



## **Comments from the President, Vice President of Instruction, Director of Institutional Effectiveness/Planning**

**The Institutional Fact Book is a yearly publication providing important data concerning Bladen Community College. The Institutional Fact Book is a tool to assist faculty, staff, and administration in evaluating the past, present, and to forecast the future of Bladen Community College.**

**The Institutional Fact Book is used as a resource for decision-making and long-range planning. We ask that you review the data contained herein and that you continue to be an active participant in the college-wide planning process.**

**If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the fact book and/or its contents, please contact William Findt, Dr. Kay Geisen or Harriet Hobbs.**

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# **History of Bladen Community College**

## **History of Bladen Community College**

Bladen Community College (BCC) was established as Bladen Technical Institute in 1967 under the authority of General Statute 115A enacted by the 1963 General Assembly and subsequently amended by the 1965 and 1967 General Assembly.

BCC formally opened on December 16, 1967, as Bladen Technical Institute. BCC was initially located in a complex of rented buildings in Elizabethtown. The old Johnson Cotton Company property on Highway 701 was secured and became the location for administrative offices and educational course offerings. Space for a welding shop and student services area was provided by leasing the Marks Tractor building, next to the Johnson Cotton Company building. Business, secretarial, and nursing programs were housed in the Elizabethtown Baptist Church.

The college began full operation in September of 1968. Initially, curriculum programs were offered in cosmetology, executive secretarial science, business administration, industrial engineering and agricultural engineering technologies, industrial maintenance, automotive mechanics, and nursing assistant. Part-time educational programs were developed during the evenings to complement day programs.

Plans were formulated to attain accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on College (SACS/COC) soon after BCC was established. The college was initially granted “correspondent” status, which was changed to “candidate for accreditation” status by 1973. Full accreditation was attained in 1976 and the college was reaffirmed in 1982, 1992, and 2002.

In spring of 1970 a site for a permanent campus near Dublin was secured, and phase one of construction for college facilities began. The college moved to its permanent 25-acre campus in July of 1971. Two buildings totaling 27,000 square feet were included in the initial building phase which included administrative offices, classrooms, laboratories, shops, a student lounge, and library.

A small shop was built as a MDTA welding class project in 1972. Nine acres of land was added to the campus in 1973 and 11 additional acres in 1974. The combination of a shop/classroom building containing 10,500 square feet was completed in the summer of 1973. A 3,600 square foot storage shed was constructed as a class project and completed in 1974.

Construction of a multi-purpose building, administrative building, and a learning resources center began the summer of 1975. The learning resources center and the administrative building was completed in April 1976. The multi-purpose building was completed in July 1976, and a carpentry laboratory was completed in 1978.

The name of the institution was changed from Bladen Technical College in 1979 to Bladen Community College in October of 1987. Two additional shop buildings were completed in 1980 and a high technology center completed in 1988.

In 1975, the Bladen County Board of Education gave the deed for the Natmore School property to the college to start a learning center in the Kelly community. The 5.25-acre site included two buildings with a combined square footage of 7,170. In 1985, a 4,000 square foot building was completed at the Kelly center.

In February of 1995, BCC met with the residents of the East Arcadia community who expressed a sincere interest for more courses and services in their remote area. Even though courses and programs had been offered at the location for many years, BCC began offering increased educational services and programs which enrolled over 120 students during the spring semester of 1999. The East Arcadia Center continues to offer courses.

In September of 1995, a small business center was established on the main campus to assist new and existing small businesses. In 1997, an health education building was built that included the practical nursing, nursing assistant, biological sciences, and other health/medical related programs offered through curriculum and continuing education. Renovations to buildings one and two were completed in 1997 providing BCC with additional classroom and office space.

A JobLink Center was established on BCC's main campus in 1997 connecting the college with various community agencies: Employment Security Commission, Department of Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Telamon Corporation. The JobLink Center allowed citizens a "one stop" approach to meeting a variety of career and academic needs.

In the fall of 1997, BCC converted from the quarter to the semester system, allowing better articulation and transfer with the university system. In 2004, a new facility for the East Arcadia center was completed providing modern classrooms, lab facilities and office space. A new paved parking lot was added in 2005.

In December of 2005, an Industrial Training Center was completed on the main campus of BCC. The facility provides classroom and office space for the Industrial Training program,

Small Business Center, and curriculum and continuing education programs. The center was constructed with bond funding for higher education. A large parking lot was constructed adjacent to the new Industrial Training Center in early 2006. In addition, other campus improvements such as repaving of sidewalks, parking lots, repainting of existing buildings, and renovation of the teaching auditorium were accomplished in 2006.

Initial plans are underway to construct a new student resource center. Plans call for the new 15,690-square-foot facility to house among other things a new library. Plans call for groundbreaking on the new facility to take place around fall 2008.

BCC offers post-secondary certificate, diploma, and degree programs. Occupational and vocational courses and programs are also offered through the continuing education department. The industrial training program works hand-in-hand with local economic development efforts to provide training for new and existing industries in the county. BCC is dedicated to an open-door policy to meet the educational workforce and the training needs of the people of Bladen County.

Revised September 2008

# **BCC Fact Sheet**

## Bladen Community College Fact Sheet

- Chartered 1967; formally opened December 16, 1967.
- Began operations in Elizabethtown in the Old Johnson Cotton Company Building. Classes were also held in the Elizabethtown Baptist Church.
- Moved to Dublin Campus in 1971. Currently, BCC owns 50.63 acres to include 18 buildings, 4 mobile units, and facilities at East Arcadia with 131,725 square feet of gross space. (These figures refer to the Dublin Campus and the East Arcadia off-campus center).
- One off-campus center: East Arcadia.
- Education services are offered at White Lake Bladen Correction Center.
- Average fall, spring, and summer unduplicated headcount is over 4,500 students.
- Annual average FTE of 1,399 (Curriculum and Continuing Education combined).
- Service Population of 24,872 (18 years and older enrolled); annually serves approximately 18.96% of the service population.
- A diverse student body composition of White, Black, Native American, and Hispanic students and a 3.08 to 1 female to male ratio.
- An annual budget that exceeds 19 million dollars.
- Currently offering 58 curriculum programs which include Associate degree, certificate, and diploma.
- Over 5,000 adults are served annually by continuing education through occupational extension, basic skills, community service, new and expanding industry services, and small business. Registration fees range from no cost to \$65 per course.
- A library with approximately 19,820 volumes and electronic “links to the world” for information retrieval.

• *Cost to the Students:*

*Curriculum:*

In –State (per credit hour).....	42.00
Full-time (16 hrs.).....	\$672.00
Activity Fee (Full Time) .....	25.00
Technology Fee.....	10.00
Parking Fee.....	5.00
Student Accident Insurance.....	1.25
Out-of-State.....	233.30 per credit hour
Full-time (16 hrs.).....	3,732.80

Other fees apply to nursing students

*Continuing Education:* fees range from no cost to \$65 per course

- For 2007-2008 a total of 317 graduates including curriculum, GED, and AHS.
- A well qualified staff: Over 110 employees during an academic year including full and part-time.
- Assets: Property currently owned by BCC including land, buildings, and improvements is valued at \$16.04 million.
- Approximately 1083 curricula students receive financial aid (Pell/Work Study) totaling \$2,957,807 for the 2007-2008 academic year.

- **Bladen County JobLink Career Center is a *Level II Chartering Center* providing job placement and counseling through interagency cooperation between BCC, Bladen County Schools, Employment Security Commission, WIA (Workforce Investment Act), Bladen Family Support, Bladen Housing Authority, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Step Forward Program (Kelly), Lower Bladen Community Services, Faith Based & Community Services Organizations, Department of Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Telamon.**
- **BCC has a 501(c) (3) Foundation to promote mission accomplishments, educational excellence, and student success.**
- **Accreditation Status: Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 1976; Reaccredited 1982; Reaccredited 1992; Reaccredited 2002.**

**Performance Measures & Standards  
2007**

## SUMMARY SHEET

### 2006-2007 PERFORMANCE MEASURES & STANDARDS REPORT

#### Performance Measures and Standards (Critical Success Factors):

“The key factor in an institution is to flourish and achieve its goals.” The effort to identify these key factors enables the organization to focus on its efforts. Thinking through appropriate measures for the Performance Standards ensures that the organization will examine its performance. Performance Measures and Standards are both a planning and an evaluation/accountability tool.

#### Performance Measures and Standards:

Developed by the State Board to measure the system, not the individual colleges;

State totals and averages do provide a benchmark for the colleges to measure their efforts;

Will aid the State Board of Community Colleges in setting strategic goals for the system;

System Performance Measures & Standards provide a model for the individual institution;

Provide useful and relevant data to the public, governing boards, and the General Assembly;

Reveal ways in which the system can improve and progress; and

Provide sources for positive changes by the system's leadership.

***Summary Report on  
Performance Measures for 2006-2007  
North Carolina Community College System***

<b><i>MEASURE</i></b>	<b><i>STATE STANDARD</i></b>	<b><i>BCC SCORE</i></b>
<b>1. Progress of basic skills students</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>2. Passing rate on licensure and certification examinations</b>	<b>Aggregate= 80% Exams = 70%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>3. Performance of students who transfer to a four year institution</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>4. Passing rates in developmental courses</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>5. Success rate of developmental students in subsequent college-level courses</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>6. The level of satisfaction of students who complete programs and those who do not complete programs</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>7. Curriculum student retention &amp; graduation</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>8. Client satisfaction with customized training (Business &amp; Industry)</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>99%</b>

**NOTE: Recognition for Exceptional Institutional Performance- the College must meet all eight performance measures and meet the following criteria:**

*The passing rate on all reported licensure /certification exams for which the colleges have authority over, who sits for the exam must meet or exceed 70% for first-time test taker, and (2) The percent of college transfer students with a 2.0 GPA after two semesters at a four-year institution must equal or exceed the performance of students who began at the four-year institution (native students).*

## **Institutional Planning Team Phone Extensions**

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**Bladen Community College**

**Board of Trustees**

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# **Mission Statement and Goals**

## **Bladen Community College Institutional Mission Statement**

**Bladen Community College is dedicated to the educational and cultural enrichment of the people of Bladen County. The college operates as a constituent institution to the North Carolina Community College System and is committed to opening the door to opportunity for citizens seeking to improve their lives and well being by providing:**

- **education, training, and retraining for the workplace, including basic skills, literacy, occupational and curriculum programs;**
- **support for economic development through services to business, and industry; and**
- **services which improve the quality of life for individuals and for our community.**

**The institution seeks to fulfill its mission by the following goals and objectives:**

1. To provide effective instruction to all who enroll through curricula and programs that reflect existing and future needs within the assigned area of instruction.
2. To provide a quality two-year college transfer program leading to an Associate in Arts Degree.
3. To provide Associate in Applied Science degree, diploma, and certificate curriculum programs to prepare individuals for employment or to provide skills upgrading or retraining for individuals already in the workforce.
4. To provide adults the opportunity to complete the requirements for the GED (General Education Development) equivalency and the Adult High School diploma.
5. To provide occupational, general, and specific interest courses that meet adult educational and community service needs.
6. To provide cultural opportunities and educational activities that broaden the culture and educational horizons of our students and the community at large.
7. To provide opportunities for adults with special needs to engage in educational activities appropriate to their needs and desires.
8. To provide educational opportunities through collaborative relationships with other institutions and agencies to enhance educational services available to the community at large.
9. To provide counseling and guidance services designed to help all students make appropriate vocational and avocational choices.
10. To provide job placement assistance in business and industry.

11. To provide an environment that embraces and supports the use of technology including the NC Information Highway, the Internet, Video/DVD, and computer assisted learning in classrooms, at satellite locations, and at remote learning sites for course delivery.
12. To provide an institutional climate that promotes openness and enrichment in terms of cultural and ethnic background, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, and economic status that recognizes diversity as strength and serves as a bridge between diverse populations.
13. To provide, within available resources, the best possible environment and facilities to enhance learning.

### **EXPECTED EDUCATIONAL RESULTS**

Based upon the mission and stated goals and objectives of Bladen Community College, the following is a list of expected educational results:

1. Identifying students' weaknesses and assisting them in strengthening of basic skills.
2. Providing job skills and competencies needed in the market place.
3. Offering degree, diploma, certificate, and college transfer programs, as well as literacy, high school completion, and community service programs to meet the educational needs of the citizens of Bladen County.
4. Providing job placement assistance.
5. Meeting the needs of industry.
6. Providing quality enhancement of programs, services, and instruction through continuous planning and evaluation.
7. Achieving high student satisfaction resulting in improved retention and completion rates.
8. Providing cultural and personal enrichment opportunities that meet the needs of students and citizens within our service area.

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## **Learning Resource Center**

Learning Resources Center Facts  
**2007-2008**

BCC Library has a collection of approximately 19,820 volumes and electronic links to the world for information retrieval.

**LIBRARY USAGE**

From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (34,754) patrons visited the library to use its resources. During this time period 9,494 items were checked out of the library.

**ACQUISITIONS**

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year 1,230 volumes were added to the library collection.

**ADDITIONAL FACTS**

Public Service Hours per Week	59	
<b>Total Number of Volumes</b>	<b>19,820</b>	
Total Number of Periodical Subscriptions	123	
Total Number of Newspaper Subscriptions	9	
Total Number of Vertical Files	0	
Total of Microform Titles	0	
Total Number of Audio-Books	850	
Attendance	34,754 yr	2,896 per month average
Circulation	9,494 yr	792 per month average
Interlibrary Loans:		
Borrowed from other schools	130 CCLINC	51 OCLC
Sent to other schools	48 CCLINC	176 OCLC
<b>AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
Total Number of Videos	998	
Total of Telecourse Sets of Videos	1,801	

Types of Equipment Owned:

- Overhead Projectors
- LCD Projector
- VHS VCR's
- VHS/DVD Combo

# **Bladen Community College Financials**

## **Financials**

The financial resources for the operation of Bladen Community College exclusive of student financial aid are provided from two major sources: The State of North Carolina and the County of Bladen. When all expenditures are considered including student financial aid the percentage and sources of funds for 2007-08 are as follows: State 55%, County 6%, Federal 25%, Tuition 6%, and other 8%.

### **Bladen Community College Sources of Revenue 2007-2008**

State	Local	Tuition	Federal	Other
55%	6%	6%	25%	8%

### **Bladen Community College Total Budget For 2007-2008 Exceeds \$19.3 Million**

**Source: Bladen Community College Financial Records**

**Bladen Community College  
Fixed Assets  
June 30, 2008**

Property	Description	Cost
Land	50.63 Acres	\$ 78,164
General Infrastructure		537,750
Buildings	20 permanent buildings on the Dublin campus and East Arcadia Campus 4 mobile units Total gross area = 131,725 Square feet	6,799,654
Machinery & Equipment		922, 958
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<b>8,338,526</b>

Source: BCC unaudited Financial Statement 2008

**Bladen Community College  
Student Financial Aid**

## **Student Financial Aid**

College tuition is very inexpensive for students in the North Carolina Community College System. North Carolina Community College students pay a smaller percentage of the actual expense of operating their system than community college students in other states within the United States. Even with low tuition and fees, many of the Bladen Community College students would be unable to obtain an education beyond high school without financial aid.

Financial Aid received by Bladen Community College students for 2007-2008:

- Pell Grant- \$2,957,807
- Work-Study- \$38,058
- North Carolina Community College Grant -\$74,591
- North Carolina Incentive Grant -\$23,100
- Targeted Assistant Grant- \$8,781
- Academic Competitive Grant- \$4,950
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant- \$38,087
- North Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship- \$53,320
- Nurse Educational Scholarship/Loan- \$9,000
- Nurse Scholars Program- \$3,000
- Prospective Teachers Scholarship- \$1,250
- North Carolina Community College Childcare- \$25,843
- Alternative Loan- \$10,733

## Students Receiving Veteran's Benefits

Quarter	Type of Benefits					Total
	Chapter 31	Chapter 32	Chapter 30	Chapter 35	Chapter 1606/07	
2000-01	0	0	23	11	1	35
2001-02	0	0	19	7	3	29
2002-03	0	0	20	9	2	31
2003-04	0	0	29	10	2	41
2004-05	0	0	22	9	1	32
2005-06	1	0	20	12	4	37
2006-07	0	0	15	11	5	31
2007-08	0	0	19	16	2	37

### Types of Benefit Codes:

Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation for a veteran.

Chapter 32 – Veterans who enlisted in the military services from 1977-1985 who did not contribute to the educational fund.

Chapter 30 – The traditional G. I. Bill.

Chapter 35 – Eligible dependents of Veterans.

Chapter 1606/07- Members of the National Guard or Reserve.

**Source: BCC Financial Aid Office**

**Bladen Community College, Foundation, INC.**

## **BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.**

The Bladen Community College Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1975, as a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization that promotes and encourages support for Bladen Community College. The primary mission of the Bladen Community College Foundation is to support the students, staff and faculty through financial grants/loans in areas not covered by state funds. To maintain the high quality programs, we need continuous support from the community. This support will expand educational opportunities to a larger number of students.

There are various ways to contribute: **Annual Scholarships** are given by civic organizations and individuals in the community through annual donations; **College Facilities** may be *named* for financial donors who have made gifts to the college or maybe named for an individual or family who has rendered the college extraordinary service at the local, state, and/or national level; **Endowed Scholarships** are scholarships that are fully endowed and only the interest is awarded annually as scholarships. A minimum of \$10,000 is necessary to permanently endow a scholarship; **Memorial Gifts** are gifts when individuals choose to honor a loved one's memory through giving to the Foundation in the loved one's name. These scholarships are cherished gifts and memorials that honor family members and friends.

These special funds supplement our overall scholarship program and provide educational opportunities to deserving students each year. Funding from the Foundation will allow the college to fulfill its mission of providing opportunity to those who might be denied their chance to improve their lives academically and give back to their community. If you would like to learn more about Bladen Community College Foundation and offer your support to the college's educational programs, please contact:

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**Bladen Community College  
Facility Usage by Community**

**BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FACILITY USAGE BY COMMUNITY  
FACTS 2007-2008**

Bladen Community College facilities were used by 18 community groups during 2007-2008. These groups and events range from gospel singing, beauty pageants, band concerts, graduation ceremonies, art council activities, and many others. It is estimated that approximately 10,000 people frequently sponsored an event on BCC's campus in 2007-2008.

The number of hours the facility is used by the groups varies from group to group. Some have one rehearsal; others have several days of preparation. It is estimated that 160 hours were used by outside groups during 2007-2008.

# **Bladen County Quick Facts**

# Bladen County, North Carolina

	<b>Bladen County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
<b>People Quick Facts:</b>		
Population, 2006 estimate	32,921	8,856,505
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	2.0%	10.1%
Population, 2000	32,278	8,049,313
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2006	7.1%	6.9%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2006	24.7%	24.3%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2006	13.7%	12.2%
Female persons, percent, 2006	51.8%	51.0%
White persons, percent, 2006 (a)	60.7%	74.0%
Black persons, percent, 2006 (a)	36.0%	21.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2006 (a)	2.2%	1.3%
Asian persons, percent, 2006 (a)	0.2%	1.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2006 (a)	Z	0.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2006	0.8%	1.1%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2006 (b)	5.4%	6.7%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2006	55.8%	67.9%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	69.9%	53.0%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	2.3%	5.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	5.1%	8.0%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	70.6%	78.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	11.3%	22.5%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	8,227	1,540,365
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	26.9	24.0
Housing units, 2006	15,868	4,028,959
Homeownership rate, 2000	77.8%	69.4%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	4.8%	16.1%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$65,200	\$108,300
Households, 2000	12,897	3,132,013
Persons per household, 2000	2.45	2.49
Median household income, 2004	\$28,803	\$40,863
Per capita money income, 1999	\$14,735	\$20,307
Persons below poverty, percent, 2004	20.2%	13.8%

	<b>Bladen County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
<b>Business Quick Facts:</b>		
Private non farm establishments, 2005	520	216,994 <sup>1</sup>
Private non farm employment, 2005	10,405	3,409,968 <sup>1</sup>
Private non farm employment, percent change 2000-2005	-9.0%	0.7% <sup>1</sup>
Non employer establishments, 2005	1,519	583,495
Total number of firms, 2002	1,801	642,597
Black-owned firms, percent, 2002	25.4%	8.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.9%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	2.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms, percent, 2002	F	0.0%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2002	F	1.4%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2002	49.0%	27.1%
Manufacturers shipments, 2002 (\$1000)	1,170,200	156,821,943
Wholesale trade sales, 2002 (\$1000)	120,431	104,331,152
Retail sales, 2002 (\$1000)	188,003	88,821,486
Retail sales per capita, 2002	\$5,791	\$10,686
Accommodation and foodservices sales, 2002 (\$1000)	16,160	11,237,386
Building permits, 2006	114	99,979
Federal spending, 2004 (\$1000)	218,129	55,233,420 <sup>1</sup>
	<b>Bladen County</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>
<b>Geography Quick Facts</b>		
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	874.94	48,710.88
Persons per square mile, 2000	36.9	165.2
FIPS Code	017	37
Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area	None	

1: Includes data not distributed by county.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 100 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data

NA: Not available

S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards

X: Not applicable

Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, Census of Population and Housing, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits, Consolidated Federal Funds Report Last Revised: Wednesday, 02-Jan-2008 15:08:40 EST