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Distance Education Learning Procedure

Distance Learning at BCCC includes videoconferencing, online and hybrid courses. Beaufort County Community College provides courses for people who want to continue their education but cannot attend classes on a traditional schedule. The admission requirements, placement scores, methods of evaluations and other conditions of eligibility are consistent with the state requirements for curriculum courses.

- Video Conferencing – North Carolina Information Highway classroom (NCIH) NCIH Teleclassrooms provide a video and audio interactive learning environment between two to five classrooms simultaneously.
- Online Courses – BCCC offers curriculum online courses via the Internet. Curriculum distance learning courses are equivalent to the on campus sections of the same courses in terms of objectives, contact hours, rigor, and transferability.
- Hybrid Courses – The classes can be defined as instruction that mixes face-to-face classroom learning with distance education methods. Students taking hybrid courses will be required to spend time on campus and will be required to access their course online. A textbook and/or specific course material may be required. A computer lab in the Library is available for online courses.
- Web-Enhanced Courses – Courses that are traditional face-to-face classes that are augmented with online components. For example, students may check grades or view a syllabus online. Unlike hybrid courses, web-enhanced classes continue to hold all of their meetings on-campus.

The goals of distance education at BCCC include:

- Making educational opportunities more flexible
- Increasing student access by making courses easily available
- Increasing student access by making courses available in alternative formats
- Increasing independence in student learning
- Meeting the needs of local employers
- Increasing access to new audiences

The Division of Continuing Education also offers online courses designed to meet students' needs and interests. Easy access to online courses offers the opportunity for adult learners to take courses at their convenience without traveling to campus. All online courses require students to pay a \$5.00 technology fee.

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References

Legal References: *Enter legal references here*

SACSCOC References: *Enter SACSCOC references here*

Cross References: [Academic Support Services Policy](#)

History

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