

## ATC Nursing Board

### Q1: What is one phrase that describes who we are?

- Student Driven
- Energetic students
- Wanting students to succeed
- An institution providing quality education or training to foster growth and opportunities for the members and industries in our community.
- In a state of constant flux
- A college dedicated to hands-on learning to train for jobs our community is in need of.
- We are committed to "Open Access" at the technical college level
- Community
- Education for today's workforce
- Preparing the public for the future.
- Committed to Excellence
- A team of people that want to see students succeed in their choice for an education.

### Q2: Given what you know, describe one or two qualities that promote a positive association between Anoka Technical College and Anoka Ramsey Community College.

- community
- Good learning experience, friendly students
- Helpful
- More alignment to provide a more cohesive link. Joint faculty training days and inter-college collaboration to promote better programs and student opportunities.
- Location could promote students better opportunity to meet their needs by taking classes at both campuses.
- Small communities Excellent faculty
- Those things we share in common can promote positive associations between the institutions, such as: the name "Anoka," our campuses in close geographic proximity to one another.
- Friendly.
- Easy credit transfer, and scheduling between campuses
- Aiming towards collaboration.
- Respect and Equality.
- I prefer the small class sizes at anoka tech. It is doubtful that I would go to Anoka ramsey due to the class size.
- Degree offerings

### Q3: Given what you know, describe one or two characteristics that contribute to a negative association between Anoka Technical College and Anoka Ramsey Community College.

- longevity of staff that won't let go of the past
- None
- More hands on learning
- Being divided. Competing for the same students instead of looking at what is in the best interest of the student as far as the program fit. Management that favors one institution over the other or business practices that are higher quality or more professional at one institution rather than both.
- Credit and non-credit competing courses. Leadership positions at the technical college are going to ARCC staff. Alignment versus being one college.
- Culture so different at each college Some employees at ARCC look down on technical education
- A "poorer cousin" mentality. That is, one institution's people (faculty, staff) disrespecting the other institution for various reasons including but not limited to old slights, misconceptions, inappropriate competitiveness, defensiveness, unwillingness to do the hard work of listening to one another, unwillingness to clarify misconceptions.
- Not always working together
- no direct public transportation that is speedy/efficient.
- Arrogance and inequality.
- Anoka tech staff are much friendlier towards the prospective students, than anoka ramsey intake staff.
- Attitudes that a technical education is beneath a community college education

### Q4: How can the college better integrate with the community?

- Continue with what you are doing
- Let students know information about what's going on in the community

- Leaders, not just faculty need to network with industry partners ... not just with corporate heads either but with supervisors or managers that see our students directly. The college has local businesses that are not really partnered with our programs. For example, the Metro Regional Treatment Center and Allina Hospital do not participate as clinical sites for Practical Nursing Students yet these would be valuable learning experiences for students.
- Align the LPN program at ATC with the RN program at Anoka Ramsey so that when a student completes the LPN program they can move seamlessly to the RN program especially for those students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- By collaborating with faculty. Since administrators know little about the day to day workings of programs, take along a faculty member to ask intrusive questions about the companies needs.
- The college president is doing a great job getting out into the community. This needs to continue. The Foundation should actively be out in the community too encouraging relationships and donations.
- By getting out into the community and representing the institution. Administration personnel, faculty, support staff, making planned visits our students' future worksites... and having this an ongoing part of our mission.
- More advertisements
- A shuttle bus between campuses would be great. A joint logo?
- Listen to the COMMUNITY and hear their wants and needs. Do not, necessarily, listen to the already highly educated and prim and proper administration, oftentimes, these people are not living in the "Real world".
- By utilizing college administration officials to make contacts and build relationships with industries that correlate to the programs that are offered at the colleges.
- I believe it does a good job

**Q5: What value do you place on technical education?**

- High value
- Extreme value for those students that are "hands on" learners.
- I love it
- I think the lower cost, practical experience and smaller environment is the key to many students success in the technical college setting. I am significantly concerned about the risk for increasing class sizes to the point that the "difference" of the community college will be negligible and the many students who do well in the smaller setting will not be able to be successfully served elsewhere.
- extremely high! Job reports state technical skills are the most needed in the job market and people who possess the specific skill sets are hard to find.
- The highest value of all! That is where the jobs are at.
- Technical education is a "Must" option for any education system: 1.) The technical emphasis nurtures and supports students who are "hands on" sort of learners. Some folks learn best by doing. 2.) As a post-secondary option, technical education is affordable and is often the gateway for individuals with limited financial means to get their foot in the door of higher education.
- High
- It's extremely important for many people, not everyone wants/needs to attend a 4 year program.
- A very high value. Technical careers are an integral important piece of our community.
- Extremely high.
- I will have two A.S.S. degrees both considered "technical" courses, so very high.
- It has great value