

## MISSION STATEMENT

Glendale Community College serves a diverse population of students by providing the opportunities and support to achieve their educational and career goals. We are committed to student learning and success through transfer preparation, certificates, associate degrees, career development, technical training, continuing education, and basic skills instruction. **The college is dedicated to the importance of higher education in thean evolving urban environment of Glendale and the Greater Los Angeles area.** Faculty and staff engage students in rigorous and innovative learning experiences, **including distance education modalities,** that enhance and sustain the cultural, intellectual, and economic vitality of the community.

As part of its mission, Glendale Community College is committed to student success by promoting:

- communication, critical thinking, information competency, quantitative reasoning, global awareness, personal responsibility, and application of knowledge;
- coherence among disciplines and promotion of openness to the diversity of the human experience;
- student services, learning support, and state of the art technology that enable students to reach their educational goals in an efficient and timely manner.

## OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

Pursuant to its stated mission, Glendale Community College has one objective: education.

Six primary functions support this objective.

- a. Associate in Arts/Associate in Science: Education toward the granting of AA/AS degree(s) is provided in accordance with approved graduation requirements. General education and major coursework form the core of the required curriculum, the balance being electives.
- b. Education for meeting the lower division requirements of a university or a four-year college: The college offers many courses which are equivalent to those available in the freshman and sophomore years at the University of California, The California State University and other colleges and universities in the United States. A student with a satisfactory high school and community college record will receive full credit for all college and university level work done at Glendale Community College provided that the work meets the specific requirements of the college or university to which the student transfers.
- c. Education beyond the high school level for vocational competence and/or

occupational certification: Training programs are offered for many occupations in business and industry. Certificates are awarded upon completion of the requirements for the occupation-centered curriculums. Courses offered in these programs serve three groups of students: those training for entry-level positions; those preparing for advancement on the job; and those seeking to improve skills to meet new job requirements.

Thus, students are offered a balance of technical and general education.

- d. Pre-Collegiate Basic Skills: Educational programs prepare students for collegiate level work. Courses are designed to provide the student with basic skills instruction with emphasis on speaking, listening, reading, writing and computation.
- e. Education beyond the secondary level for personal improvement: Recognizing the needs of postsecondary students for education which may lead neither to education in a higher institution nor to vocational preparation, Glendale Community College offers a diversity of courses which satisfy intellectual curiosity and provide knowledge about and appreciation of our universe.
- f. Non-Credit/Adult Education level: A comprehensive program includes basic education, courses leading to the high school diploma, citizenship, English as a second language, career and vocational classes, and courses that satisfy the many special interest needs of the community.