

WPCC will participate in new BA program

Western Piedmont Community College will participate in a cooperative project to provide bachelor's degree programs in business administration and in industrial technology in a four-county area. The project is being coordinated by Western Carolina University.

Other two-year institutions participating are Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Catawba Valley Technical Institute and Wilkes Community College.

The new baccalaureate degree programs are being established in response to requests from throughout the Burke-Caldwell-Catawba-Wilkes area for those additional courses re-

quired by the persons who have earned the associate degree at the two-year schools but need a four-year degree.

The first classes will be offered in January at Western Piedmont Community College, a central site for the four-county area. Dr. H. F. Robinson, WCU chancellor, said consideration is being given to establishing a second site in the area if interest is great enough.

WCU expects to offer up to 18 semester hours of course work each year. Students can proceed at their own pace as their work schedules permit. The university will bring to the four-county region all the courses that will be required for the degree sought by the students.