

Executive Summary

USC Salkehatchie is a dynamic regional campus serving a predominantly rural area. The university is one of the keys for future growth and prosperity in a region characterized by widespread poverty and limited growth. Our aim is not only to provide higher education to place-bound students, but also to offer programs and services that will encourage students to remain in the area to live and work. Thus, we strive to provide access to four year programs, particularly those where there are known job opportunities, leadership training for small business owners, and quality-of-life programs aimed at improving the physical health of area citizens. In order to better serve the place-bound population of our multi-county service area, we provide instruction on two campuses located 45 miles apart from each other, offering a full slate of courses and support services on each site.

Vision Statement

“USC Salkehatchie will be recognized as a model rural ‘community university’ that plays a major role in enriching the cultural, educational, and economic opportunities of the citizens served.”

USC Salkehatchie has continued to progress towards the achievement of its Vision. It has increased enrollment to a record level, has expanded its academic offerings through Palmetto Programs and a partnership with the School of Nursing at USC Columbia supported by USDA and Duke Endowment grants, has upgraded its teaching infrastructure with a doubling of the number of “smart classrooms” and the addition of two “media classrooms,” has expanded its athletic program, and has strengthened its community action through its partnership with the Healthy Communities Collaborative and Adopt-a-County programs, its sponsorship of the Leadership Institute, its involvement in college teaching at local high schools, and its support of the Salkehatchie Arts Center in cooperation with the arts councils of the five adjacent counties.

Mission Statement

“USC Salkehatchie provides access to educational excellence and resources characteristic of a comprehensive research university, for the purpose of enhancing the overall quality of life of its citizenry.”

Salkehatchie pursues its Vision through the process of fulfilling its Mission as a regional campus of the University of South Carolina system. Progress in fulfilling the Mission has paralleled progress in pursuing the Vision.

Unit’s Long-Term Goals

Goal 1: Expand academic offerings and support services to enable students to earn baccalaureate degrees.

Goal 2: Provide essential financial, physical, and human resources for current and future programs.

Goal 3: Increase student enrollment.

Goal 4: Upgrade technology infrastructure and use of technology in academic programs.

Goal 5: Continue cutting-edge practices in sustaining and developing community partnerships.

Goal 6: Attract, increase, and retain a diverse faculty body that excels in both teaching and scholarship.

Goal 7. Provide campus activities that are designed to enrich the experience of the students.