

Standard 1: Institutional Mission

Introduction

The mission of Southwest Technical College empowering individuals through innovative, hands-on technical education to build careers and strengthen communities. Southwest Tech continues to expand its offerings to meet service region employment needs. The College awards certificates of completion once students have met all program requirements.

Analysis

1. **The primary mission of the institution is to instruct students to such competency levels that they are qualified for initial employment and/or career advancement.**

The primary mission of Southwest Technical College is to empowering individuals through innovative, hands-on technical education to build careers and strengthen communities. This mission aligns with the College's Board of Trustees representing industry and educational partners in the service region. The implementation of this mission is delivered through our educational programs. These educational programs are reviewed by local industry representation and include the competencies and skills necessary for initial employment and/or career advancement, as evidenced by a completion rate of [], a placement rate of [] and a licensure rate of [] during the most recently reported academic year (i.e., 2023-24).

The mission of the College aligns with that of our parent organization, the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). The mission of USHE is to "operate[] cohesively across the state's 16 public colleges and universities to provide valuable education that meets workforce needs and enhances the wellbeing and prosperity of all Utahns." According to USHE policy, "A technical college's role is to offer technical certificates that meet the needs of Utah's economy and employers while preparing students to enter the workforce...[and to] contribute to the community's and region's quality of life and economic development" (USHE Policy R312).

The institution's mission is:

2. **Clearly and concisely stated in written form.**

The mission statement is clearly and concisely stated in written form and represents the official statement of the College. The mission statement is posted throughout Southwest Technical College facilities. The mission statement can also be found in materials and publications such as the website and strategic plan.

3. **Published in hard copy and/or online.**

The mission statement appears on the College's website (www.stech.edu). The website includes a list of programs offered by the College.