

## **MISSION OF THE COLLEGE**

We serve the Eastern Shore of Virginia by meeting educational and training needs, creating an environment for student success, and preparing our students and ourselves for citizenship in a global society. By providing access to a broad range of academic, workforce development, and personal enrichment opportunities, we empower learners to improve the quality of life for themselves and their communities.

### **College Goals:**

- To meet the educational and economic needs of our communities by providing access to responsive and affordable lifelong learning opportunities.
- To promote and support student learning and success through exemplary instruction in a learning-centered environment.
- To provide equitable access to learning resources and student support services for the college communities.
- To offer students leadership opportunities and to prepare them for the challenges of an increasingly global economy and society.
- To be a preeminent workforce development provider and to promote personal enrichment through continuing education.
- To foster and advance significant and productive educational, economic, and cultural partnerships.
- To provide the educational component of local economic and community development initiatives, in partnership with business and government agencies.
- To recruit and develop well-qualified, dedicated, caring, and creative employees.

### **Our Vision Is:**

To be an innovative, learning-centered community college recognized as a leader in education and as a vital link in the economic and cultural enrichment of our communities.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Eastern Shore Community College is a member of the Virginia Community College System and serves the residents of Accomack and Northampton counties as a two-year institution of higher learning. Operating under policies established by the State Board for Community Colleges and the Eastern Shore Community College Board, the College is financed primarily with state funds, supplemented by contributions from the two counties and the Eastern Shore Community College Foundation.

Eastern Shore Community College occupies a 115-acre site on U.S. Route 13, south of Melfa, in Accomack County. The facility is accessible to the handicapped and includes classrooms, laboratories, a bookstore, a lecture hall, administrative offices, a student lounge, and a Learning Resources Center / Library. The new Business Development and Workforce Training Center is scheduled to open in August 2008 and will house Workforce Development Services, including occupational trade areas, allied health programs, industrial maintenance programs and employer training programs. The College is open during the entire year on a semester system. Classes are held from early morning through late evening.

The College also has a location in the town of Cape Charles in Northampton County. This location offers credit courses and continuing education courses as well as Adult Basic Education programs.

## **ACCREDITATION**

Eastern Shore Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA; 404.679.4501) to award the associate degree.

The associate degree curricula of the College have also been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The Nursing Program (in cooperation with Tidewater Community College) is fully accredited by the National League of Nursing and approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (350 Hudson Street, New York, NY; 800.669.1656) may be used as a resource for program information. The Long-Term Care Assistant (LTCA) program is accredited by the Virginia Board of Nursing.

All degree and certificate programs offered at the College are approved by the State Department of Education for payment of veterans' educational benefits.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY**

It is the policy of the Virginia Community College System and Eastern Shore Community College to provide equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, veteran status, gender, age, or sexual orientation and for all otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. This policy permits appropriate employment preference for veterans. For more information, contact Pat Phillips, Equal Opportunity Officer, at 757.789.1723.

## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR FALL 2008 – SUMMER 2009**

### **Fall Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Faculty In-Service & Advising  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Labor Day Holiday  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations

**2008**  
April 14  
April 21-25  
August 18-19  
August 20  
August 20-26  
September 1-2  
September 4  
October 27  
November 26-28  
December 9  
December 10-16

### **Spring Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Faculty In-Service & Advising  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Martin Luther King Day  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Mid-Semester Break  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations  
Commencement

**2009**  
November 10, 2008  
November 17, 2008  
January 5-9  
January 12  
January 12-16  
January 19  
January 29  
March 2-6  
March 23  
May 4  
May 5-8  
May 15

### **Summer Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Holiday Observed  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations

**2009**  
April 13  
April 20  
June 1  
June 1-4  
June 9  
July 3  
July 6  
July 27  
July 28-29

**Approved by Eastern Shore Community College Board on 1/9/07**

# **ACADEMIC CALENDAR FALL 2009 – SUMMER 2010**

## **Fall Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Faculty In-Service & Advising  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Labor Day Holiday  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations

**2009**  
April 13  
April 20  
August 17-20  
August 21  
August 21-27  
September 7 & 8  
September 9  
October 27  
November 25-27  
December 10  
December 11-17

## **Spring Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Faculty In-Service & Advising  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Martin Luther King Day  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Mid-Semester Break  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations  
Commencement

**2010**  
November 16, 2009  
November 23, 2009  
January 4-8  
January 11  
January 11-15  
January 18  
January 26  
March 8-12  
March 25  
May 3  
May 4-10  
May 14

## **Summer Semester**

Registration for Current Students Begins  
Open Registration Begins  
Classes Begin  
Late Registration  
Last Day to Withdraw with Refund  
Holiday Observed  
Last Day to Withdraw without Penalty  
Last Day of Classes  
Final Examinations

**2010**  
April 19  
April 26  
June 7  
June 7-10  
June 15  
July 5  
July 12  
August 2  
August 3 & 4