

Estrella Mountain Community College
Academic Plan
2001-2006

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Estrella Mountain Academic Plan

Academic Plan Summary

The Academic Plan sets the long-term direction for the development and expansion of Estrella Mountain's educational programs (including General Education, Transfer Education, Developmental Education, Workforce Development and Community Education.)

The Plan provides guidance for academic and student services planning at the divisional level and also impacts all other college-wide planning efforts.

Academic Plan Vision

Estrella Mountain will provide flexible and innovative educational opportunities to fulfill your personal, academic and employment goals.

Guiding Principles:

The Academic Plan will:

- Be consistent with Estrella Mountain's Vision, Mission, Goals, and Core Values
- Emphasize student success and responsibility
- Integrate meaningful assessment through student academic achievement and the institutional effectiveness efforts
- Promote the use of appropriate technology
- Maintain the highest academic standards
- Develop diverse teaching and learning environments
- Identify resources and services in support of student success
- Develop credit and non-credit offerings in response to target market needs
- Foster partnerships
- Link to budget and strategic planning processes
- Support accreditation efforts
- Be reviewed and revised on an ongoing basis

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

A. Expand General and Transfer Education Program

Five Year Objectives (Through the 2005-2006 school year)

- Develop new programmatic areas such as e-learning, culinary arts, fine arts and engineering
- Develop alternative access and delivery systems such as wireless computing technology and enhanced self-paced opportunities
- Expand partnerships with local high schools such as 2+2+2 programs and use of facilities for program delivery.
- Expand partnerships with universities such as Inspire.Teach and Administration of Justice Studies and additional Associate in Transfer Partnership Degree opportunities
- Provide a full complement of 200-level general education courses that support Estrella Mountain programs
- Increase the number of sections offered (including dual enrollment) to match service area growth
- Increase number of full-time faculty to meet growth and program needs
- Increase number of transfer students who complete with a degree
- Increase faculty participation in the assessment of student learning outcomes
- Enhance student performance in relationship to the college abilities.
- Identify internship opportunities for students.
- Continue to explore grant opportunities to expand programs.

B. Expand Workforce Development Programs

Five Year Objectives (Through the 2005-2006 school year)

- Increase the number and effectiveness of occupational program advisory groups.
- Expand the number of Community College and industry degree and certification programs in areas such as administration of justice, health care, business management, culinary arts, hospitality, power plant operators and maintainers, and technology areas
- Develop alternative access and delivery systems
- Increase number of full-time faculty to support growth and program needs
- Increase number of sections offered to match service area growth (includes dual enrollment)
- Increase number of students completing certificate, degree programs and obtain employment.

- Increase the number of programs in the program review cycle
- Increase the number of programs involved in the assessment of student learning outcomes in workforce development
- Identify partners to assist in delivering capital intensive training programs (i.e. welding, industrial maintenance etc.)
- Increase targeted marketing efforts toward students to assist in increasing enrollment.
- Continue to enhance opportunities to improve advisement services to students enrolled in occupational programs.
- Identify internship opportunities for students.

C. Expand Developmental Education Programs

Five Year Objectives (Through the 2005-2006 school year)

- Expand business, industry and community partnerships
- Expand partnership with the Rio Salado literacy program
- Develop flexible access and delivery systems
- Expand the variety of developmental courses offered
- Increase number of sections offered to match service area growth
- Increase number of full-time faculty and staff to support growth and program needs
- Continue to enhance opportunities to improve advisement services to students enrolled in developmental education programs.
- Increase the number of students who complete developmental sequences and continue in higher education
- Enhance student performance in relationship to the college abilities.

D. Expand Community Education Programs

Five Year Objectives (Through the 2005-2006 school year)

- Expand self-supporting offerings for market segments requiring non-credit Options.
- Develop programs that create a demand for credit classes (e.g. computers don't byte and Spanish)
- Develop flexible access and delivery systems for community education

E. Expand Programs at the Southwest Skill Center

Five Year Objectives (Through the 2005-2006 school year)

- Develop articulated programs between Skill Center non-credit offerings and EMCC credit offerings such as culinary arts, health care, and information technology readiness
- Include representation from SWSC into the campus wide Student Information System Implementation Team.
- Expand occupational/vocational offerings that meet the needs of business and industry
- Increase the number of students who matriculate bi-directionally between the Skill Center and the college
- Integrate programs and processes with Estrella Mountain as appropriate.