

ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATEMENT OF MISSION

Roane State's vision is to become the comprehensive learning center for its communities, providing powerful and flexible environments for service and learning that will enhance the lives and workplace readiness of students seeking the knowledge and skills needed for diverse roles in the 21st century.

Roane State Community College is a comprehensive, public, two-year postsecondary institution and a member of the State University and Community College System governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Through a firm commitment to affordable access and equal opportunity for all protected groups, Roane State serves the higher education needs of a widely diverse eight-county service area which includes Roane, Anderson, Loudon, Campbell, Scott, Cumberland, Morgan, and Fentress counties and expands to include Knox and Blount counties for the delivery of health technologies. With seven staffed locations and a wide range of distance learning offerings, Roane State brings the benefits of higher education within the reach of all who live and work in these different communities.

Roane State awards the associate of arts and associate of science degrees to students who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university. For those students seeking immediate career opportunities, licensure, or professional skill upgrading, Roane State awards the associate of applied science degree as well as technical and academic certificates of credit. The college offers career programs in business-related fields for the 21st century workplace and has achieved regional and national distinction for the diversity and quality of its programs in the field of health care. To meet the needs of students who must balance multiple career and family priorities with their educational goals, Roane State offers programs in flexible and convenient instructional formats. To facilitate a seamless transition through all stages of the educational process, Roane State is committed to developing and maintaining cooperative partnerships with area K-12 schools as well as four-year institutions.

Roane State is committed to providing all its students a challenging and nurturing learning environment which encourages and inspires them to meet the high expectations and standards needed for responsible citizenship and to embrace the concept of learning as a lifelong endeavor. The college is committed to preparing all its students to demonstrate the attainment of critical thinking skills, communication skills, personal and professional goals and values, respect for diverse ideas and cultures, and a sense of the global community.

Roane State serves the workforce development needs of its communities by working in partnership with area business and industry to provide customized training, on-site at the workplace, locally at one of Roane State's centers, or through a variety of distance learning options. The college also serves as a valuable resource for cultural, aesthetic, and recreational opportunity and enjoyment for its communities.

Just as Roane State values lifelong learning as the key to thriving in a complex and rapidly changing world, so too the college embraces technology as the driver which will power those changes and is committed to integrating the most efficient and effective uses of technology throughout the institution for the enhancement of learning and of service.

Roane State's success can only be measured by the success of its students and by its reputation as a valued and vibrant community learning center. The ongoing assessment of educational outcomes and administrative objectives and a firm commitment to the change and evolution necessary to ensure continuous improvement will enable the college to fulfill its vision for those it serves.

Roane State remains committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body and promotes diversity and access without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.