

What You Need to Know Community Colleges



California provides career, transfer, and basic skills education to students with tuition fees being among the lowest in the country; almost half of all students qualify for tuition waivers.



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Colleges



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Students



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Community College
Students in the
US are in CA

GOAL: To provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality education and supportive services that enable economic and social mobility while preparing a workforce to meet the evolving demands of today's

Governance: Colleges are organized into 73 districts, each governed by a locally elected board of trustees and led by board-selected presidents and chancellors. This model enables colleges to be responsive to the needs of their communities and local economies. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office sets system-wide policies and initiatives and determines the formulas that fund colleges.

Structure: Generally, career education programs are overseen and supported by a CTE Dean or Workforce Development Director. Programs are led by faculty and guided by industry advisory committees. Each college has its own strategic plan, which is responsive to local and regional needs and statewide goals/priorities set by the Chancellor's office, i.e. Vision 2030.

Funding: The state provides the majority of funding for community colleges, supplemented by local property taxes, and registration fees. Funds are allocated by the state on the basis of enrollments and student outcomes with additional funding for the enrollment and completion of milestones by low-income students.



Activities include but not limited to:

Career Technical Education Programs: Occupation-focused semester to two-year programs leading to Certificates and Associates in Science degrees and employment/transfer.

Skill Building: Students can access one or several credit and noncredit courses to develop in-demand skills that enable them to advance in their careers or switch to new careers.

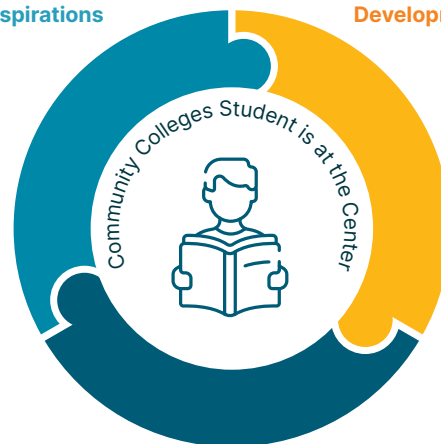
Career Counseling & Supportive Services: Career exploration and guidance classes are offered and one-on-one counseling to help students develop an education to career plan. Colleges also offer tutoring and other academic support services as well as specialized services to students with disabilities.

Demand Responsive Courses: On a contract basis, many colleges can quickly offer customized noncredit courses to meet urgent workforce development needs. With more lead time, colleges can offer these courses in a credit or noncredit format that generates the state revenue necessary to cover the costs of instruction.

Community Colleges are the LINK between individual aspirations, community development, and the state's economic growth and social progress.

Individual
Aspirations

Community
Development



State's Economic Growth & Social Progress

Services/Supports & Partnership Opportunities Offered to Workforce Development Boards

Program Development & Support

- Representing college and public education on WDBs and committees
- Engaging faculty with employers to assess and address their workforce development needs
- Problem solving around current or future workforce development needs
- Create/build out a new training program or course(s) to meet employer needs
- Co-development of new apprenticeship program
- Partnering on development and submission of grant applications
- Provide WDB staff/vendor with professional development on particular content

Labor Market & Employer Engagement/Upskilling

Forecasting of local labor market supply and demand and identification of gaps

- Organize & promote joint functions such as job & career fairs
- Collaborate with industry partners to design curricula & training programs around WD needs
- Design & facilitate soft-skills training to specific employers' staff
- Conduct financial literacy training to specific employers' staff
- Teach entrepreneurship to new small business owners
- Provide computer literacy training to specific employers' staff
- Assist with GED / HS equivalency opportunities for specific employers' staff
- Provide ESL training to meet targeted employer needs
- Co-create specific contract education with unions/employers & deliver the onsite training

Customer Supports

- Enroll WDB customers in low or no-cost college programs with a track record of job placement and significant wage advancement. College covers the costs of instruction, which frees up WDB resources to provide supportive services to its customers
- Courses that develop in-demand skills enabling job retention and career advancement
- Partner with WDBs to provide academic counseling tailored to needs of WIOA supported customers
- Financial aid, supportive services for customers including those with disabilities
- Prepare individuals for industry-recognized certifications
- Navigation of community college system / campus for WDB customers
- Support internships with the Foundation for CC serving as the employer of record

Workforce Partnerships

Learn how these collaborative efforts can improve economic success.



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