

**Williamsburg Technical College
STATEMENT OF POLICY**

SECTION A – COLLEGE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE

Title <p style="text-align: center;">ORIGIN AND ENABLING LEGISLATION</p> <p>SC Code Ann. §59-53-52 (17) (1997), and Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (2007)</p>	Number <p style="text-align: center;">A-1</p>
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Williamsburg Technical College, a two-year postsecondary institution located in the Atlantic Coast region of South Carolina, began its educational function in 1969 (Act 58) as "Williamsburg Regional Manpower Training Center" largely through endeavors made by local leaders and officials within Williamsburg County. It was stated at the inception of the institution that the greatest single need in Williamsburg County during the late 1960's was a comprehensive manpower training center to provide job training, attract industry and, as a result, attack the poverty, out-migration, and unemployment which plagued the county.

Williamsburg Technical College opened its doors to students during late 1969 and represented a new concept in comprehensive education coupled with various supportive services. For the first time in South Carolina, all the following capabilities and services were available in one concentrated area: technical education, adult education, vocational education for high school students, continuing education for personal enrichment, offices of state Job Service, and state Vocational Rehabilitation.

Williamsburg Technical College, on January 31, 1975, by Act 2 of the South Carolina Legislature changed the name of the institution from the "Williamsburg Regional Manpower Center" to the "Williamsburg Technical, Vocational, and Adult Education Center," a name which at that time more accurately reflected its purpose. In February 1979, following full accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and with approval of the South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the institution changed its name to Williamsburg Technical College.

Williamsburg Technical College has degree-granting authority through the South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) as established by SC Code Ann. § 59-53-52 (17), which states the Area Commission shall "award certificates, diplomas, and associate (but not baccalaureate) degrees to students who successfully complete authorized and prescribed courses and programs of study and training.