**Area of Emphasis**

**General Education Program**

**PRIORITY:** Strengthen the general education program and ensure the success of its students and graduates. As part of this initiative, the College will continue to expand, enhance, and publicize the strengths and successes of students who transfer. Baccalaureate programs will be proposed to address specific higher education needs of area residents.

**GOALS:**

- Assess the effectiveness of the general education and college preparatory curriculum and revise as needed;
- Propose baccalaureate programs to respond to unmet needs of some professions.

Assigned to: Educational Policy, Programs & Analysis, CASSC, Academic Deans.

**BACKGROUND:**

The College’s general education program is central to our mission and is supported by students who flow through college preparatory. To accomplish this aspect of our mission, the College needs a strong college preparatory program, and a strong general education program.

A special initiative to serve our community is the development of baccalaureate programs in areas not meeting community needs. Working within State guidelines, the College will propose Bachelor’s degrees in response to higher education needs of area residents.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- September 2002 Status Report
- March 2002 Status Report
- August 2001 Status Report