

Snead State Community College is the oldest College in the Alabama Community College System to award associate degrees. The school originated in 1898, when the Boaz Seminary was authorized by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The E.B.L. Elder family arrived in Boaz in June of 1899 and opened the seminary in their home in July of that year with an enrollment of 70 pupils. The Boaz Seminary grew rapidly, and in 1906 its name was changed to John H. Snead Seminary in honor of Mr. Snead, a Boaz businessman and friend of education, who contributed land, money, and leadership to the Seminary. John H. Snead Seminary remained one of Alabama's strong secondary schools for almost a fourth of a century and graduated more than 1,200 young men and women.

In the fall of 1935, Snead Junior College was duly chartered by the State of Alabama and began operation as a junior college under the supervision of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church. Snead State Junior College was accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1941.

In May 1992, the State Board of Education authorized Snead State Junior College to become Snead State Community College. In January 2008, Dr. Robert J. Exley became the 17th president of Snead State. The average enrollment for Snead State is 2300 students.

Mission

Snead State Community College, a member of the Alabama Community College System is dedicated to excellence in meeting the educational needs of those we serve through the completion of degree and certificate programs, workforce development, and community management.

College Goals

The focus of planning at Snead State Community College is continued growth. We must consistently grow the College in many ways including enrollment, the variety of academic programs of study, and collaborative partnerships with our community. We remain committed to three primary College goals to foster this growth:

- **Expansion of Arab Instructional Site** – Located on Brindlee Mountain, the City of Arab is a growing, vibrant community. Snead State has made a commitment to expand educational offerings in Arab. The expansion to date has included renovations that have more than tripled the available space and increased course offerings. The site also hosts Workforce Development offerings, including Office Administration and Ready-to-Work.
- **Student Success and Career Center** - The Success Center, located on the top floor of the McCain Building, provides a one-stop shop for help with admission, financial aid, advising, placement testing, and career coaching. Over the next year, the Success Center will seek to add tutoring, enhanced career services, and an early alert system to identify students at risk of failing a class or dropping out altogether.
- **College Completion Campaign** - Snead State has adopted the national College Completion Agenda. Although no two-year school in Alabama provides better preparation for a four-year

university than Snead State, too many Snead students transfer without first receiving a Snead degree. An Associate Degree from Snead State not only leads to higher income over time, but also to a higher chance of success at a four-year college.

Accreditations

Snead State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033- 4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Snead State Community College.

Snead State is also accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Ga., 30326; telephone 404.975.5000; www.nlnac.org).