

SECTION: Curriculum and Instruction

POLICY TOPIC: Educational Programs and Services

I. Mission and Vision

The mission of Learning is to educate and empower individuals to thrive in an ever-changing world. This is accomplished through high-quality engaging instruction, career and technical training, and academic support. Current programs; dynamic, dedicated delivery; and personalized support prepare students to reach their individual goals as well as contribute to the economic vitality of the region.

The vision of Learning is to inspire success through world-class education and life-changing experiences. Learning utilizes best practices and evidence-based assessment in partnership with College and community members to produce nationally recognized programs, outstanding student completion and retention results, and leadership in economic development.

The College is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of individuals through its various programs and services. These programs and services are designed to assist students in developing special knowledge and skills that prepare them for livable-wage careers and in realizing intellectual, physical, emotional, and social maturity.

The types of education to be provided under the umbrella of a quality, caring, comprehensive community college to address both educational goals and distinctive non-instructional education support goals include:

- Transfer education
- Technical/Occupational certificates and degrees
- Community learning
- Workforce training
- Internships, apprenticeships, and service learning
- Dual credit in partnership with county high schools
- Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language education
- Integrated academic support

The College will also provide a variety of instructional options and academic support services to increase student access, retention, and goal completion. These services will include:

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- Instruction at satellite locations including East, West, South, and 30th Street centers.
 - Online courses and degrees with related learning support
 - Tutoring Center with a variety of support programs (e.g., drop-in tutoring, embedded tutors, online tutors, supplemental instruction, and workshops)
 - Library instruction and services, including digital searching and resources
 - Grants with student support objectives and innovations
 - Non-credit programs and enrichment activities
 - Activities in the arts and music
 - Activities to broaden cultural awareness and mutual understanding

II. Partnerships

The College will work in partnership with other colleges and universities, business and industry advisory groups, schools, and others in the community as a foundation for continuous quality improvement. Best practice information from regional and national sources will be utilized to ensure program currency and support adoption of the most promising practices to help our students be successful in their educational and career pursuits.

Learning will engage in a comprehensive program of student learning outcomes assessment activities as part of providing the highest quality education. That assessment will include a review of course, program, and general education learning objectives. Program reviews will provide an additional and comprehensive method for reviewing the full range of instruction and services provided through our academic programs.