

VENTURA COLLEGE
Institutional Self-Study
In Support of Reaffirmation of
Accreditation



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Ventura College Self Study Report

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This Institutional Self Study Report is submitted for the purpose of assisting in the determination of the institution's accreditation status.

We certify that there was broad participation by the campus community, and we believe the Self Study Report accurately reflects the nature and substance of this institution.

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Ventura College

Be Part of the Tradition!

Our Mission

- To create an educational environment which develops each student's full potential for success in an ever-changing cultural, socioeconomic and technological society.
 - To offer a comprehensive curriculum which accommodates a global understanding and a diverse selection of disciplines and learning approaches.
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Our Vision

Ventura College will be recognized as an educational leader providing a positive and accessible student learning environment characterized by innovative programs, support services and technology.

This learning community will:

- Be responsible to the needs of diverse students
- Promote success
- Develop our students' full potential
- Create lifelong learners
- Foster positive human values for successful living and responsible community membership in a global environment

These will be accompanied by a dedicated, caring and diverse team of professionals responsive to the community and committed to meeting and exceeding student expectations.

Our Values

The Ventura College community is committed to following a set of enduring core Values that guide it through changing times and give rise to its Vision, Mission and Goals.

Respect: We believe in the personal dignity and full potential of every individual and in fostering positive human Values in the classroom and in all our interactions.

Integrity: We are committed to maintaining an open, honest and ethical environment.

Quality: We are dedicated to achieving excellence in the broad range of academic programs and services we provide to our students and the community.

Collegiality: We are committed to creating a professional and supportive environment where students, faculty, and staff can achieve personal growth and fulfillment.

Access: We believe it is essential to provide and nurture learning opportunities for all individuals.

Innovation: We recognize that change is constant and that it is imperative that we continually evaluate our performance and seek new and improved approaches to providing educational programs and services.

Diversity: We are dedicated to embracing and responding to our increasingly diverse student body.

Service: Ventura College values its importance to the community and is dedicated to enhancing the community's quality of life and to meeting its needs.

Collaboration: We believe that better results are achieved by working together, whether as colleagues on College issues and decisions or by actively seeking to form partnerships with other organizations to address mutual Goals.

Our Practices

1. We demonstrate courtesy and mutual respect in our relationships with everyone by listening to our colleagues and our students with care and concern, finding common ground, and fostering a sense of community.
 2. We consistently demonstrate professional standards, collaboration, and teamwork.
 3. We recognize and reward creativity and innovation.
 4. We provide appropriate technology to deliver our educational programs and services.
 5. We recognize and celebrate student, staff, and institutional accomplishments.
 6. We make decisions based upon the needs of students.
 7. We increase opportunities that provide open access to programs and services, which serve our unique and diverse populations.
 8. We continuously assess our environment to identify new educational opportunities.
 9. We assess the needs of those we serve and evaluate our success in meeting and exceeding their expectations.
 10. We encourage the development of educational programs and services which promote student and staff understanding and participation in a global environment.
 11. We maintain and improve a safe and accessible physical environment and a secure infrastructure to support student and staff learning and success.
 12. As ambassadors of Ventura College, we strive to improve and enhance its reputation.
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Our Strategic Planning Goals

1. Develop and maintain excellent educational programs and services in a unique learning environment where individuals can fulfill their personal and professional dreams.
 2. Increase enrollments at Ventura College and access to post-secondary education for all.
 3. Expand the use of instructional and administrative technology to make Ventura College a recognized leader of technology among California Community Colleges.
 4. Foster a climate that promotes and reflects Ventura College's core Values.
 5. Create and expand programs to attract outstanding and diverse professionals to Ventura College and provide training programs that enable all to be active members of the learning community, to achieve their long-term professional goals, and to meet student and regional needs.
 6. Create a physical environment that generates pride and supports Ventura College's Mission, Goals and initiatives.
 7. Form partnerships with educational, business, and other organizations that will achieve mutual Goals and strengthen the College and the region.
 8. Create a strong, unified image that reflects Ventura College's aspirations and importance to the campus and external communities.
 9. Enhance the financial strength of the College by aligning its resources with its Mission and Goals, continuously improving operational efficiency, and acquiring new revenue sources.
 10. Continuously improve institutional effectiveness by defining a clear and distinctive Mission, establishing an ongoing collaborative planning process, maintaining participatory governance, and gathering and utilizing relevant data to assess the College's progress toward fulfilling its Mission and Goals.
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