College Adds Environmental Science Technology to Curriculum

Beaufort County Community College will be adding Environmental Science Technology to its two-year degree program roster. The primary purpose of initiating the Environmental Science Technology program is to train students for the increasing number of jobs in both the private and public sectors as Environmental Technicians.

Angela Mason, Instructor of Biology, Speech, and Anthropology at Beaufort County Community College, designed the program. Mason stated, “The intent of the curriculum is to prepare individuals for employment in environmental testing/consulting and related industries. Major emphasis will be placed on biological and chemical evaluation of man’s impact on his environment.” According to Mason, “The need for technicians has increased in recent years and employers are reporting a greater need for trained personnel. Beaufort County Community College was willing to answer the call for this kind of training. I am pleased the college is willing to serve the community in this fashion.”

The program fulfills the Beaufort County Community College mission statement by providing a high quality education for adults in a manner convenient for persons who may not be able to travel significant distances for such training. It will prepare students for careers available in private business, industry, and governmental agencies within the extended service area of the College. The program will enhance college-industry interaction in Beaufort County and the surrounding area through cooperative work agreements and internships with area businesses. College president, Dr. Ron Champion stated, “The College is proud to offer such an innovative program. The initiative of Angela Mason in making this program a reality is a tribute to the caliber of staff we have here at the College.”

The program has been approved by the state to begin in spring of 1999. For more information, call Angela Mason at 252-946-6194, Extension 317.