Southeast Community College, one of six area community colleges in the State of Nebraska, was created and authorized by the Nebraska Legislature. It is subject to the direction and limitations of that body as well as those of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The College statutory mission includes the following: (See Neb. Rev. Statutes 85-959 through 85-9645)

1. To provide postsecondary vocational/technical training for students who intend to enter gainful employment at the associate degree level or less, and training or retraining for those already employed as may be necessary to meet increasing technological developments or as may be desired for personal advancement.

2. To provide academic courses supportive of the vocational/technical programs as well those leading to an associate degree or providing transfer credit to a four-year institution of higher learning. In addition, when necessary, provide foundations education, which includes developmental and remedial education. The College shall provide educational opportunities for those desiring to improve their English language.

3. To provide diversified community services/adult education offerings designed to meet educational, occupational, cultural, and recreational needs of the residents of the area, and to provide public service activities, and to cooperate with industry in responding to its technical development needs through curriculum update and on-site training.

4. To provide opportunity within the instructional program and within the public service program for the development of applied research.

5. To provide support services which will interpret the educational programs of the College for students and prospective students, to encourage students to select goals and undertake programs consistent with their ability and interest, and to provide opportunities for students to receive assistance with their educational and personal goals.

6. To cooperate with the other Nebraska Community Colleges through their Community College Association; to maintain dialogue and occasional formal relationships with other secondary and postsecondary institutions; to initiate proposals to, and respond to requests of, the Coordinating Commission; and to maintain liaison with the Legislature as it furnishes support for and refines the Mission of the College.

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