

South Seattle Community College
Institutional Goals
2005-2007

South Seattle Community College (SSCC) commits itself to meeting the following goals by constantly evolving as an educational community through continuous self-assessment. The College uses an assessment plan to evaluate itself and uses the results in decision-making, planning, and allocation of resources. The College promotes communication, collaboration, and learning among all employees.

I. SSCC provides comprehensive instructional programs which include: college transfer, professional technical education, apprenticeship training, and life-long learning that meet the diverse needs of students and our communities.

A. The College community creates the conditions that enable, engage and prepare students to meet their goals for life and work.

B. The College's courses and programs teach or advance the following **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Communication
- Personal Responsibility
- Computation
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Human Relations
- Information Literacy
- Technology

These **Student Learning Outcomes** refer to the general knowledge, skills, and abilities that every students graduating with a certificate or degree should possess.

C. The College integrates diverse multicultural and global issues in the curriculum.

D. The College delivers programs and training in a variety of formats responsive to students' needs.

E. The College provides institutional support for instructional innovation across the curriculum.

F. The College provides industry-based and service learning opportunities for students.

G. The College ensures access to technology for students.

II. SSCC provides responsive student services and programs which support the learning and success of its diverse student population.

A. The College's programs and services reflect a commitment to diversity.

B. The College's programs and services responsively address the changing needs of students by providing institutional support for innovation.

C. The College commits to an open-door policy of universal access.

D. The College's programs and services support student learning.

E. The College's programs and services promote overall student success.

F. The College ensures that campus technology and equipment are continually upgraded to match business, industry, and community standards.

- G. The College maintains and enhances the natural environment of its campus.
- H. The College provides a physically accessible, safe and secure environment.
- I. The College provides a healthful learning and working environment that is ecologically sensitive.
- J. The College periodically assesses the environment to address the needs of students.

III. SSCC supports the renewal of professional knowledge and skills in its diverse community of highly qualified personnel.

- A. The College provides resources for training for employees to:
 - Upgrade and/or enhance their areas of expertise
 - Use current and emerging technology to meet the needs of students and to access information, and
 - Promote diversity through professional development
- B. The College recruits highly qualified personnel.

IV. SSCC collaborates with business and industry, labor, community-based organizations, K-12 schools, and other higher education institutions.

- A. The College builds and values partnerships with business and industry, labor, and community-based organizations.
- B. The College builds partnerships with other higher education institutions and K-12 schools.
- C. The College adapts, grows and improves its educational programs in response to feedback from students, input from the community, needs of business and industry, and the best economic projections of employment opportunity.
- D. The College leverages public support for education by attracting private philanthropic support from individuals, community groups and businesses.

V. SSCC ensures the financial health of the college.

- A. The College develops and maintains effective systems to manage its budget and enrollment that ensure fiscal integrity, quality programs and services, and enduring institutional viability.
- B. The College expands and strengthens communication, cooperation, and coordination with the SSCC Foundation for the benefit of the entire campus community.
- C. The College pursues alternative funding opportunities to advance its goals.