

Located in Bennington, Vermont, Southern Vermont College is committed to providing a personalized learning environment to a diverse student population. The College, which currently serves over 550 students from 12 states and 5 countries, offers baccalaureate and associate degrees in 18 program areas. Southern Vermont College is now in its 85th year.



Simulation Laboratory for healthcare students

Baccalaureate Degrees

Business Administration/Management
 Business Administration/Sports Management
 Communications
 Creative Writing
 Creative Writing and English Studies
 Criminal Justice
 English
 Entrepreneurship and Management
 Healthcare Management and Advocacy
 History and Politics
 Liberal Arts
 Nursing
 Radiologic Sciences
 Psychology

Associate Degrees

Business
 Criminal Justice
 Liberal Arts
 Nursing

“To be effective, education must link theory and practice. For our students, experiential learning allows them to achieve academically and at the same time to equip themselves with critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for becoming successful in the workplace of the 21st century.”

-Karen Gross, President

Student Profile

- 34% ~ Students from Vermont
- 17% ~ Students from Bennington County
- 64% ~ First-generation college attendees
- 21% ~ Diverse students
- 11% ~ Students with documented learning differences
- 16% ~ Non-traditional students returning to school
- 56% ~ Residential
- 44% ~ Commuter

Educating Vermont's Workforce

More than 1,400 SVC alumni live and/or work in Vermont, contributing to our quality of life through their community leadership and professional pursuits. Job titles of SVC alumni include:

- Controller, Port-a-Brace
- Reporter, Burlington Free Press
- Branch Manager, Berkshire Bank
- Executive Director, Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)
- Faculty, St. Michael's College
- Farmer, Self Employed
- Interventionist, Howard Center
- Sales, Fairpoint Communications
- Mammography Technician, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center
- Mental health professionals, United Counseling Service
- Nurses/medical professionals at Vermont hospitals and health-related facilities
- Executive Director, Vermont Police Academy
- Officers and officials at all levels of Vermont law enforcement
- Operations Manager, Earth Waste Systems
- Program Director, Orvis
- Vice President, Bank of Bennington
- Vocational Director, Goodwill Industries

Mission Statement

Southern Vermont College offers a transformative living and learning experience that cultivates lifelong learners in a personalized setting, emphasizes active learning and exploration, and encourages empowered citizenship and environmental sensibility.



Educational Impact

- **Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) Stretch Program:** Helping healthcare students succeed in A&P I.
- **Pipelines into Partnerships Initiative:** A new program encouraging vulnerable high school seniors and community college students to succeed in obtaining a four-year degree.
- **Simulation Lab:** Nursing students practice vital clinical skills on computer-programmed mannequins.
- **Build the Sustainable Enterprise:** Student entrepreneurs apply classroom concepts to create and run their own business.
- **iPad Learning:** Initiatives to integrate and measure new technology into the classroom.
- **Radiologic Technology:** Students achieved 100% pass rate and high scores for national ARRT exam this past academic year.
- **Strong Criminal Justice program** with many graduates serving as leaders in state and local law enforcement.
- **Quest for Success:** A nationally-acclaimed program in which first-year students plan, implement and assess projects in community organizations including Bennington Museum, Oldcastle Theatre, Vermont Veterans' Home and local schools.
- **2011-2012 Inspiring History; Shaping the Future Lecture Series:** Speakers include: Stephen Hannock, Painter; Lois Greenfield, Dance Photographer; Janet Flammang, Professor at Santa Clara University/Author; Glen M. Andres, Professor at Middlebury College; Tyler Resch, Historian; and Andre Dubus III, Author.
- **James L. FitzGerald Annual Invitational Health Services Lectures.**
- **Division of Nursing Healthcare Forum:** Guest lecturers on timely topics in healthcare.
- **National Day on Writing:** SVC Humanities Division curates student/staff creative writing through a National Gallery.
- **Centennial of Everett Mansion:** Celebrating 100th year with historic public tours of the Mansion; photo displays of then and now; and upcoming lecture on Mansion and its history.
- **Summer programs:** Includes Research Training course on Aging and Alzheimer's Disease, Healthcare Management and Advocacy Certificate Program, and summer sports camps for area youth.
- **The 2020 Initiative:** SVC employed measures for student success in college to increase graduation rates.
- **The Campus/Community Dinner Series:** Based on a national initiative that fosters healthier eating, SVC matches students with local families to prepare and enjoy meals together.
- **Community Service:** SVC students participate in two all-campus days of service (Our Neighbors/Our Selves and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service) each semester to assist community-based organizations. Students are also mentors in Big Brothers Big Sisters and this fall, joined in flood relief efforts.
- **Financial Aid:** 90% of students receive financial aid.
- **Total institutional aid** given to students is \$3.6 million.
- **Average institutional aid** per student is \$8,500.
- **Athletics:** Five of the ten SVC Division III teams made conference playoff berths in 2010-2011; women's volleyball earned an NCAA DIII berth.
- **371-acre mountainside campus** with spectacular views and myriad recreational opportunities including hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.

Economic Impact

- **More than \$28 million** annual impact to regional economy.
- **Projected growth** from 550 to 625 students by 2013.
- **Upgrades to the physical plant** in Summer 2011 totaled **\$750,000**.
- **One of top 20** largest employers in Bennington, with 147 employees (83 reside in Vermont).
- **Attracts more than 6,000** visitors annually.
- **Internship Office** working with more than 108 employers and school sites - 74 in Vermont.
- **91% of students** participate in practica, internships, clinicals and/or community service projects.
- **1,351 of our 4,478** alumni/ae reside in Vermont.