

Glendale Community College

Glendale Community College keeps pace with the constant growth of the West Valley, offering increasing breadth and depth of educational opportunity. Each year, more than 40,000 students enroll in dozens of degree and certificate programs at one of three GCC locations, making the College's enrollment the second largest in the Maricopa Community College District. Almost 319,000 students—primarily from the GCC service areas—have earned associate degrees, university transfer, certificates, and diverse industry-specific training. The College boasts of many "claims to fame," including some of the highest-ranking test scores in the U.S., internationally acclaimed technology for student use, and athletic teams that have won multiple national championships. Many student services, ranging from testing to career counseling, are tailored to the realities of students' lifestyles. GCC focuses on success and prepares students for their success in transferring to universities and other institutions; to get jobs and enhance employment; and to pursue their interests through lifelong learning.

GCC Main

Located on one of the busiest intersections in the West Valley at 59th Avenue and Olive, the GCC Main Campus spans 147 acres and serves as a focal point for diverse community activities. The College offers a friendly, welcoming environment for learning. Founded in 1965, the beautifully landscaped, palm tree-lined campus has expanded and improved its facilities throughout its history, most notably with funds from a 1994 bond election. New buildings include the Enrollment Center, Humanities, Music and Physical Sciences; recently remodeled buildings include Fine Arts, Counseling and Career Services, and the award-winning Library Media Center. A dynamic, future-oriented Facilities Master Plan guides the ongoing development of GCC Main to accommodate the changing needs and interests of thousands more students and community members.



University-College Center (UCC)

Since 1997, GCC has worked closely with ASU West in one of the most innovative public university-community college partnerships of its type in the U.S.—the University-College Center (UCC). Through the UCC, students may take a range of GCC classes—at Maricopa District tuition rates—on the ASU West campus. Enrollment in the UCC has exploded from its initial 271 students. The award-winning UCC allows students full access to university resources and expertise, while making university transfer easier than ever. ASU West is located at 51st Avenue and Thunderbird Road.



GCC North

GCC has grown with the communities it serves and reaches out aggressively to where students live. A good example is GCC North, a campus extension at 57th Avenue and Happy Valley Road. GCC North opened in fall 2000 with 839 students and spring 2004 exceeded 1,500. GCC North was created to meet higher education needs in the Northwest Valley, and it offers a variety of high-demand degree and certificate programs.

GCC North is also home to the Northwest Education Center (NEC), a career pathway program for high school juniors and seniors from the Deer Valley Unified School District. NEC students complete high school diplomas with the option of special high-tech programs that lead to careers in high demand, such as Computer Graphic Design, Architectural Drafting, Nursing Assistant, Health Care Technology, Automotive Technology, and computer networking. Dual or concurrent enrollment in specific community college classes is also available to NEC students.

