

# Palo Verde Community College District

## Comprehensive Educational Planning Project

### September 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 college integrated planning process.

This month, the College and consulting team continued to work on Step 1 (*Prepare and Discover*) and Step 2 (*Analyze, Interpret, and Reflect*) of the planning process in preparation for the September CEP Task Force meeting. During the Task Force meeting, Nga Pham, research consultant, presented part two of the internal scan data, including student course success rates, retention rates, persistence rates, degree and certificate completion rates, and transfer rates. Throughout the presentation, Task Force members asked questions and shared insights as they analyzed the data and discussed potential opportunities for the College to better serve students.

Dr. Lori Bennett, higher education consultant, continued to facilitate internal focus group sessions. Employees and students provided valuable observations and ideas that will help inform the Comprehensive Educational Plan and related Strategic Goals. Dr. Bennett will hold additional internal focus group sessions at the Needles Center next month.

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 September.

#### September Project Activities

- The College CEP leadership team continued to organize the internal and external focus group sessions and prepared for the October Community Forums.
- September 24-26, Dr. Lori Bennett held several focus groups with internal stakeholders. Participants shared their views regarding the highest priority needs for the College over the next eight years.
- September 26, the CEP Task Force met and Nga Pham presented “Internal Scan Data, Part Two”. The Task Force members discussed the data in relation to current student needs.

During the months of October and November, the consulting team will continue to analyze a variety of data reports, facilitate community forums and 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 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, monthly Task Force agendas, and other documents from the project can also be found there. The October Update will be posted in early November.