



Glendale Community College

Frequently Asked Questions

How does Glendale Community College serve our local community?

Glendale Community College (GCC) is one of the region's top community colleges, boasting one of California's highest transfer rates to the UC system and other in-state four-year colleges. Enrollment is steady at GCC, with approximately 30,000 students receiving high-quality academic and job training at our Verdugo and Garfield campuses annually. With a variety of vocational training programs and over 80 degree programs, GCC prepares students for success in the 21st Century.

What facility upgrades are needed to continue supporting quality education?

Many of GCC's classrooms, labs and other educational facilities were built over 60 years ago. These aging facilities are in need of repair and upgrades to accommodate up-to-date instructional technology critical for preparing students for careers, especially in electronics, engineering and the sciences.

How does GCC help returning veterans re-enter the civilian workforce?

GCC serves many military veterans in our area, including those who have recently returned from active duty service and face challenges like post-traumatic stress disorder and permanent disability. GCC provides counseling and support services for these students as they develop the skills needed to enter the civilian workforce. By expanding veteran services and enhancing job training opportunities focused on in-demand careers, GCC can help ensure local veterans have the skills and support needed to provide for themselves and their families.

How does GCC help protect health and public safety in our local community?

Many local nurses, police officers, firefighters and 9-1-1 emergency responders receive training at GCC. By keeping GCC's Firefighter Training Academy, law enforcement education facilities and the nursing/health care education programs up to date to support technology and training methods, we can maintain sufficient numbers of highly trained health care and public safety workers needed to keep our aging population safe and healthy.

How is community college education changing?

With the rising cost of four-year colleges, many students are turning to community college for local higher education at a fraction of the cost of UC, Cal State and private universities. To meet this demand, GCC needs up-to-date classrooms, labs and instructional technology to support 21st-Century higher education and job training programs.

How is GCC planning to fund facility improvements?

At its meeting on July 19, the GCC Board of Trustees voted to place a local facilities bond measure on the November 2016 ballot in order to address identified facility improvements needed in aging classrooms, labs and job training facilities.

What types of facility upgrades would the local funding measure support?

The college facilities improvement bond measure would:

- *Provide students with educational facilities that prepare them for growing and high-paying professions like nursing, law enforcement, robotics and engineering*
- *Provide up-to-date classrooms and labs for students seeking to transfer to four-year colleges and universities*
- *Replace deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines*
- *Upgrade access to classrooms and labs for students with disabilities*
- *Improve earthquake safety and water conservation*



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How much would the measure cost?

The measure would provide \$325 million in locally controlled funding for improvements to college facilities and cost property owners approximately \$21 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value of properties.

What fiscal accountability protections would be included in the measure?

- *Every penny raised by a local measure must be spent in Glendale to improve our local community college facilities*
- *The measure would help GCC qualify for state matching funds that would otherwise be lost to other communities*
- *By law, no funds could be used for administrative salaries*
- *Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would be required*

Could the State take away these funds?

No. Every penny from a measure would stay local to support GCC. None of the funds could be taken away by the State or go to other communities.

When is the election?

The GCC Board of Trustees voted to place the funding measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

How I can receive more information or ask questions?

Please contact President David Viar at dviar@glendale.edu or (818) 240-1000 ext. 5105 with questions or for more information. To learn more about our facilities improvement plan, please visit <http://www.glendale.edu/FacilitiesUpdate>.