



# PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES



**Founded in 1993**

**5 Locations in the  
Southern Alleghenies:**

- **Blair (Altoona)**
- **Ebensburg**
- **Huntingdon**
- **Richland (Johnstown)**
- **Somerset**

**2015-16  
enrollment: 3,338**

**Over 52,000  
community members  
served**

**Over 35 associate  
degree, diploma, &  
certificate programs**

**Flexible scheduling  
with day, evening,  
weekend, & online  
courses**

**Feels like family  
with a 17:1 student-to-  
faculty ratio**

**[www.pennhighlands.edu](http://www.pennhighlands.edu)**

## **Focus on: Pennsylvania Highlands Community College**

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College provides the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary for individuals to succeed. Penn Highlands may be the youngest of the 14 community colleges in Pennsylvania, but we are ever-growing and innovative in the ways we look at delivering education to the communities we serve. In recent years, we have not only added an Online Campus for remote learning, but also weekend course offerings to help those that have responsibilities during the week. Penn Highlands is constantly listening to the needs of the community, and strives to make the changes necessary to garner success throughout our region.

### **A DUAL ENROLLMENT LEADER**

Penn Highlands Community College operates a nationally accredited dual enrollment program, Accelerated College Education (ACE). ACE has partnerships with over 50 school districts across 12 counties and enrolled over 1,400 students in 2016. Building on this success, our Associate in High School Program allows students in participating school districts to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and college degree. In 2016, 29 high school students achieved an associate degree prior to graduating from high school.

### **HIGH STANDARDS IN MEDICAL PROGRAMS**

Our Medical Assisting Technology program was awarded accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) by demonstrating adherence to CAAHEP's standards. Students achieving the Medical Assisting Technology degree benefit from the CAAHEP Accreditation as this allows for automatic qualification to sit for the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) exam to become Certified Medical Assistants.



### **GROWTH IS OCCURRING**

The Somerset Center has realized significant growth and has led to the Center relocating to a larger, more expansive facility in August 2016. Additionally, we have plans to expand the Blair Center located in Altoona, Blair County (Logan Valley Mall.) Our expansion efforts allow for anticipated growth in student enrollment.