Area of Emphasis | Workforce Development

**Priority:** Develop and expand the occupational clusters, including new degree and short-term certificate programs.

**Goals:**
- Expand occupational Schools by developing new degree and short-term certificate programs;
- Continue to develop the occupational Schools so that students on all campuses have access to the various occupational programs;
- Work closely with business and industry, as well as the chambers of commerce (especially the One Vision/One Goal initiative), to meet their training needs.

Assigned to: Academic Deans; School Directors; Dean of Workforce Education and Development

**Background:**
The College is undergoing a rather rapid transformation from a college with a majority of enrollment in pre-baccalaureate transfer programs to a college that has a steadily increasing enrollment in occupational programs designed for immediate employment.

The Occupational Schools have the potential to strengthen and increase these offerings and need continued support and development. New program development that is clearly and directly responsive to the needs of business and industry is critical.

**Accomplishment Highlights**
- September 2002 Status Report
- March 2002 Status Report
- August 2001 Status Report