Palo Verde Community College District
Comprehensive Educational Planning Project
October 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.

This month, the College and consulting team finished up Step 1 (*Prepare and Discover*) and continued with Step 2 (*Analyze, Interpret, and Reflect*) of the planning process. During the October Task Force meeting, Nga Pham, research consultant, presented part one of the external scan data which included local K-12 school district data and current labor market statistics. Task Force members held a robust discussion and offered a variety of insights and recommendations based on their analysis of the data.

Dr. Lori Bennett, higher education consultant, held the final internal focus group sessions at the Needles Center and facilitated several community focus group sessions at the main campus. The College also held a Community Forum to gain input from community members about the College.

A draft of the Comprehensive Educational Plan will be completed in March, 2025. College constituent review, Board 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 October.

Octobrer Project Activities
- The College CEP leadership team continued to organize the community focus group sessions and prepared for the October Community Forum.
- October 17, the College held a Community Forum at the main campus in Blythe.
- October 16-18, Dr. Lori Bennett held internal and external focus groups and assisted with the Community Forum.
- October 17, the CEP Task Force met and Nga Pham presented "External Scan Data, Part One".

During the month of November, the consulting team will continue to analyze a variety of data reports, facilitate focus group sessions, and present highlights from the external data scan to the CEP Task Force.

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 an 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 November/December Update will be posted in early December.