



# for Students



**Q: Why are the two colleges merging?**

A: The main campuses of SWGTC and MTC are less than 30 miles apart. Merging will allow our students to have more opportunities while we maintain a concentrated focus on building a workforce that keeps our communities strong. Merging also makes sense financially, saving the taxpayers of Georgia hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

**Q: How will this change my classes?**

A: For the better! Consolidating the two colleges into one will create one of the largest two-year colleges in Southwest Georgia. You will have access to exceptional instructors, programs, and technology in 7 counties: Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth.

**Q: Will my tuition change because of the merger?**

A: Tuition will not be directly affected by the merger. Tuition costs are determined by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and tuition is the same for all colleges in our system. We are proud to offer an outstanding education that is both affordable and accessible for our students.

**Q: I plan to continue my education at a four-year institution after I graduate. How will the merger impact current articulation agreements?**

A: The merger will definitely be positive for those students who plan to transfer to a four year college after they graduate. Instead of separate articulation agreements for SWGTC and MTC, students in all 7 counties can transfer college credits from our merged college to many other four-year institutions.

**Q: I'm a high school student. Will the dual enrollment program change because of the merger?**

A: Over 1000 high school students currently participate in the dual enrollment programs offered by MTC and SWGTC. Current dual enrollment classes will not be affected by the merger and the opportunities for students after the merger will continue to grow.

**Q: How will the merger affect student organizations?**

A: Student organizations are important to any college and we will continue to support the growth of these organizations that enhance the college experience for those who are involved.

**Q: Where will I graduate from if I finish before the merger is complete?**

A: If you finish before July 1, 2015 at SWGTC, your graduating institution will be SWGTC. Likewise, if you finish before July 1, 2015 at MTC, your graduating institution will be MTC.

**Q: If I graduate before the merger is complete, will the change in college names be confusing for my future employers?**

A: It is quite common for colleges to merge or change names as time goes by. This will not affect your status as a graduate in the community. Both SWGTC and MTC have outstanding reputations in the community and are committed to maintaining that reputation.



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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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