FOCUS
Learning Community

By taking part in FOCUS, you have access to a vast network of professional staff and qualified teachers that will assist with meeting your educational goals.

By taking part in FOCUS, you have the opportunity to develop the study skills required for success in college and life.

By taking part in FOCUS, you form lasting friendships that foster personal development and academic growth.

Discover ... Connect ... Change ... your future by being a part of a FOCUS Learning Community at DCC.

Call (845) 431-8090 for more information.

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Founded in 1957, Dutchess Community College is a two-year community college celebrating more than 50 years of excellence and service to the residents of Dutchess County. It is part of the State University of New York and is one of 30 community colleges in the state system.

FOCUS is a semester-based program that improves students’ academic skills, fosters personal development and creates a supportive learning community to promote success in both college and life.

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Why FOCUS?

• 95% of FOCUS students surveyed said they would recommend FOCUS to a fellow student.

• 90% of FOCUS students surveyed indicated that participating in the FOCUS Learning Community had improved their learning.

• 87% of Fall 2009 FOCUS students registered for the Spring 2010 semester, compared to 66% of students eligible for FOCUS (or similar program) who choose not to participate.

What does FOCUS include?

Reading Course
Learn to read more effectively and acquire the skills and strategies necessary for college-level reading comprehension and analysis.

English Course
Develop fluency and accuracy in writing to prepare for college-level composition courses.

College Study Skills Course
Acquire necessary academic and personal development skills for success in college and life.

Campus Academic Services
Utilize one or more campus academic services for a minimum of one hour per week. Services could include use of: Student Academic Success Center, Writing Center, Math Center and/or Tutoring Services. You choose!

What is FOCUS?

FOCUS is a learning community coordinated by the Office of Academic Services and Testing that brings students together to develop reading, writing and study skills during their first semester. Entering DCC freshmen are invited to participate in FOCUS if their placement test scores indicate they would benefit from this successful program.

The FOCUS program also offers fabulous extras such as:
• FOCUS Orientation
• Student Reunions
• End-of-Semester Celebrations
• Advising and Registration Workshops
• Financial Aid Informational Sessions
• Peer Mentoring

What is a learning community?

A learning community is a group of people who share common educational goals, and are actively engaged in learning together and from each other. It supports and inspires the intellectual and personal development of all members of the community.

Comments from FOCUS students

‘FOCUS helped me to become a better student. I’m sure it can help anyone.’

‘I definitely learned how to pay attention in class more and understand the material better.’

‘I would definitely recommend FOCUS.’

‘It is nice to have the same students in three of your classes. It makes for a stronger group. Making connections to each other helped us to support one another throughout the semester.’

FOCUS On Your Future

DCC’s FOCUS Learning Community Program will help you create a vision for fulfilling your academic goals.