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Academic Advising

The role of the faculty is not only teaching but to provide guidance to students in their overall education at SSCC. The faculty advisor is available to assist students in selecting the correct courses in their choice of programs. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of the faculty advisor periodically throughout his/her education at SSCC. Some faculty advisors are specialists in advising students who intend to transfer to the four-year institution, while others are specialists in advising students in specific fields, such as nursing, medical assisting, engineering, etc. Once the student declares a major, then a faculty advisor in the field chosen would be the most appropriate expert for advising.

Library

The Library operates a full service facility at each campus location and may be accessed through our website address at library.sscc.edu.

The Library provides comprehensive library services, including access to materials using an online public access catalog called OPASS. Information literacy instruction is available on a general or subject specific topic to any class offered at the College. Books and other materials are available from all campuses and may be accessed from any campus location. Reference and information services, both print and electronic, are provided on each campus.

The Library collection has been developed to support the curriculum taught at the College. There are numerous volumes located in the Library collection and access to materials from 90 OhioLINK member libraries. The library provides access to thousands of electronic periodicals through academic databases covering a variety of subjects.

The Library provides a variety of resource sharing services. Interlibrary loan services are available from the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK), the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) in the Dayton-Miami Valley area, the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium (SWON), and the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), which provides access to libraries around the world. Document delivery is provided by fax and electronic scanning service in addition to a daily courier service. The Library operates as a portal to digital resources and provides the College community with an information commons environment for learning.

Public service policies have been adopted to assure all users have access to information for their instructional needs. The Library utilizes an automated circulation system that requires the use of a valid patron record. OPASS (the online library catalog) provides up-to-the-minute circulation access to materials on the shelves not only at Southern State but also at all OhioLINK and SearchOhio libraries throughout the state. Remote access to Library services is available to all users. For Library Loan rules, please visit https://www.sscc.edu/library/loan-rules.shtml.

Testing Center

The Testing Center offers testing at both Hillsboro & Mt. Orab campuses. The Testing Center offers a variety of examination services to both students and the general public. We provide a quiet, monitored environment that successfully blends the needs of the students with the requirements of the faculty and staff. Be sure to call the Testing Center to schedule an exam as most of our services are offered by appointment only. To schedule an exam, call 800-628-7722, Ext. 2792.

Certification Testing

Southern State understands that employers are looking for employees who are up-to-date with current technologies. Make your personal brand stand out in a crowded job market by validating your skills and building your confidence with professional certifications of in-demand skills that make you marketable to employers.

Certiport

Southern State is a Certiport Authorized Test Center and offers a variety of testing for both students and members of the community in Adobe, Microsoft Office, & QuickBooks. To register for an exam visit www. certiport.com or contact the Testing Center to schedule an appointment for the following certifications:
• ACA: Adobe Certified Associate
• MOS: Microsoft Office Specialist - 2013 or 2016
• MTA: Microsoft Technology Associate
• MCA: Microsoft Certified Educator
• QuickBooks Certified User

Pearson VUE

Southern State is a Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center. Pearson VUE is the global leader in computer based testing for IT, academic, government and professional programs. We provide on-site, on-demand testing for certification and professional licensure exams. Pearson VUE offers testing for hundreds of certifications. To register for testing or to see a complete list of exams/certifications that are offered visit www.pearsonvue.com. Some of types of exams/certifications that are offered are:
• C++ Institute
• Cisco Systems, Inc.
• CompTIA Testing
• LPI: Linux Professional Institute
• OAE: Ohio Assessments for Educators
• AMT: American Medical Technologists

HESI A2 Testing

The Testing Center offers online HESI A2 testing through Elsevier. The HESI A2 exam is the pre-entrance multiple choice test for Southern State Community College's Nursing RN & LPN Programs which measures the entry level skills and abilities of program applicants.

GED Testing

The Testing Center is an official GED Program Test Location. The new computer-based test program offers students the ability to schedule and pay for tests one at a time in addition to offering several convenient testing times and dates. Testing is offered daily, however, advance registration is required due to limited seating. For more information concerning the GED exam, call the Testing Center or visit: www.gedtestingservice.com/ged-testing-service.

Distance Learning Testing

The Testing Center also provides on-site Distance Learning student testing. We can provide proctoring for both online and paper based exams for students attending other schools who wish to test at Southern State. More information about Southern State's Testing Center such as the Testing Schedule, Testing FAQs and our Policies & Procedures can be found by visiting: www.sscc.edu/specialized/testing-center.shtml.

ACT WorkKeys®

The Testing Center provides ACT WorkKeys® a job skills assessment system measuring "real-world" skills that employers believe are critical to job success. WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) credential verifies that an individual has essential core employability skills in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. WorkKeys system is used by thousands of companies worldwide to help select, hire, train, develop, and retain a high-performance workforce.

ServSafe®

The Testing Center provides ServSafe® Manager exams by the National Restaurant Association. ServSafe® Manager has become the industry standard in food-safety training and is accepted in almost all United States jurisdictions that require employee certification. To inquire about the ServSafe® Manager exam, call 800.628.7722, Ext. 2792 for more information.