

Check your e-mail. We're right there with you!

Once you have enrolled at RCC, you will receive e-mails from John Kester about the services offered by the college. He will remain in contact with you throughout your college career to make sure we are meeting your needs.

Here are some of the services available to you:

- Free tutoring
- Assistance with course scheduling
- Assistance with the registration process
- Assistance in applying for certificates and diplomas
- Counseling and intervention measures
- Peer groups for study, job exploration, and other interests
- Workshops ranging from how to take an online course to preparing for a job interviews.

WorkKeys and America's New Job Requirements

The WorkKeys assessments are rapidly becoming the method employers use to decide which job applicants they will hire.

Employers are performing "job profiles" to determine what skills a person needs to do a job, and how important those skills are for the employee to be successful on the job.

There are nine assessments, but most employers use the basic three: reading, locating information, and applied math. You

Will I be the oldest person in class?

The average age of RCC students has increased due to plant layoffs. It won't take long for you to feel comfortable. Having Barbara Chavis and John Kester available to help with any concerns you have make it a lot easier to start college.

Visit the FIPSE office in the Lee Building in Room 1. They can help you adjust to your new experiences.



"When I lost my job, I wasn't sure about the idea of coming to college.

It had been 30 years since I was in a classroom. Although I had used computers in my job, I wasn't familiar with the software in the classroom.

Barbara helped me through those hurdles.

Most recently, she was instrumental in helping me get all of the courses I needed to complete my degree on time. FIPSE is a good program that provides you the support you need to be successful."

*Faye Quick
Early Childhood Education major*

are awarded a bronze, silver, or gold certificate depending upon your score. The certificates are recognized nationwide and do not expire. Students completing these three receive a NC Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).

New industries look for an educated workforce. Having more people with CRCs and micro-credentials makes our county attractive to new and expanding industries.



The FIPSE Program

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) is a U.S. Department of Education grant awarded to RCC to employ staff to work specifically with displaced, adult, or otherwise unemployed workers and thus provide you the support needed to complete your educational goals.

Another goal of the grant is to develop opportunities for you to enhance your resumes with a variety of credentials.

We have several curriculum programs that provide you the opportunity to earn a certificate and diploma on your way to earning an associate in applied science degree. Each step builds upon the last. Each credential is added to your resume.

WorkKeys credentials certify your skill sets in areas such as reading, applied math, and applied technology. The WorkKeys assessments are offered at RCC.

Continuing Education programs also offer you certificates when you complete short courses in areas like CPR, First Aid, Notary Public, MS Excel, and Supervisory Skills.

RCC's goal is to help you earn as many of these "micro" credentials as you can during your career here so you are ready when opportunity knocks.

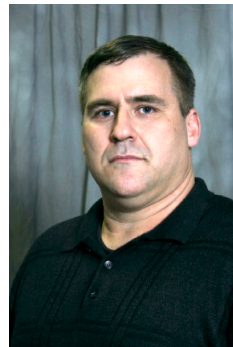
Insurance For Your Success Today and Tomorrow

We know it's challenging to start college after years in the workplace. To help you, RCC has added two people to our staff to work exclusively with displaced workers.

Barbara Chavis and John Kester will help you find answers to questions and possibly solutions to problems you may face.

They will also talk with you about taking the WorkKeys assessments and explain how important it is in today's workplace to get all of the credentials you can to make your resume stand out in the crowd.

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Are you a Displaced Worker?

You have a friend in the FIPSE Office!



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