



Institutional Goals 2006 - 2009

College of the Sequoias Mission Statement

College of the Sequoias is a comprehensive community college focused on student learning. College of the Sequoias affirms that our mission is to help our diverse student population achieve their transfer and/or occupational objectives and to advance the economic growth and global competitiveness of business and industry within our region. College of the Sequoias is committed to supporting students' mastery of basic skills and to providing programs and services that foster student success. Therefore, our mission focuses on preparing students for productive work, lifelong learning, and community involvement.

The College of Sequoias Institutional Goals and Objectives, 2006-2009

In order to achieve its Mission to facilitate student learning, COS goals focus on:

- Achieving Transfer and/or Occupational and Objectives,
- Advancing the Economic Growth of the Region,
- Mastering Basic Skills,
- Fostering Student Access and Success,
- Preparing Students to be Productive Members of the Community,
- Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness of College Practices.

Strategic Goals to Support Student Learning	Objectives
<p>A. Achieve student transfer and/or occupational objectives: Continually assess student needs and offer programs and support services which assist our diverse population in meeting their transfer or occupational goals.</p>	<p>A.1 Review and streamline the curriculum process to be more responsive to educational and industry needs. A.2 Identify student learning outcomes and assessment strategies at the course, program and institutional levels. A.3 Provide student support services which facilitate students' achieving their educational objectives. A.4 Plan staff development opportunities which increase understanding the connections between teaching and learning.</p>
<p>B. Advance the economic growth of the region: Strengthen existing connections and develop new partnerships with business and industry throughout the area.</p>	<p>B.1 Identify partners and share resources to meet changing needs of the marketplace. B.2 Expand working relationships with area employers and regional organizations to understand industry needs. B.3 Build on existing partnerships in Hanford and Tulare as centers are built in those communities.</p>

<p>C. Master basic skills: Strengthen students' communication and computational skills as well as their preparedness for college-level coursework.</p>	<p>C.1 Assess current program efforts focused on basic skills in communication, computation, and college preparedness. C.2 Research best practices and research-based strategies in use throughout California and the U.S. C.3 Identify and recruit populations of underserved students throughout the COS District. C.4 Implement programs and support services based on student needs and supported by data driven research.</p>
<p>D. Foster student access and success: Increase student successful achievement of educational objectives.</p>	<p>D.1 Identify issues affecting student access to COS programs and services. D.2 Identify issues affecting student success in COS programs and services. D.3 Assess strategies designed to retain current students and attract new students, particularly from underserved groups. D.4 Create or revise internal policies and procedures affecting student access and success. D.5 Expand marketing and outreach efforts.</p>
<p>E. Prepare students to be productive members of the community: Develop needed job skills and the skills needed to contribute to society.</p>	<p>E.1 Expand campus dialogue focused on community participation. E.2 Assess the extent to which students are currently serving their communities. E.3 Strengthen community connections with business and civic leaders in the District. E.4 Expand opportunities for students to serve in community service projects and community outreach opportunities.</p>
<p>F. Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness of College Practices: Enhance resource development and better utilize fiscal, facility, equipment and personnel resources.</p>	<p>F.1 Pursue grants and fundraising in line with the COS Mission and Goals. F.2 Connect the planning and budgeting processes. F.3 Foster efficient and effective facility use and development, and provide essential equipment through a well planned and College-supported process. F.4 Assure that faculty and staff resources are used efficiently and effectively.</p>