

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Learning Resources

Campus Library

The Nunez Community College Library is a vital part of the educational program of the institution. The facility, opened in Spring 2000, includes approximately 25,000 square feet with seating for 165 at tables, carrels, and computers.

The librarians conduct library instruction sessions for all students and bibliographic instruction for classes as requested by the instructor. Instructors for some classes participate in course integrated library instruction, providing assignments that increase both information literacy skills and subject knowledge. A librarian is available to help patrons with research needs during all open hours.

The Library houses a collection of over 38,000 volumes in an easily accessible open-shelf arrangement and over 48,000 electronic books that can be accessed on and off campus. The Library receives about 45 current periodicals and newspapers and has access to many thousand periodicals in electronic format.

The Library is a selective depository for state documents. The archives concentrate on materials concerning St. Bernard Parish and associated topics. Through collaboration with the history department, the Archives are accumulating a vast number of local oral histories. The St. Bernard Genealogical Society Library is housed near the Archives.

The Library is a member of LOUIS (Louisiana Library Network) and as such has access to full-text databases through internet-enabled computers. These electronic resources are also accessible off-campus from the Library web page at <http://www.nunez.edu/Library.htm>. The Library staff is dedicated to assisting all students and faculty whether they are in the Library or accessing Library resources and services from off-campus to meet their informational needs.

Experimental Education Programs

In recognition of the importance of on-the-job training as part of occupational and professional preparation of students, Nunez Community College offers three experiential educational programs: internships, practicums, and cooperative educational programs. These provide supervised work experience in the various curricula while granting academic credit according to the standards of accrediting agencies. Students gain occupational experience to help prepare them for meaningful employment.

These programs provide the opportunity to:

1. Develop outside the classroom program-related knowledge and skills that are used in the work setting;
2. Explore, confirm, or modify career choices;
3. Develop professional experience and contacts;
4. In some cases, earn money while learning;
5. Receive academic credit toward a degree for work experience while attending school.

College Cooperative Education Programs

College cooperative education is an educational plan in which paid or unpaid employment is integrated into the college curriculum. Students on scholastic probation are not eligible. Agreements involving the student,

the College, and the employer must be confirmed prior to registering for a cooperative course. A student must meet with his or her Dean or Program Manager before enrolling for cooperative credit.

Internship

Internship programs help to orient students to the world of work, emphasize practical aspects of the business world, and provide closer liaison and cooperation among the student, the College, and the work environment. Internships may be paid or unpaid.

Practicum and Clinical Experiences

Supervised work experience is offered in the fields of Care and Development of Young Children, Culinary Arts, Emergency Medical Technology, Process Technology, Practical Nursing, Teaching, Medical Office Management, Process Technology, and occasionally in other programs of study. Students work a minimum number of hours during the semester as specified in the course syllabus.