

Colleges of the San Mateo County Community College District will fulfill the following mission with excellence:

1. Provide a breadth of educational opportunities and experiences which encourage students to develop their general understanding of human effort and achievement; and
2. Provide lower division programs to enable students to transfer to baccalaureate institutions; and
3. Provide career and technical education and training programs directed toward career development, in cooperation with business, industry, labor, and public service agencies; and
4. Provide basic skills education in language and computational skills required for successful completion of educational goals; and
5. Provide a range of student services to assist students in attaining their educational and career goals; and
6. Provide self-supporting community education classes, contract education and training, and related services tailored to the human and economic development of the community; and
7. Provide leadership in aligning educational programs and services offered by all local educational institutions and community service organizations; and
8. Celebrate the community's rich cultural diversity, reflect this diversity in student enrollment, promote it in its staff, and maintain a campus climate that supports student success.

To fulfill this educational mission, the District is committed to effective institutional research that supports the evaluation and improvement of programs, services, and student outcomes. Participatory governance is practiced through processes that are inclusive with regard to information sharing and decision making, and that are respectful of all participants. The District plans, organizes, and develops its resources to achieve maximum effectiveness, efficiency, equity, and accountability.

The Mission is evaluated and revised on a regular basis.

Statement On Academic Freedom

Per Board Policy 6.35, Skyline College and the San Mateo County Community College District are dedicated to maintaining a climate of academic freedom encouraging the sharing and cultivation of a wide variety of viewpoints. Academic freedom expresses our belief in inquiry, informed debate and the search for truth; academic freedom is necessary in order to provide students with a variety of ideas, to encourage them to engage in critical thinking and to help them understand conflicting opinions.

Academic freedom encompasses the freedom to study, teach, and express ideas, including unpopular or controversial ones, without censorship or political restraint.

Academic freedom, rather than being a license to do or say whatever one wishes, requires professional competence, open inquiry and rigorous attention to the pursuit of truth.

The District's faculty have the right to express their informed opinions which relate, directly or indirectly, to their professional activities, whether these opinions are expressed in the classroom, elsewhere on campus or at college-related functions. In a search for truth and in a context of reasoned academic debate, students also have the right to express their opinions and to question those presented by others.

Employment by the District does not in any way restrict or limit the rights enjoyed by faculty under the California and United States Constitutions. Faculty members are free to speak and write publicly on any issue, as long as they do not indicate they are speaking for the institution.

Protecting academic freedom is the responsibility of the college community. Therefore, in a climate of openness and mutual respect, free from distortion and doctrinal obligation, the District protects and encourages the exchange of ideas, including unpopular ones, which are presented in a spirit of free and open dialogue and constructive debate.

Accreditation

Skyline College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. The Office of Private Postsecondary Education also approves Skyline College to offer courses to U.S. Veterans for collection of veterans' benefits. The accreditation reports and approval are available for review at <http://skylinecollege.edu/accreditation/index.php>.

Gainful Employment

Licensure Eligibility Requirements

Data on Gainful Employment and Licensure Eligibility Requirements are available on the Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/generalinformation/gainfulemployment.php>.