

## The College

Germanna Community College is one of the twenty three community colleges in Virginia that comprise the Virginia Community College System. It is a two-year public institution of higher education established in 1970. The College takes pride in serving the residents of Caroline, Culpeper, King George, Madison, Orange, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties and the City of Fredericksburg. The College is governed by policies set by the State Board for Community Colleges with support and advice from the Germanna Community College Board. Primary funding for the College is provided by the State, supplemented by contributions from seven counties and one city and by student tuition.

## Statement of Purpose

Germanna Community College is a public, comprehensive higher education institution in the Virginia Community College System. Located in north-central Virginia, the College has two full-service campuses and an advanced technology center and offers Associate Degrees, Certificates, and Career Studies Certificate programs to a diverse urban and rural population.

**Mission:** Germanna Community College is a regional leader and partner providing high quality, accessible learning opportunities and related services to the community.

**Vision:** Germanna Community College is a dynamic learning organization that provides innovative leadership in meeting the changing educational needs of the community.

**Values:** Shared values guide Germanna Community College in fulfilling our mission. These values influence thoughts, guide decisions, mold policies and determine courses of action. These values are demonstrated through a commitment to:

- Teaching and Learning—Sustain teaching excellence and set high standards that promote and encourage student learning.
- Effective Learning Environments—Maintain innovative learning environments that encourage creativity and acquisition of knowledge and skills that prepare students for changing work environments, responsible citizenship, and rewarding lives.
- Community Service—Serve our communities by facilitating cultural enrichment, advancing economic development and



partnerships, promoting health and wellness within the community, and providing leadership and College talent to meet community needs.

- **Opportunity**—Serve a diverse student population through lifelong learning and student development services that are inclusive, accessible, affordable, and of the highest quality.
- **Stewardship**—Make effective and efficient use of resources, fulfilling our responsibility to the Commonwealth and the communities we serve.
- **Professionalism**—Foster competence and professional development, open and honest communication, accountability for actions and mutual respect.
- **Integrity**—Deliver on our promises; take the right actions for the right reasons.

## Accreditation

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Germanna Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate degree. Inquiries regarding regional accreditation or Germanna Community College's accreditation status should be sent to the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033, telephone number 404-679-4558. In addition, the AAS nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006; telephone number 800-669-1656 x. 153) and both the AAS nursing and the practical nursing certificate programs are approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing (6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, VA 23230-1712; telephone number 804-662-9909).

## Location and Facilities

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**Locust Grove Campus:** The Locust Grove campus is located on Route 3 midway between Culpeper and Fredericksburg. The campus consists of 100 beautifully wooded acres adjacent to the Rapidan River in Orange County.

The D. French Slaughter, Jr. Building of approximately 65,000 square feet includes classrooms, laboratories, a wellness center, bookstore, administrative and faculty offices, a library, business office, and student lounge. Outdoor facilities include tennis courts and a playing field, as well as nature trails, jogging paths, and a picnic area.

**Fredericksburg Area Campus:** The Fredericksburg Area Campus is located at Lee's Hill in Spotsylvania County near the intersection of Interstate 95 at Routes 1 and 17 South. The V. Earl Dickinson Building of the Fredericksburg Area Campus opened in January, 1997. The 76,000 square-foot building includes classrooms, laboratories, library, student lounge, bookstore, and office for faculty and administrative staff to provide a full range of services.

The Phase II building, a 40,000 square foot instructional facility designed primarily for workforce development and tech-

nology training, opened in 2004. Additional facilities, including tennis courts, playing fields, nature trails, jogging paths, and picnic areas, are planned for future development of the 70-acre campus.

**Culeper Center for Advanced Technology:** Located at the junction of U.S. Route 29 and State Route 3 adjacent to the town of Culpeper, the Germanna Center for Advanced Technology opened June of 2006. The center occupies 34 of the 100 acres donated to the College by Rose Bente Lee, Kay and Marie Andrus, Nicholas and Flora Tomasetti, and Phillip and Susan DeSiato. Built on two levels, the 39,000 square foot facility is designed primarily for workforce development instruction and technology training. A wide variety of credit classes are also offered. Some of its features include: a conference center that seats 700 theatre-style, banquet seating for 400, a manufacturing technology lab, an executive conference room, an interactive video theatre, a computer tech lab, a training suite and a catering kitchen.

## History

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Germanna Community College takes its name from a group of settlers at Germanna Ford on the Rapidan River, where in 1714; Governor Alexander Spotswood established a frontier fort and settlement for German miners and their families. During the colonial period, Governor Spotswood established iron foundries at the settlement. The Governor's home, called Colonel Spotswood's Enchanted Castle, sat a short distance north of where the College stands today.

In 1956, descendants of the original settlers at Germanna Ford organized the Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc. In 1966, the Virginia legislature created a community college system intended to provide higher learning in both academic and technical areas within commuting distance of every citizen of the Commonwealth. In 1969, the Memorial Foundation of Germanna Colonies donated 100 acres of property along the Rapidan River to the Commonwealth of Virginia for the location of a community college. On June 5, 1969, the College Board unanimously chose the name Germanna Community College to recognize this generous gift and the local history associated with it.

The College, under the presidency of Dr. Arnold Wirtala, opened temporary offices in the Law Building in Fredericksburg while campus facilities were being completed. Germanna held its first classes on October 13, 1970, in its partially completed building. By winter quarter 1971, the entire building was in use.

In 1980, Dr. William P. Briley succeeded Dr. Wirtala as Germanna's president. Dr. Marshall Smith served as Germanna's third president from 1985 to 1986. In November 1986, Dr. Frank S. Turnage began his tenure as Germanna's fourth president. Educational programs, student enrollment and campus facilities have grown dramatically under the presidency of Dr. Turnage.

The opening of the Fredericksburg Area Campus in January, 1997 was a major milestone for the College. The 70-acre site, donated by the John T. Hazel Family, was selected by the Germanna Board on September 12, 1989. State funding

for Phase I was acquired mainly through the efforts of Delegate V. Earl Dickinson for whom the first building is named. Additional support was received from the local governments in the Germanna Community College service region and from private donations.

On September 9, 1998, the College's Educational Foundation received its largest single gift to date: 100 acres of land in Culpeper, Virginia. The land was generously donated by Rose Bente Lee, Kaye and Marie Andrus, Nicholas and Flora Tomasetti, and Philip and Susan DeSiato. Governor Mark Warner led the groundbreaking for construction of the Germanna Center for Advanced Technology at the site in June 2004. Construction was completed in June 2006.

Construction of the 39,000 square foot Phase II Building at the Fredericksburg Area Campus began in 2003. The facility opened in October 2004, providing expanded services in workforce and technology training.

In March 2007 Dr. David A. Sam succeeded Dr. Turnage as Germanna's president. Dr. Sam envisions community colleges as an open door of educational opportunity.

Germanna has been among the fastest growing community colleges in Virginia for many years, with full-time equivalency enrollment (FTE) increasing by 90.5% from 1994 to 2004. Looking to the future, Germanna remains focused on providing quality, accessible educational programs to meet the changing needs of individuals and employers in its vibrant, growing service region.

## Campus Security and Crime Awareness

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Students, staff, and visitors, while at Germanna, should report any known or suspected criminal activity or any emergency occurring on campus to the College switchboard operator or security personnel on duty. Crimes and emergencies will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement or emergency personnel. A security officer, in contact with local law enforcement agencies, is on duty each evening and when the College is closed. College facilities close at 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. With the exception of Saturday classes or other special events, the College is closed from 8:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Monday.

While on campus, students, staff, and visitors are cautioned as follows:

- Do not leave purses, book bags, or other valuables open or unattended.
- Do not leave vehicles unlocked or valuables exposed in vehicles.
- During evening hours, walk in groups, avoid unlit areas and carry flashlights. Security escorts are available upon request.
- Following evening classes, exit the buildings at the main entrances.
- Observe all posted speed limits and parking regulations.

Report the following incidents to the College switchboard operator or security personnel:

- Lost and stolen items (also to the Admissions & Records Office)
- Accidents
- Damage to property
- Needs for emergency services/law enforcement

At all off-campus locations, report to the school's main office. Statistics concerning the occurrences of reported criminal offenses and the number of arrests for particular violations on campus during the preceding three years are available from the Security Manager.

## Community Use of College Facilities

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Germanna Community College provides limited use of its facilities for community groups and educational and governmental agencies. Approval of requests will be contingent on the appropriateness of the proposed activity, space availability, and budget considerations.

Inquiries about community use of Germanna Community College facilities should be directed to the Chief Administrative Officers for either the Fredericksburg Area or Locust Grove Campus and the Director at the Center for Advanced Technology in Culpeper.

## Educational Foundation

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The Germanna Community College Educational Foundation, Inc, was established in 1983 to promote the growth and progress of the College. The Educational Foundation raises, invests and administers private fund in support of the mission of Germanna Community College. Subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the Foundation is tax exempt and donors may deduct contributions as provided by the Code. The Germanna Community College Educational Foundation is registered with the State Corporation Commission of Virginia.

While State funding supports the basic mission of the College, there are many enrichments for educational excellence that Germanna needs to offer students. The Educational Foundation supports the College's programs and initiatives within the policies of the State Board for Community Colleges and the bylaws of the Germanna Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

Individuals, businesses, and industries can help the College provide student scholarships, state-of-the-art instructional resources, faculty and staff professional development, and other enhancements. Cash gifts, securities, wills, trusts, insurance policies, and property are among the means through which donors can contribute. Unrestricted gifts are managed and administered by the Foundation Board of Directors; and restricted gifts are designated by the donor, subject to the policies of the Board.

For a complete list of scholarships available to students, assistance planning a gift or more information about the Germanna Community College Educational Foundation, please call the Foundation Office at (540) 423-9032.

## Alumni Association

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The Alumni Association supports the mission of Germanna Community College by promoting positive and lasting relationships among alumni, students, faculty and staff, and by encouraging partnerships within the community. The Association is governed by a Board of Directors with membership representative of the College's service region. All Germanna graduates are welcome to be a part of the Association. Persons interested in serving on an Alumni committee, organizing or helping with social functions please call the Foundation office at (540) 423-9032.

## Germanna Tech Prep

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Tech Prep is a secondary/postsecondary career path linked to business, industry, labor, government, and the community that leads to further education and employment. The Germanna Tech Prep Consortium, representing the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, King George, Madison, Orange, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg, is working to provide comprehensive career development paths that comprise coherent sequences of courses designed for five career clusters: information system technology; business and marketing; engineering technology, automotive technology, and health, human, and public services.

Tech Prep integrates academic and occupational- technical education and provides a seamless transition from secondary to post secondary educational opportunities and employment. Additional information about Tech Prep is available through Germanna's Tech Prep office at (540) 423-9126.

## GED Testing Center

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The General Educational Development (GED) Exam provides an opportunity to enable individuals who have not graduated from high school to demonstrate the attainment of abilities normally associated with completion of a high school program of study. By achieving satisfactory scores on the GED Exam, individuals will be awarded a General Educational Development Certificate by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may qualify for admission to college or for more advanced educational opportunities.

The GED Exam consists of a battery of five comprehensive examinations in writing skills, math, social studies, science, and reading skills. These tests are designed to measure the concepts and intellectual skills normally acquired during high school. The full test administration (five tests) takes approximately 1/2 hour.

To register to take the GED Test, individuals must meet the following guidelines:

- Germanna's GED testing center serves residents of Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, King George, and Fredericksburg.
- An applicant normally must be at least 18 years of age.
- Each applicant must register to take the test through the school division in the county or city where he/she resides. (Note: As an option, individuals may start the registration process by going on-line at <http://www.GED123.org>. A certificate must be printed after completing the on-line portion and taken to the registration site in order to complete test registration.)
- There is a registration fee for the exam. The current registration fee in 2007 for the full battery of five tests is \$43.50. Only money orders are acceptable, and must be paid in advance at the time of registration. The test fee amount is subject to change annually.
- Two forms of identification, including a current government- issued photo ID must be presented at the time of registration.
- Upon request, special accommodations may be available for individuals with physical, emotional, or learning disabilities and should be applied for prior to test registration.

Effective January 1, 2002, a completely new GED Test was implemented nationwide. Only test scores achieved since January 1, 2002 will now count toward earning a certificate in Virginia.

Germanna Community College currently operates a Regional GED Testing Center for the Fredericksburg area and conducts monthly GED Testing on Saturdays for residents of Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, and King George. Additional special weekday testing is available for students in the Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education program.

GED testing is also available for residents of Culpeper, Orange, and Madison through a different regional test center at the Carver-Piedmont Technical Center (540) 825-0476. All individuals must register through the school system of the county or city where they reside to take the test through either center.

The Germanna Regional GED Test Center for the Fredericksburg area is located at the Fredericksburg Area Campus of Germanna Community College. Interested individuals, who would like additional GED test information, may call Germanna at (540) 834-1035 or the Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education Office at 540-898-8165.