

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Asnuntuck Community College reserves the right to change course offerings or to modify or change information and regulations printed in this catalog. This catalog should not be construed as a contract between the student and the College.

It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with the contents of this catalog, including the rules, regulations, and requirements presented herein. Students are eligible for an associate degree who meet all requirements as stated either in 1) the catalog at the time of their acceptance into a degree program (to the extent possible within the current roster of course offerings), or 2) the catalog in effect at the time of their graduation.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Asnuntuck Community College is to offer quality education in an accessible, affordable, and nurturing environment.

The College fulfills its mission by

- offering associate degree and certificate programs for transfer opportunities, career preparation and enhancement, and lifelong learning.
- providing individualized support services to develop critical thinking skills, strengthen self-confidence, and foster personal growth.
- supporting community and workforce development with business, industry, and community partnerships.

## HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

Asnuntuck Community College was established in 1969 by an act of the Connecticut state legislature as the twelfth institution in the Connecticut state community college system. Classes began in 1972 with an initial enrollment of 251. Twelve Associate in Science degrees and 20 Associate of Art degrees were awarded to the first graduating class in 1974. The college operated under provisional approval until it was first accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1977. Asnuntuck was subsequently reaccredited after comprehensive reviews in 1980, 1985, 1995, and 2005. Our accreditation was reaffirmed through 2015.

In its infancy, the college was named North Central Connecticut Community College. In 1972, the Board of Trustees officially renamed the college "Asnuntuck,"

Native American for "fresh water." This is a reference to the Podunk tribe that once resided in the area and to the nearby Connecticut River and Freshwater Brook.

The college has had three homes in its relatively brief life. It began in the former North School building in the Thompsonville section of Enfield. In 1974, the college moved to a leased warehouse on Phoenix Avenue but gradually outgrew that location. The college moved to its current home in 1983, at 170 Elm Street. The years between 1989 and 1994 saw extensive renovations to improve classroom and laboratory space, revamp the auditorium, and add an annex to house the Learning Resource Center.

In 1992, the Connecticut legislature mandated merging the state's community and technical colleges. While there was no area technical college for an Asnuntuck merger, the legislature also required each community college to complement its general education with a technical focus, bringing about several programmatic changes, as well as the change to the name, Asnuntuck Community-Technical College. The technical focus remains, particularly in our Manufacturing Technology Center, but the state community colleges dropped the word "technical" from their names in 1999, returning us to the simpler name, Asnuntuck Community College.

Asnuntuck Community College is located in Enfield, Connecticut, just off Interstate 91, approximately halfway between the metropolitan areas of Springfield, Massachusetts, to the north and Hartford, Connecticut, to the south. Asnuntuck serves the north-central Connecticut communities of East Granby, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Somers, Stafford Springs, Suffield, and Windsor Locks, and also draws students from south-central Massachusetts and the Greater Hartford area.

## ACC FOUNDATION, INC.

The Asnuntuck Community College Foundation, Inc. is the fundraising arm of the College. Its mission is to obtain funds to assist in the development of programs to meet the economic, educational, and employment needs of North Central Connecticut. The ACC Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation whose board meets on a regular basis. It holds annual fundraising events to encourage support for the college. The funds help to provide program enhancements and scholarships for Asnuntuck students.

For more information, call the Foundation office at 860.253.3041 or go to its website:  
<http://www.asnuntuck.edu/Foundation>.