



DELGADO, LTC ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO GROW IN SPRING 2009

Delgado Community College has registered 14,678 students college-wide for spring 2009 semester, representing an increase of 11.4 percent over spring 2008 enrollment. Spring 2009 numbers represent continuing strong recovery for Delgado since hurricane Katrina disrupted an historic enrollment trend in fall 2005; the college has realized double-digit increases in year-over-year enrollment every semester since the college resumed classes post-storm in spring 2006.

Delgado’s Northshore locations experienced the largest percentage growth in spring 2009 enrollment – 24.7 percent up from 1,505 in the previous year’s same period – registering 1,877 students. Delgado’s West Bank Campus spring 2009 enrollment is 2,974, up 15.4 percent over spring 2008 enrollment of 2,577. Delgado’s largest site, the City Park Campus, enrolled 9,057 in spring 2009, up 8.6 percent over the previous year’s enrollment of 8,341. Charity School of Nursing held steady, up slightly (1.9 percent) to 770 students in spring 2009, versus 756 last spring.

“Delgado’s continuing dramatic enrollment growth underscores the college’s critical role in workforce development and education for the region,” said Dr. Ron Wright, Delgado Community College Chancellor. “There is perhaps no more important social and economic mission than ours in preparing individuals for high-paying, viable careers and providing business and industry with qualified workers. With our state’s ongoing recovery and the challenges of national economic recession, that mission is more relevant than ever.”

In fall 2005, Delgado achieved record college-wide enrollment of 17,398 when Katrina hit on Aug. 29, prior to the college’s 14th day of reporting, causing the cancellation of classes at all locations for that semester. Approximately 60 percent of these students, or 10,002 students, enrolled for spring 2006 semester. Since then, enrollment has risen steadily every semester. Spring 2009 enrollment represents just over 84 percent of fall 2005’s record pre-Katrina enrollment.

Here is a summary table of Delgado college-wide enrollment figures:

	Fall 2005:	17,398	
Spring 2006:	10,002	Fall 2006:	11,927
Spring 2007:	11,780	Fall 2007:	13,217
Spring 2008:	13,179	Fall 2008:	14,450
Spring 2009:	14,678		

The Louisiana Technical College (LTC) Region 1, which officially linked with Delgado in spring 2006, posted a year-over-year increase of 46 percent in spring 2009 total enrollment of 1,986 (11 percent of this increase can be attributed to the opening of the LTC Instructional Services Center in Slidell in fall 2008). The LTC West Jefferson Campus spring 2009 enrollment is 602, while LTC Jefferson Campus enrollment was 1,234. The LTC Instructional Services Center, which opened in Slidell for fall 2008 semester, had a spring 2009 enrollment of 150. The LTC Sidney Collier Campus remains closed due to storm damage post-Katrina.

“LTC Region 1’s increase in enrollment reflects current economic times and the critical role that technical education plays in the training and re-training of our region’s workforce,” said Kim Rugon, dean and provost of LTC Region 1. “History shows that when people become unemployed they enroll in college to train for a second career. We are doing our part to not only help rebuild New Orleans, but to also rebuild the national economy.”

Here is a summary table of LTC Region 1 enrollment figures:

Semester	Jefferson	West Jefferson
Fall 2005	214	173
Spring 2006	692	236
Fall 2006	683	286
Spring 2007	774	511
Fall 2007	998	631
Spring 2008	1,058	300
Fall 2008	1,289*	363
Spring 2009	1,384**	602

*123 of those students are enrolled at Slidell Instructional Service Center

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Fall 2005 enrollment figures are incomplete, as enrollment was cut short due to hurricane Katrina.