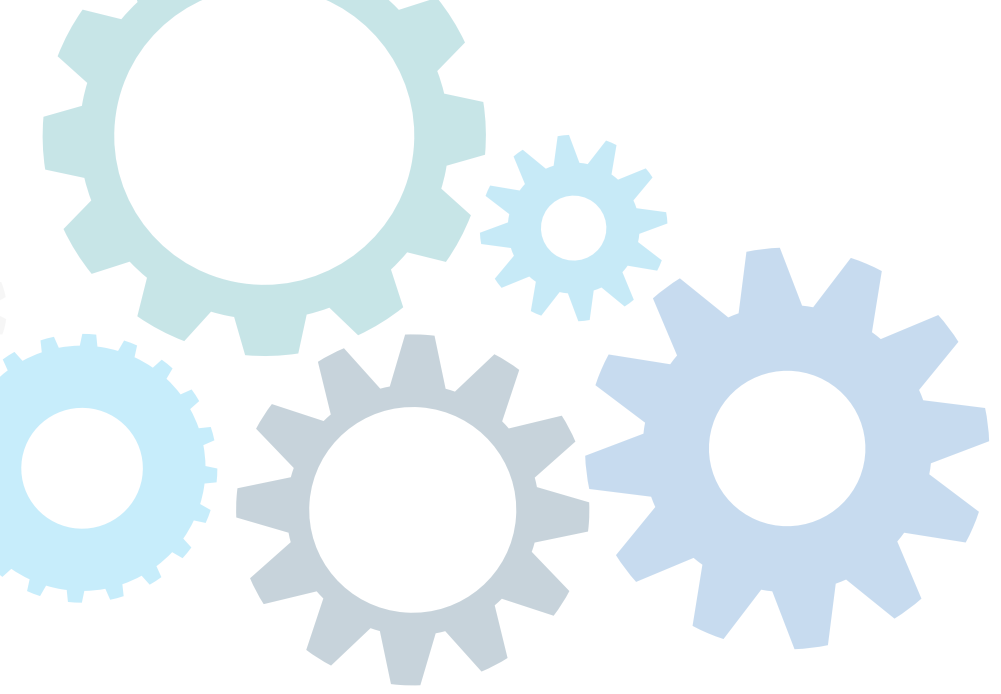
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