

GCC Vision

Glendale Community College will be an innovative educational provider of quality lifelong learning experiences for all members of the community.

GCC Mission

The mission of Glendale Community College (GCC) is to address the higher education needs of its community. Through its diverse programs and services, GCC assists students in meeting their educational goals.

We fulfill this mission as an institution of higher education by preparing students:

- To participate responsibly in a culturally diverse, technological and global society.
- For successful transfer to colleges and universities.
- For employment and advancement within their chosen careers.

College-wide Outcomes for Students

The following outcome statements represent the college-level skills, qualities and attributes we desire our students to acquire as a result of their experience with the college to provide for college preparedness, university transfer, certification and or employment.

Core Outcomes

- **Writing** — communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages.
- **Critical Reading** — interprets and synthesizes a variety of written information.
- **Critical Reasoning** — thinks creatively and critically; acquires and applies new knowledge and skills. Applies mathematical techniques to problem solving, analyses and exposition.

Secondary Outcomes

- **Speaking** — organizes and communicates ideas and information.
- **Information and Technology Literacy** — uses a variety of resources to locate, evaluate and use information to solve a problem or make a decision.

College Profile

Since opening in 1965, over 319,000 students have enrolled in credit courses at GCC. Students, including teens, business employees, community residents, and retirees, are attracted by the small classes, professional instructors, ideal location, affordable tuition and flexible course offerings. GCC is hall-marked by its High Tech Complex and sophisticated technology used to enhance student learning.

Glendale Community College is located at Olive and 59th Avenues in Glendale, Arizona. The mild climate enables students to enjoy informal outdoor social and study areas and open intimate courts surrounded by flowering gardens. The 147-acre campus is distinguished by its southwestern architecture and beautiful palm-lined walkways.

Glendale Community College North (GCC North) opened its doors the Fall 2000 semester. GCC North, an extension of Glendale Community College, is dedicated to serving the higher educational needs of the Northwest Valley. The 10,000 square foot facility consisting of classrooms, study areas, and student support services is located at 59th Avenue and Happy Valley Road. For more information about GCC North call 623.845.4000 or e-mail gcn@gc.maricopa.edu.

GCC is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, website: www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org, telephone: 312.263.0456.

University-College Center (UCC) The University-College Center offers Glendale Community College freshman and sophomore courses on the ASU West campus. This unique partnership allows university-bound students to take lower-division community college courses that transfer toward ASU West degree programs at one location. Students get all the benefits of both campuses and a great education. The ASU West campus is located just west of I-17 at 43rd Avenue and Thunderbird Road. For more information call the University-College Center at ASU West, 602.543.GCCC. To register, call 623.845.3333.

Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment

GCC evaluates the effectiveness of our institution, especially student academic achievement, through assessment. We ask questions like "What should students think, know, and do upon completing a course or program?", "Are we meeting student expectation?", and "What can we do better?"

Assessment is the first step in the process of "plan – do – check – improve" which utilizes data as the basis for decision-making and continuous improvement. The "umbrella" for assessment at GCC is our institutional effectiveness (IE) plan.

Assessment Objectives for Academic Success

- Evaluate student preparedness for employment and work.
- Evaluate student preparedness for transfer to a four-year college or university.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of college-wide general education.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of academic programs, including transfer and developmental education.
- Track retention and degree and certificate trends.
- Measure student success in goal achievement.
- Improve instruction and curricular offerings through collaborating and sharing of assessment results.

Assessment Objectives for Student Services

- To evaluate progress by students in:
 - Student success, specifically the completion of educational goals, retention, and the transfer to further education and employment;
 - Student development, specifically the improvement of skills for life-long learning and decision-making through student activities;
 - Student-centered access to campus information and services, specifically convenient and efficient one-stop student services delivery and implementation of a new student information system.

Glendale Community College is the second-largest unit of the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD). MCCCD serves over 3.3 million residents in the 9,200 square miles of Maricopa County. Growth is characteristic of the Maricopa Community Colleges — expanding from one community college and 7,000 students in 1963 to a present enrollment of over 268,000 at ten colleges, an educational center and two skill centers. Currently MCCCD is the largest community college district in the United States.

