

PART III – Learning-Success Center

As Jefferson State Community College expands to include four locations, technology that supports student learning is viewed as an opportunity to maximize resources and learning outcomes. The following goals relate to student-learning support.

Goal III-1: Enhance instructional effectiveness of adult education at all instructional sites by providing equipment to support computer-assisted learning.

Jefferson State Community College provides adult education services at twelve locations in Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties. The instructional sites have limited or outdated equipment that impedes consistent utilization of a computer-assisted GED preparation software program. Installation of a minimum of five computer stations with instructional software per instructional site will enhance instructional effectiveness by expanding methods of course delivery. The number of computer stations per site will be determined based on the capacity for the site.

Objective III-1-1: Purchase and install new computers in four classrooms located on the Jefferson Campus.

Installation of new computers is needed to support computer-assisted learning. The program has four classrooms with a minimum of ten computers in each room. These computers will be used for delivery of computer-assisted learning and ESL instruction. Computers will be installed by September 2013.

Objective III-1-2: Purchase and install new computers in two classrooms at the Shelby Campus.

Adult education services are currently provided in two classrooms on the Shelby Campus. Each classroom has twenty computers. These computers will be used for delivery of computer-assisted learning and ESL instruction. Computers will be installed by September 2012.

Objective III-1-3: Purchase and install new computers in one classroom at the St. Clair/Pell City Center.

Adult education services are currently provided in one classroom at the St. Clair/Pell City Center. This classroom has twenty computers. These computers will be used for delivery of computer-assisted learning. Computers will be installed by September 2012.

Goal III-2: Provide equipment for technology-supported instruction in computer lab settings.

Technology-supported instruction has been incorporated in several courses, such as biology, nursing, and history, on the college's Jefferson and Shelby Campuses. Access to instructional and laboratory software in a computer lab setting has allowed students to expand on concepts presented in class and to complete laboratory exercises in a safer, more cost effective manner. To ensure continued growth of the technology-supported instruction by various disciplines, computer labs will be available at the College's four locations with assurances that academic courses have priority in scheduling these labs. An annual review of the equipment in these computer labs and analysis of emerging technologies that support delivery of technology-supported instruction will be conducted to ensure that up-to-date equipment is available. Requests for equipment upgrades will be processed if equipment is determined to be inadequate.

Objective III-2-1: Establish technology-supported instruction as a priority in at least one lab at each of the four locations.

Academic classes and labs are enhanced when technology-supported instruction is implemented. Technology-supported instruction will be established as a priority in at least one computer lab per location by September 2014. Although the labs may be scheduled for activities other than technology-supported instruction, a policy will be established that affords priority to academic classes needing the labs for technology-supported instruction.

Objective III-2-2: Inventory equipment in designated labs on an annual basis and recommend replacements as equipment becomes inadequate or new technologies are available.

An annual inventory of equipment in the designated labs will be conducted and recommendations regarding equipment replacements will be submitted as part of the annual budgeting process.

Goal III-3: Provide up-to-date equipment required to support delivery of ADA services at the college's four primary locations.

Equipment required to support delivery of ADA services is available on the Jefferson and Shelby Campuses. This equipment is current technology and adequate for delivery of services at the present time. A replacement schedule of 3-4 years is established to maintain adequacy of the equipment. Comparable equipment is needed for the St. Clair/Pell City Center and Chilton/Clanton Center. The ADA Accommodations Coordinator will conduct an annual review of existing equipment at all campuses that support delivery of ADA accommodations to determine the adequacy of the equipment. Requests for equipment upgrades will be processed if equipment is determined to be inadequate.

Objective III-3-1: Purchase and install ADA accommodations equipment at the St. Clair/Pell City Center and Chilton/Clanton Center.

Equipment will be purchased and installed to support the provision of ADA accommodations at St. Clair/Pell City Center and Chilton/Clanton Center. Equipment will be installed by September 2014.

Objective III-3-2: Inventory equipment at four primary locations and purchase replacements as equipment becomes inadequate or new technologies are available.

An annual inventory of equipment at the three primary locations will be conducted by the ADA Accommodations Coordinator and recommendations regarding equipment replacements will be submitted as part of the annual budgeting process.