INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENT
(With Numbered Sentences for Unit and Program Planning)

[1] The mission of Southwest Tennessee Community College is to provide the citizens of Shelby and Fayette counties and the surrounding Mid-South region with a high quality and affordable post-secondary education that prepares them for associate degrees, future educational opportunities, and successful employment.

[2] As a comprehensive, open-access, culturally diverse, public two-year college, Southwest is committed to meeting the educational needs of individual students, communities, and employers through credit and non-credit instruction using both distance learning technology and traditional campus-based classes.

[3] Southwest promotes student success in a supportive teaching and learning environment designed to raise educational levels, promote work readiness skills, enhance career advancement, prepare for university transfer, and enrich personal lives.

[4] To fulfill its mission, the college:

- [4a] Provides university parallel courses and programs leading to Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees that meet the requirements of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree
- [4b] Provides career technical curricula leading to employment-related certificates and Associate of Applied Science degrees
- [4c] Provides continuing education, workforce development, and public service programs for community citizens and businesses
- [4d] Provides learning support programs for academically disadvantaged students
- [4e] Provides highly qualified full-time and adjunct faculty in all academic programs and disciplines
- [4f] Provides student support services that assist both students and alumni with their attainment of educational and career goals
- [4g] Provides student learning enrichment through honors programs, service-learning activities, tutoring, library services, cultural events, international studies, and extracurricular activities
- [4h] Provides administrative and financial services that support student enrollment, faculty and staff employment, college management, and organizational development
- [4i] Provides institutional partnerships and activities that advance community relations, public awareness and support, resource development, and inter-institutional collaboration and articulation
- [4j] Provides physical facilities and learning environments that are modern, comfortable, secure, and technically advanced for student, employee, and public use
- [4k] Provides assessments of institutional effectiveness to ensure continuous improvement
• [4] Provides a campus culture that promotes diversity, learning, and student success

[5] Southwest Tennessee Community College is committed to the education of a non-racially identifiable student body and promotes diversity and access without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

[6] Southwest Tennessee Community College is a member of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee under the governance of the Tennessee Board of Regents.