(A) Mission. The mission of Owens Community College is to provide quality technical and general education that meets the needs of its students and the employers in its service area. The college is committed to preparing every graduate to succeed in the world of technical service, to make a positive contribution to society and to support change as well as survive change.

(B) Purpose. The purposes for the college which enable it to fulfill its mission are identified as follows:

(1) To offer the two-year associate degree in arts, sciences, applied science, business, and technical studies, short-term and one-year certificates and continuing education. The college has an obligation to provide current and relevant programs which reflect the requirements of employers and promote economic development in the college’s service area.

(2) To facilitate access to the college for every student interested in learning. This includes effective assessment of academic skills and appropriate placement in courses.

(3) To provide an environment conducive to learning for a diverse population and the services needed by students to succeed in their academic programs. To this end, students are provided accurate information on the college’s policies and expectations as well as student and academic services. Student services include initial information for a smooth transition to the educational setting, financial assistance, counseling, extracurricular activities and employment referral services. Academic services include academic advising, library and learning resource services and individualized academic support.

(4) To provide developmental education in order to improve student potential for success in achieving educational and career goals.

(5) To provide quality technical programs and lower division undergraduate programs which include a solid foundation in basic, ethical and technical principles and the application of these principles to current technology and the world of work. General education supports the technical education courses, develops skills in critical thinking and problem-solving and enhances student potential for the personal and cultural enrichment necessary for creative participation in life’s activities and as a citizen of a free society.

(6) To ensure that the training and education provided is responsive to the employment needs of its service community. The college supports new, revised and innovative programs through coordination with the organizations, businesses and industries throughout the service area. Advisory committees, consisting of representatives with technical expertise, provide important insight and guidance in designing and reviewing relevant educational programs.

(7) To provide lower division undergraduate programs and to articulate with universities and colleges in order to provide credit and program transfer for the college’s graduates who seek additional higher education.

(8) To seek appropriate accreditation of its programs by accrediting organizations in order to maintain a continuous outside review and thus ensure a quality education for its graduates.

(9) To maintain high quality education at the lowest possible cost to the constituencies. To this end the college seeks public and private sources of support.
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