

SHEPHERD COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Shepherd College, a fully accredited public institution of higher education founded in 1871 and located in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, offers a wide variety of distinguished degree programs and other learning opportunities to both traditional and non-traditional students. Our College attracts students from the region, the nation, and beyond.

Understanding the importance of diversity, we continue to work toward recruiting and retaining a multicultural student body, faculty and staff. The heart of our baccalaureate curriculum is a formal General Studies program that prepares a student to take his or her place as an educated citizen in a changing world. Our Community and Technical College provides a curriculum that is both complementary to, and integrated with, the four-year College, offering associate degrees and continuing education. **The College is committed, as well, to developing and implementing a selected number of graduate programs.**

At Shepherd College we are dedicated to expanding our intellectual and cultural resources with the assistance of technological advances and our advantageous location just seventy miles from the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area. At the same time, the small, residential setting of the College creates an environment in which students are able to work closely with faculty, staff and administrators who encourage their intellectual growth, personal fulfillment, and academic and professional excellence. Student learning is central to the culture of our institution, and finding ways to improve student learning is a continuing process.

Shepherd College, through its alliances with business organizations, industry, and government agencies, promotes economic development in the region. The College enhances the cultural atmosphere of the community with performing arts activities, public lectures, and athletic events. Outreach experiences such as student internships and cooperative agreements also link the College to the life of the community.

The faculty, staff and administration of Shepherd College are dedicated to remaining in the forefront of advances in contemporary education and professional programs as we serve our students, community and region in the twenty-first century.