

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast provides a flexible delivery system designed to meet the educational needs of Coast citizens. Consequently, new courses and programs are added as student demand warrants and resources permit. These graduate degrees are offered in cooperation with the Hattiesburg campus. Because certain courses are not offered every semester, students are encouraged to be in regular contact with the appropriate student services coordinator and an advisor in their department.

MASTER'S DEGREES*

College of Arts and Letters

English
History
International Studies
Political Science
Public Relations

College of Business

Master of Business Administration

College of Education and Psychology

Educational Administration
Curriculum and Instruction: Elementary Education
Curriculum and Instruction: Secondary Education
Technical Education

College of Health

Human Performance and Recreation
Interscholastic Athletic Administration
Sport Management
Sport Coaching Education
Recreation and Leisure Administration
Nursing
Social Work

College of Science and Technology

Administration of Justice
Coastal Sciences
Computer Science
Economic Development
Engineering Technology
Hydrographic Science
Marine Science
Workforce Training and Development

SPECIALIST'S DEGREES*

College of Education and Psychology

Education: Educational Administration

Education: Elementary Education

Education: Secondary Educational

DOCTORAL DEGREES*

College of Arts and Letters

International Development

College of Education and Psychology

Educational Administration and Higher Education
Administration

College of Science and Technology

Coastal Sciences
Human Capital Development (Executive Format)
Marine Science

* Offered in conjunction with departments and schools on the Hattiesburg campus.

FOR SERVICE, PLEASE CALL ...

(Mississippi Gulf Coast area code 228)

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Accounting and Information Systems	865-4505	Gulf Park
Administration of Justice	865-4507	Gulf Park
Admissions	865-4503	Gulf Park
.....	214-3280	Gulf Park
.....	377-2309	Keesler
.....	497-3636	Jackson County
American Studies	867-2633	Gulf Park
Biological Sciences	865-4507	Gulf Park
Bookstore Services	865-4504	Gulf Park
Business, College of	865-4505	Gulf Park
Business Services	865-4520	Gulf Park
Center for Fisheries Research and Development	872-4218	GCRL
Center of Higher Learning	688-2141	Stennis Space Center
Child and Family Studies	865-4512	Gulf Park
Coaching and Sports Administration	214-3419	Gulf Park
Coastal Sciences	872-4247	GCRL
Community Health	214-3419	Gulf Park
Computer Science	865-4507	Gulf Park
Development Office	(601) 266-5602	Hattiesburg
Disability Accommodations	voice (601) 266-5024 TTY (601) 266-6837	Hattiesburg
Economics and Finance	865-4505	Gulf Park
Education and Psychology	865-4512	Gulf Park
Engineering Technology	867-2600	Jackson County
English	867-2633	Gulf Park
Enrollment and Marketing	867-8777	Gulf Park
Family and Consumer Sciences Education	865-4512	Gulf Park
FAX / Administration	867-2657	Gulf Park
FAX / Arts and Letters	214-3242	Gulf Park
FAX / Business	865-4588	Gulf Park
FAX / Education and Psychology	867-2656	Gulf Park
FAX / Enrollment and Marketing	865-4587	Gulf Park
FAX/ Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	872-4204	GCRL
FAX / Southern Miss Gulf Coast Library (on campus)	865-4544	Gulf Park
FAX / Student Services	867-2657	Gulf Park
Financial Aid	865-4513	Gulf Park
Geography	865-4507	Gulf Park
Gulf Coast Geospatial Center	872-4215	GCRL
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	872-4200	GCRL
Gunter Library	872-4213	Gulf Park
Human Performance and Recreation	214-3419	Gulf Park
History	867-2633	Gulf Park
Industrial Engineering Technology	867-2600	Jackson County
Information	865-4500	Gulf Park
iTech	865-4593	Gulf Park
Jackson County - Southern Miss Teaching Site	497-3636	Jackson County
Jackson County - Southern Miss Teaching Site	497-3642	Jackson County
Keesler Air Force Base		
Southern Miss Teaching Site	377-2309/374-8348	Keesler AFB
Library, Southern Miss Gulf Coast	865-4510	Gulf Park
Library Science	865-4512	Gulf Park
Management and Marketing	865-4505	Gulf Park
Marine Biology	865-4507	Gulf Park
Marine Education Center, J.L. Scott	818-8890	GCRL
Mathematics	865-4507	Gulf Park
Media Center	865-4543	Gulf Park
Nursing	865-4517	Gulf Park
Paralegal Studies	867-2633	Gulf Park
Political Science	867-2633	Gulf Park
Psychology	865-4512	Gulf Park

Registration	865-4565.....	Gulf Park
Security	669-7496/865-4537.....	Gulf Park
Service Members Opportunity College (SOC).....	374-8348.....	Keesler AFB
Social Work.....	214-3419.....	Gulf Park
Special Education	865-4512.....	Gulf Park
Student Services.....	865-4565.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Elementary.....	865-4512.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Secondary (Arts and Letters)	867-2608.....	Gulf Park
Teacher Certification - Secondary (Science and Technology)	865-4507.....	Gulf Park
Technical and Occupational Education	374-8348.....	Keesler AFB
Tourism Management	865-4505.....	Gulf Park
Technology Learning Center (Toy Library)	867-2636.....	Gulf Park
Veterans Affairs.....	865-4513.....	Gulf Park
Workplace Learning and Performance Institute	214-3344.....	Gulf Park

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast provides a flexible educational delivery system designed to respond to the needs of the constituency served. A sufficient number of courses are offered so that students may earn bachelor's, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees in a variety of specialty areas. As the scope of the Gulf Coast program broadens in response to students' needs, additional areas of specialization will become available.

Southern Miss Gulf Coast operates under the semester calendar and awards semester-hour credits for all courses. Classes meet in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

HISTORY

The genesis of The University of Southern Mississippi on the Mississippi Gulf Coast goes back to 1947, when what was then Mississippi Southern College first organized classes at Van Hook Hall, Methodist Camp Grounds, in Biloxi. At that time, there were no permanent personnel assigned. In 1958, classroom space and facilities for Mississippi Southern on the Gulf Coast were furnished by Mary L. Michael Junior High School in Biloxi, and thus the operation moved from the Methodist Camp Grounds. At that time, one person was assigned permanently to a combined teaching and administrative position. For teaching personnel, MSC on the Gulf Coast drew upon the talents of local professors, teachers, and other qualified instructors. Supplementing this teaching group were occasional professors who commuted from the main campus to teach night courses.

By 1962, Mississippi Southern College had attained university status and was renamed the "The University of Southern Mississippi." In the 1960s, the demands for education in all phases grew to the extent that course offerings were broadened to meet the needs of the various occupational fields and interests. Included in these categories were Keesler Air Force Base personnel and their dependents; the industrial community, including Ingalls Ship Yards at Pascagoula, NASA at Bay St. Louis, civil service personnel associated with the naval base at Gulfport, the two Veterans Administration hospitals, and other government agencies.

At the end of the 1964 summer session, The University of Southern Mississippi moved from Mary L. Michael Junior High School to Keesler Air Force Base. In September 1965, in addition to KAFB, other classroom facilities were obtained for night classes from the Jefferson Davis campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District. The addition was called the "The University of Southern Mississippi Harrison County Resident Center." In September 1966, The University of Southern Mississippi further extended its offerings by adding the Jackson County Resident Center, located on the Jackson County campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College in Gautier.

In March 1972 The University of Southern Mississippi Harrison County Resident Center program moved from the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College to the campus of the former Gulf Park College for Girls located on Highway 90 in Long Beach. In July 1972, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning established The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park and Keesler Air Force Base Teaching Sites as an upper-level degree-completion regional campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. The Jackson County Resident Teaching Site continued as a center to deliver higher education programs and courses to the citizens of Jackson County. A new building to provide facilities for the Jackson County Resident Center was constructed and equipped by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors in 1982-83.

By this time, a comprehensive plan was developed for providing needed higher education opportunities on the Gulf Coast. Basically, the plan entailed close cooperation and coordination between the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District, which would be responsible for all freshman/sophomore courses, and The University of Southern Mississippi, which would be responsible for all junior, senior, and graduate offerings. Accordingly, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College established the Jefferson Davis-Keesler Center for freshman/sophomore course work in 1972 while Southern Miss continued to administer its upper-level work at Keesler.

The cooperation that had long existed between the university and the local junior colleges was formalized in July 1976. The landmark Two Plus Two Agreement between The University of Southern Mississippi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District provided fully coordinated comprehensive programs through the associate's, bachelor's, master's, and selected specialist levels for Gulf Coast citizens. The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and Pearl River Community College also formalized a Two Plus Two Agreement in 1992.

In 1998, The University of Southern Mississippi was classified as a dual-campus system. In 1999, the State of Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning approved The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast to add freshman and sophomore course work. Southern Miss Gulf Coast admitted its first freshman students summer session 2002.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS

GULF PARK CAMPUS

The Gulf Park campus was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. The campus is currently operating from an interim location at the Gulf Coast Student Service Center in Gulfport.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast brings the excellence that is Southern Miss to the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as the second campus in the university's dual-campus system. The interim location in Gulfport offers bachelor's, master's, specialist's, and doctoral degrees.

KEESLER TEACHING SITE

Telephone: 228.377.2309 or 228.374.8348
Building 0701, Sablich Center, Room 217
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

(Closed alternate Fridays)

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Keesler is conveniently located to provide educational services to Keesler Air Force Base military and civilian personnel. In cooperation with MGCCC-Keesler, and with the help and advice of the Keesler Education Services Office, the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler offers courses, programs, and services designed to meet the unique needs of the Keesler community. Anyone eligible to attend Gulf Park or Jackson County may also attend Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler. Registration, advisement, and other student services are provided by the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler staff, as well as by advisers from Gulf Park, Jackson County, and Hattiesburg who maintain office hours at Keesler. The Southern Miss office is located in Room 217 in the Sablich Center.

The University of Southern Mississippi, in cooperation with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Pearl River Community College, has designed bachelor's degree programs in which the upper-division work is completed at Southern Miss Gulf Coast. This concept has been formalized in the Two Plus Two agreement between the participating institutions. The Two Plus Two concept makes four-year degree programs available to the Gulf Coast residents from the state of Mississippi's public higher education system. The concept also assures smooth transition for students who transfer from one of the participating community colleges.

The University of Southern Mississippi Keesler tuition and fees are the same as for the other Southern Miss Gulf Coast campuses. Active duty military have first priority in Southern Miss Gulf Coast Keesler courses.

SERVICE MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY COLLEGE (SOC)

The University of Southern Mississippi is a member of Service Members Opportunity College (SOC) and SOCNAV4 (Navy). SOC is a consortium of national higher education associations and institutions that help strengthen and coordinate quality, voluntary, college-level educational opportunities for service members and their family members.

The University of Southern Mississippi is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Additionally, several specific programs maintain programmatic accreditation.

JACKSON COUNTY TEACHING SITE

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Jackson County Teaching Site is located on the Jackson County campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Highway 90 in Gautier, Mississippi. Located in building S on the southeast side of the campus, Southern Miss Jackson County Teaching Site provides registration, fee collection, advisement, and a variety of undergraduate and graduate classes for the convenience of students in Jackson County.

Through the use of an Interactive Video Network, The University of Southern Mississippi Jackson County Center can connect the students of Jackson County to classes offered at the Southern Miss Gulf Park and Hattiesburg campuses. The bookstore at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Jackson County Teaching Site sells textbooks for the Jackson County Teaching Site during the first two weeks of the semester.

GULF COAST RESEARCH LABORATORY

The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) is located in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. It is the home of a summer field program in the marine sciences that has operated continuously since 1947. The 50-acre site is also home to the Department of Coastal Sciences, the Center for Fisheries Research and Development, the Gulf Coast Geospatial Center, the J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. Approximately 200 faculty, technical personnel, support staff, and students work at the GCRL.

CENTER FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Fisheries Research and Development addresses fisheries issues important to Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico region. Focusing on fisheries, habitats, and invasive species, fisheries center scientists work closely with marine resource users and managers in conducting research and putting new knowledge and skills to use. The center's scientists fill roles as leaders in charting directions for future research strategies and as sources of accurate and timely information needed for resource management plans based on scientific findings.

GULF COAST GEOSPATIAL CENTER

The Gulf Coast Geospatial Center is charged with building the university's capability for applying remote-sensing technologies to coastal zone research and management. The center trains students and researchers in the use of geospatial technologies, acquires, coordinates, and manages extensive data sets of geospatial data primarily related to the Mississippi coastal region; and conducts research focused on coastal zone issues.

J.L. SCOTT MARINE EDUCATION CENTER

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's destruction, the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center relocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The suite of hands-on marine science education programs that earned the Marine Education Center an international, award-winning reputation continues to reach precollege teachers and students who participate in institutes, workshops, educational field programs, and day camps.

CEDAR POINT

Cedar Point, part of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, is one of the premier marine aquaculture facilities in the United States and has allowed expansion of a national marine aquaculture program headquartered at the GCRL. The 224-acre site is located adjacent to the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Ocean Springs. Donated in 1995 for expansion of the laboratory, it includes 116 acres of land available for development and about 108 acres of wetlands, marsh, bayou tributaries and bayou. Five structures now occupy the site, including a 118,800-square-foot grow-out facility for testing shrimp-farming technology on a commercial scale. Four other buildings include an office and receiving building and three buildings for experiments involving aquaculture with marine shrimp and other marine species.

JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER

The John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, Miss., is home to The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Marine Science and the Center of Higher Learning. NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion testing and earth sciences and the location of numerous other government and private agencies involved in ocean-related activities, Stennis is the ideal setting for the marine science program. Networking opportunities for students are unparalleled as more oceanographers work at Stennis than any other single location in the world. The Department of Marine Science offers both master's and doctoral degrees in marine science and a master of science degree in hydrographic science. The Center of Higher Learning is a consortium of three universities and one community college located at Stennis Space Center to provide educational and research opportunities to employees of the space center and residents of the surrounding area.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

AUTOMOBILES ON CAMPUS

Students, employees, and frequent visitors of the university are required to purchase parking permits to register their automobiles with the University Security Department. Temporary permits are issued when a vehicle is to be on campus fewer than 14 days. Parking zones have been established along with other regulations. Penalties are assessed for violations of regulations.

Vehicle registration is valid for one academic year on the Gulf Park and Jackson County campuses. Keesler Air Force Base permits are issued free of charge each semester. Proof of insurance and a valid driver's license must be shown before a Keesler permit can be issued. Permits may be obtained from The University of Southern Mississippi Keesler Teaching Site. Southern Miss Gulf Coast parking decals can be obtained at the Gulf Park Security Office, and each day of student registration.

BOOKSTORE TEXTBOOK SERVICE

All textbooks must be purchased. Students with a Southern Miss identification card may charge textbooks to their university account provided that minimum payment has been made to the business office.

Textbooks will be available for Gulf Park and Keesler classes in the Gulf Park Bookstore. Textbooks for Jackson County classes will be available in the Jackson County Bookstore*. Buyback will be held on a daily basis at the Gulf Park Bookstore.

*During the first two weeks of the semester.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS (ODA)

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990), The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast provides reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities through the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA). ODA verifies eligibility for accommodations and works with eligible students to develop and coordinate plans for the provision of accommodations. Eligible students include those who are enrolled in degree and nondegree programs offered by The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, and are considered qualified to meet all university program requirements despite a disability, and meet the definition of disability as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA.

Accommodations may include exam modifications, assistive technology, document conversion, interpreters, note-takers, and readers. In order to receive appropriate and timely accommodations, eligible students should contact the ODA before the semester begins to file an application and submit documentation of disability for review. The ODA is committed to creating a positive campus environment where students with disabilities are encouraged to pursue careers on the basis of personal interest and ability.

For an application and guidelines for documentation of disability, contact the Office for Disability Accommodations, The University of Southern Mississippi, 118 College Drive #8586, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001, or call 601.266.5024, 228.214.3232 or visit the Web site www.usm.edu/oda. Individuals with hearing impairments can use *Mississippi Relay Services* at 800.582.2233 (TTY) to contact campus offices.

ENROLLMENT AND MARKETING

Enrollment and Marketing oversees the marketing of all the Coast teaching sites and programs. Another primary focus of the department is to manage all admissions processes to assure students are admitted as efficiently as possible. For more information, contact Dayonne McGuire at 228.867.8778.

STUDENT SERVICES

As members of the university community, the Department of Customer Service is committed to serve and support students in the pursuit of their educational and career goals.

We assume responsibility to communicate information that will foster the development of the learning community. We make the connections that make a difference.

Students are assigned a Student Service Coordinator who serves as their single point of contact from admission to graduation. Their focus is on enhancing students' academic performance by minimizing efforts on administrative issues of the university.

GULF COAST LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTER

During 2002, Cox Library, Media Center, and Curriculum Lab moved to the spacious new 55,000-square-foot The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library and Media Center. Filled with natural light, this state-of-the-art facility supports a 24/7 computer lab, as well as group study and research.

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library serves as resource center for the Gulf Park campus and the Keesler and Jackson County Teaching Sites of Southern Miss Gulf Coast. It contains collections of print and nonprint material that directly support the instructional programs offered by Southern Miss Gulf Coast. This includes 52,138 books, 13,285 volumes in microforms, 2,096 units of software, and 14,537 volumes in the Curriculum Lab. The Library currently subscribes to 321 periodical titles and has access to the Internet and over 144 electronic databases, 88 of which offer the full text of many of the articles. The Library uses the Library of Congress Classification System. Special collections include the Curriculum Lab and the Gulf Park College for Women Archives.

The university-wide library cooperative program gives Gulf Coast students and faculty access to most library resources on the Southern Miss campus in Hattiesburg. This program is facilitated by The University of Southern Mississippi Libraries' online catalog, which can be searched in The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library, as well as by remote access via the Internet, from a home or office computer. A thrice-weekly shuttle transports library materials between the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus and the Gulf Park campus of Southern Miss Gulf Coast. The shuttle transports materials twice a week between the Keesler and Jackson County Teaching Sites, the GCRL, and the Gulf Park campus. Materials not available in The University of Southern Mississippi libraries are borrowed through document delivery services from other lending libraries throughout the United States.

Special interlibrary cooperative agreements and programs allow Gulf Coast students and faculty access to the libraries of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College system, the Harrison County Law Library, and other special libraries with collections related to The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast curriculum.

Audiovisual Services of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library Media Center has audiovisual equipment, most forms of media software, and educational television available for use by faculty, students, and staff. Graphic Services of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library Media Center can generate for students, faculty, and staff items such as transparencies, posters, labels, forms, newsletters, and brochures and can assist with designing displays and presentations.

TECHNOLOGY

The responsibility of managing technology on the Gulf Coast is placed in the Information Technology (iTech) Department. Technology issues are planned, installed, set up, and maintained by technicians that reside at Stennis Space Center, Gulf Park, and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL).

Classrooms

Most classrooms have ceiling-mounted projectors and associated drop-down or pull-down screens. Cables are provided to the front of the classroom for connection to computers, DVD/VCR players, document cameras, and/or other electronics.

Passwords/E-mail

Students, faculty, and staff members are able to have passwords reset at any iTech office. Passwords may be reset for SOAR, SOARFIN, WebCT, Orca, and e-mail. New e-mail and Orca accounts may also be activated within iTech. Please bring your USM ID card for identification.

Computers/Software

Computers may be ordered, set up, and software installed for faculty and staff. Support for student computers is limited to assisting with wireless setup and basic software and operating system questions. iTech is not authorized to repair or work on student computers or faculty and staff personal computers.

Computer Labs

Computer labs and community computers with printing capabilities are available to enrolled students, faculty, and staff at Stennis Space Center, Gulf Park, GCRL, and the Jackson County campus. Computers in labs may be used when classes are not being held in the lab. Identical software configurations are on each computer; any deviation is so marked on the computer. Any added files or changes to the computers' configuration are automatically removed each night.

Telephones

Telephone and fax lines are maintained by iTech at all Gulf Coast locations, except Stennis Space Center. A very limited number of public telephones are available.

Interactive Video Network (IVN)

Some classrooms are set up to provide interactive audio/video for classroom presentations, distance-learning opportunities, and meetings among distant partners. The IVN system enables faculty and students to see, speak, hear, as well as share documents and other information simultaneously between two or more connected sites. All sites have interaction with the originating site (instructor's site) and all remote sites. Technical and instructional support is provided to faculty and students at all locations using the delivery system. Through IVN, credit programming taught from Southern Miss Hattiesburg, Southern Miss Stennis Space Center, Southern Miss Gulf Park, the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, or the Jackson County center might be attended at any of the other locations, when scheduled. IVN technology is also used for educational and business purposes beyond Southern Miss by connecting classrooms and conference rooms worldwide to our rooms on our campuses.

TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTER (HOME OF THE TOY LIBRARY)

The Technology Learning Center (TLC), established in 1990, is a community-based, university-directed, nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing education, independence, and quality of life for persons with disabilities. In partnership with the Institute for Disability Studies, TLC serves adults and youth with disabilities, their families, teachers, and therapists through specialized training and a library of adapted equipment and assistive technology.

TLC provides an extensive library of assistive technology tools that can be borrowed by anyone with a disability including the following:

- Specially adapted toys (activated by switches) for children who cannot play with ordinary toys
- Environmental control devices (designed to activate everyday household appliances)
- Specially designed computer access devices (for persons who cannot use an ordinary keyboard or mouse)
- Augmentative communication devices (for people who are unable to speak)
- Positioning equipment (to aid in sitting or standing)
- Wheelchair tennis equipment
- Wheelchair basketball equipment

- Adapted arts and crafts equipment
- Adapted fishing gear
- Beach wheelchairs
- Adapted golf equipment
- Hand cycles
- Kayaks
- Table tennis equipment

Recreation programs directed by TLC are designed to facilitate sports and recreation for people with disabilities. Wheelchair tennis, wheelchair basketball, golf, and table tennis lessons are available at no cost to anyone with a disability. Individual training sessions are provided for any type of equipment that is borrowed.

TLC provides a hands-on technology lab where teachers and Southern Miss teacher education students have the opportunity to “try out” various technology and software that support educational goals for children with disabilities. A lab where future teachers can see, touch, and experiment with various technology provides an opportunity to obtain the knowledge necessary to effectively use assistive technology in schools.

Individuals interested in TLC’s services may call 228.867.2636 Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30. The TLC Web site is www.usm.edu/tlc.

JACK AND PATTI PHILLIPS

WORKPLACE LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE

As a research and outreach center, the Workplace Learning and Performance Institute (WLPI) (a) extracts and develops models of best practices in workplace learning and performance and disseminates models in print, electronically, and face-to-face; (b) fosters better integration and new development of technologies related to workplace learning and performance; (c) implements a systematic approach to measure workplace learning and performance; (d) provides products and services that help workforce development professionals do their jobs effectively and efficiently; (e) serves as a repository of public sector return-on-investment impact studies and programs; and (f) provides professional development opportunities for training and human resources department professionals.