

Academic Departments and Support

The Asnuntuck Community College faculty are committed to their disciplines, and committed to the community college student. Our faculty hold advanced degrees in their disciplines, and many are actively involved in publishing, community projects, research and consulting work for the betterment of the community at large. The faculty are organized under a two Academic Department structure: Business, Careers, and Technology, chaired by Assistant Professor Michael Demers and Liberal Arts, chaired by Professor Pat Hirschy. The chart below represents the full-time faculty assigned to each Academic Department:

DEPARTMENT OF ART, BUSINESS & CAREERS

Department Chair: Michael Demers

Full-time Faculty:

Don Boyd	Heidi Fitzgerald
Sam Irizarry	Carol LaLiberte
Nick Lefakis	Cheryl Turgeon
Jim Wilkinson	

DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS

Department Chair: Teresa Foley

Full-time Faculty:

Joseph Berenguel	Joe Finckel
Michaela Mullarkey	Wendy Nelson
John Sheirer	Marilynn Turner
Elle Van Dermark	Arben Zeqiraj

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIOR SCIENCES

Department Chair: Michelle Coach

Full-time Faculty:

Amely Cross	Jean Egan
Laurie Chancey	Heather D'Orlando
Eric Mosher	

DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Department Chair: Mary Bidwell

Full-time Faculty:

Robert Bressani	Thomas Cardarella
Stanley Kochanek	Robert Vaida

Academic support is provided by the Academic Skills Center, the Library, and the Educational Technology office located in the Teaching and Learning Center. The Centers offer tutorial supports, informational literacy education, and training and access to the many different technology and media that enhance learning.

The College has ample on-campus computer facilities, updated science labs, and the latest in teaching technology and distance learning opportunities.

Asnuntuck is the only community college of the Connecticut College System with its own radio station, WACC-107.7 FM. Students enjoy the experiential learning opportunities involved in creating and presenting on-air programming.

Asnuntuck Community College's eight foundational Learning Competencies provide the educational standards for a graduate of Asnuntuck. They are:

1. Critical/analytical thinking
2. Quantitative reasoning
3. Technological literacy
4. Information literacy
5. Communication (both written and oral)
6. Understanding of the values of responsible citizenship
7. Appreciation of other cultures
8. Knowledge of the methods and goals of inquiry in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural and physical sciences

LIBRARY

The Library supports teaching and learning at ACC by providing access to print, multimedia, and online resources. Through interlibrary loan services, the Library provides access to materials from academic and public libraries throughout the state and beyond. The Library maintains a small collection of textbooks and other materials that faculty have donated to help support classroom instruction.

The Library also offers access to a variety of online academic databases which contain magazine and journal articles, newspapers, and electronic books. These e-resources are available to students both on campus and remotely through myCommNet.

The Library staff provides a full range of services to support student learning, including: research assistance (in person and online), information literacy instruction (individual and classroom), interdepartmental outreach, and adaptive technological support.

The Library has comfortable seating, individual and group study tables, a group workstation, computers, and a magazine and newspaper reading area. The Homework Lab, equipped with PCs, Macs, and a scanner, is located on the south wall. The Academic Skills Center will be located in the Library beginning fall 2016.

ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER

The Academic Skills Center helps Asnuntuck students achieve their educational goals through a variety of services including one-on-one and small group tutoring, online tutoring, and computer-assisted instruction. Traditional and online tutoring is available in mathematics and statistics, accounting, English/writing, computer information systems, and science. Registered students are welcome to use the computers with printing capability in the Academic Skills Center.

The Academic Skills Center is located in Room 119 (inside the Library) and is open six days a week for tutoring and computer use. For further information, call 860.253.3164 or 860.253.3175.

TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER

The Teaching and Learning Center offers a communal space that promotes a culture of excellence in teaching and learning by facilitating professional development activities. The goal of the center is to enhance teaching techniques, promote best practices, and support innovation to accommodate current and evolving pedagogies. The center is located in Room 113 and also houses the office of the Director of Educational Technology.

COMPUTER LABS

Asnuntuck Community College maintains modern computing facilities equipped with the latest hardware and software in support of instructional programs, students, faculty, staff and administration. The College's instructional computing facilities, which include several full service labs and other labs that support specific programs, are networked using the latest network hardware and software. Students, faculty, staff and administrators are able to access the Internet through the campus network. A Homework Lab is located in the Library and a mini-lab is located in the Academic Skills Center.

RADIO STATION (WACC)

1 107.7 FM, WACC began broadcasting in January 2003 with 100 watts. The station reaches all of Enfield and surrounding communities. Students, faculty and staff all have the opportunity to participate in the operation of WACC. WACC operates 24 hours a day through an "automation system" (technology used at professional radio stations throughout the country). This allows students to produce their shows in advance and broadcast them at any time of the day or night.

WACC has state-of-the-art digital audio production facilities. Over a dozen networked workstations allow students to produce public service announcements, sweepers, radio ID's and other materials for on-air broadcast and class projects. For more information, contact Wendy Nelson at 860.253.3124 or visit <http://www.asnuntuck.edu/Asnuntuckradio>.

WACC RADIO STATION MISSION STATEMENT

WACC, 107.7 FM, is a noncommercial radio station providing educational, informational, and entertainment programming for Asnuntuck Community College and its surrounding communities and beyond on the Internet. The station's primary purpose is to serve as a communications lab, engaging students and volunteers in audio production, programming, and distribution for listeners in the College's service area.

BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is open throughout the year to provide textbooks, reference materials, software at educational discount prices and course supplies. Also available are college imprinted clothing and gifts, and snacks. Text buy-back services and special ordering are done daily. Phone: 860.253.3186, Fax: 860.741.6797.