

Palo Verde Community College District

Comprehensive Educational Planning Project

November-December 2024 Update

The Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) project for Palo Verde Community College District continues to progress on schedule. The CEP process is part of the PVC integrated planning process.

During the November Task Force meeting, Nga Pham, research consultant, presented part two of the external scan data which included community trends and comparative statistics. Nga also presented a summary of the recent student engagement and satisfaction survey. Task Force members discussed a variety of ideas and suggestions based this information.

Dr. Lori Bennett, higher education consultant, held the final external focus group sessions. The College also held a Community Forum at the Needles Center. The session was well attended and college representatives truly appreciated the community support.

A draft of the Comprehensive Educational Plan will be completed in March, 2025. College Review and Board Approval will be conducted between April and July, 2025. The new plan will then be ready for collegewide implementation in August, 2025.

The following list of activities took place during November.

November Project Activities

- The College CEP leadership team continued to organize the community focus group sessions and Community Forum
- November 6, the College held a Community Forum at the Needles Center
- November 20, the CEP Task Force met; Nga Pham presented “External Scan Data, Part II”
- November 20, Dr. Lori Bennett facilitated external focus group sessions

Throughout December, the consulting team will continue to analyze a variety of data reports, summarize the key themes arising from the focus group input, and begin developing a summary of key challenges and opportunities based on the qualitative and quantitative data. The Task Force will take a break during December and will meet again in January (via Zoom) to review the key themes.

The four stages of the project, and their respective timelines, are outlined below.

Project Steps and Timeline

The project’s four steps and timeline are as follows:

- Step 1 – Prepare and Discover (May – Nov 2024)
- Step 2 – Analyze, Interpret, and Reflect (Aug 2024 – Feb 2025)
- Step 3 – Innovate, Aspire, and Set Goals (Feb – Mar 2025)
- Step 4 – College Review and Board Approval (Apr – July 2025)

Each month, a brief update will be posted to the CEP webpage to keep everyone apprised of the project’s activities and progress. A brief Project Overview and other documents from the project can also be found there. The January Update will be posted in early February.