



Palo Verde Community College District
Comprehensive Educational Plan
2025-2033

CEP Task Force Meeting #5

Focus Groups and Community Forums Themes

January 16, 2025

Welcome and Project Update



Focus Group and Community Forum Themes

**Same
as
data**

**New
Ideas**

**Items of
Interest**

Internal Stakeholder Participation Summary

Session Categories	Topics and Groups	# Sessions	Approx. # Participants
Internal Groups/ Program Topics	○ President's Executive Council	24	95
	○ Administrators		
	○ Adult Education		
	○ Business Services		
	○ Career Technical Education		
	○ Classified Professionals		
	○ Counseling		
	○ Dual Enrollment		
	○ Distance Education/Online/Hybrid/Hi-Flex		
	○ Guided Pathways		
	○ Institutional Research		
	○ Instructional Faculty		
	○ Needles Center Administration		
	○ Needles Center Classified Professionals		
	○ Non-credit		
	○ Rising Scholars		
	○ Student Equity		
○ Student Services			
Student Groups	○ Associated Student Government	2	24
	○ Student Athletes		
	○ General Students		
Total Number of Sessions and Participants		26	119

External Stakeholder Participation Summary

Session Categories	Topics and Groups	# Sessions	Approx. # Participants
Community Groups	○ City/County	5	6
	○ Chamber of Commerce		
	○ Small Business		
	○ Agriculture		
	○ K-12 Partners		
Community Forums	○ Blythe	2	35
	○ Needles		
Total Number of Sessions and Participants		7	41

Total Number of Sessions and Participants	33	160
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Focus Group & Forum Themes



Focus Group & Forum Themes (cont.)

Academic
Support,
Student
Services, &
Engagement

Rising Scholars
Program

Diversity,
Equity, and
Inclusion

Institutional
Culture

Organizational
Structure,
Planning, and
Budgeting

Community
Engagement &
Workforce
Connections

Develop a Data-Driven, Student-Focused College Vision

College Identity

- Develop a “college identity”

College Vision

- Create and communicate a strong, focused message to students, employees, and the community

Align Policies and Resources

- Align policies and resources with the vision and strategic goals

Strategically Plan Enrollment Growth

Enrollment Plan

- Develop and communicate a vision for enrollment growth and management

State-Level

- Tie to state-level Vision 2030, Career Education Masterplan, and Student-Centered Funding Formula

Efficiency and Balance

- Maximize efficiency while balancing student completion needs and new program support

Student Access and Outreach

Working Adults

- Increase access and outreach to working adults

High School Students

- Expand high school access and outreach

New Program Expansion

- Expand CTE, noncredit, adult education, *and credit for prior learning programs*

Local Programs and Career Technical Education Development

Local Student Completion

- Increase transfer degree and workforce certificate completion by local students

Local Programs

- Focus growth on local programs

Dual Enrollment & Distance Education

- Expand dual enrollment and distance education

Career Technical Education

- Expand career technical education

Guided Pathways

Vision

- Develop and communicate a clear vision for guided pathways

Implement

- Implement guided pathways across all disciplines and support services

Schedule

- Develop course schedules to support pathways and student completion

Completion

- Increase transfer degree and workforce certificate completion by local students

Discussion



Academic Support, Student Services, and Engagement



Develop and communicate a clear vision for student services



Create a more engaging student experience



Integrate instruction and student services support to increase retention and completion rates

Rising Scholars Program



Increase degree and certificate completion by rising scholars



Decrease variety course offerings at CDCR institutions - focus on streamlined program



Improve communication and structural processes

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Enhance the campus culture to create a more inclusive environment



Improve technology and access for all student groups



Provide professional development to support DEI best practices

Institutional Culture



Create a welcoming, collaborative, and supportive culture for students and employees



Foster a culture of mentoring and support



Develop a culture of data-informed decision-making

Organizational Structure, Planning, and Budgeting

Update structure and processes to support new growth areas

Align planning with budget allocation

Community Engagement and Workforce Connections

- ▶ Increase community involvement and communication
- ▶ Strengthen ties with local employers and the broader community



Discussion



