

Hello everyone!

Today's topic, March 11, is “Community College”

Community colleges provide academic programs and skills training to prepare students for jobs or to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

- They play a critical role in higher education and workforce development across the U.S.
- ***In addition, they offer lifelong learning opportunities for anyone at any age!***

Today's activities:

Large group:

- Review the role of Community Colleges
- Discuss the opportunities for you to learn something new!



Community College

In one word:

Opportunity!



Community College - Purpose

The purpose is to serve the education needs of the **local** community

- Prepare students to transfer to a four-year college: Earn an **Associate's Degree**
- Workforce development and skills training: Earn a **Professional Certificate**
For example: become a chef, nurse, dental assistant, pre-school teacher, police officer, etc.
- A range of *noncredit* programs and courses for **personal growth** such as:
ESL classes, music, art, gardening, etc.



Community College - Advantages

- Open access to a college education
 - No qualification or entrance tests
- Affordable tuition
 - Sometimes free with grants and student aid
- Large number of academic and technical programs
- Flexibility (full and part time, in-person and online)



Foothill Community College., Los Altos CA



Community College - can be a “game changer” for you

If you

- Do not have the grades to get into a four-year college
- Do not have the money to attend a four-year university
- Flunked out of your four-year college and would like to start over



Community College - How can a Community College help me?

What if I'm an adult over age 30?

- You can still fulfill your dream to earn a college degree.
 - There is no age limit to enroll in classes.
- You can make a career change by earning a new degree or professional certificate.
- Personal growth and enrichment
 - You want to continue to learn new things.
 - A wide range of classes is available for you.

How Can Community College help me?

Personal growth: You can enroll in a wide range of classes.



Accounting
Business
Art
Foreign languages
Dance
History
Computer Science
Education
Theater
Gardening
Food
Music
Graphics Design



(Sample of ESL Course Offerings Spring 2022)

NCEL 412 **ADVANCED-BEGINNING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE II** 0

NCEL 425 **DEVELOPING LISTENING SPEAKING SKILLS** 0

NCEL 426 **HIGH-INTERMEDIATE GRAMMAR**

NCEL 436 **ADVANCED GRAMMAR** 0 Units

NCEL 426 **HIGH-INTERMEDIATE GRAMMAR**

NCEL 427 **HIGH-INTERMEDIATE READING SKILLS** 0 Units

Community colleges offer numerous course options for ELL's. Many are online and free!

California Community Colleges – Fun Facts!

The California Community College system

- The largest system of higher education in the world
 - 116 colleges serve over 2.1 million students.
- The largest provider of workforce training in the United States
- Delivers over 200 programs to over 2 million students
 - provide hands-on training by industry professionals.
- 78 percent of community college students attend part-time.
- About two-thirds of part-time students are over 24 years old.



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The pathway to a four-year degree is *real!*



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HOME

STUDENTS ▾

COLLEGE PROFES:

69%

OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
COLLEGES STUDENTS ARE
PEOPLE OF DIVERSE ETHNIC
BACKGROUNDS

51%

OF CSU GRADUATES STARTED
AT A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

29%

OF UC GRADUATES STARTED AT
A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

Community College - Costs

COST OF COLLEGE FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT

Mission College is the affordable option in Silicon Valley. Our students transfer to UCs, CSUs and other four-year universities.

PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

~\$53,500
PER
YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

~\$14,500
PER
YEAR

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY

~\$7,500
PER
YEAR

MISSION COLLEGE

\$46 PER UNIT

\$1,476
PER
YEAR

Cost is affordable

- Students incur very little debt compared to four-year colleges.
- Financial aid is available
 - Many students attend free.

Successful Outcomes For Millions of People

- Transfer to a four-year college or university
- Improve job skills and career opportunities
- Personal self-improvement

Achieve Your Goals!



Because of Community Colleges

It's never too late to achieve your dreams!



Find out more at California Community Colleges: <https://www.cccapply.org/en/>



EXPLORE

What the Colleges Offer

Learn about the colleges and their wide-ranging educational programs.

Find Online Courses/Programs

Visit the California Virtual Campus to discover distance education options.

Admission Requirements

Find out what is required to attend a California community college.

APPLY

Admission Applications

All U.S. residents should use the standard CCCApply admission application.

California College Promise Grant

Many California community colleges offer online applications for this fee waiver.

International Applications

Some colleges offer special admission applications for international students.

FINANCIAL AID

Can I Afford College?

Yes, you can! We'll show you how.

Where Can I Get Help?

There are many sources of financial aid. We'll help you find them.

How Do I Apply For Aid?

There are usually just a few simple steps. We'll lead you through them.