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College Overview



Who We Are

An important component of Estrella Mountain Community College's (EMCC) mission statement is community education, and EMCC has been educating the West Valley community since 1990 and at the Avondale campus since 1992.

Estrella Mountain is a nationally recognized leader within the Maricopa Community College District that provides educational opportunities and workforce training to the burgeoning western metropolitan Phoenix population of more than 285,000 residents. Located in the fastest growing region of the country, the college's service area population is expected to grow to more than 1.6 million people by 2030.

Serving approximately 13,000 students per year, EMCC is proud to showcase the tremendous accomplishments of our students. From math and science students obtaining prestigious internships at NASA, to following our students throughout their educational careers to ensure that they are successful in whatever they choose to do, EMCC produces students with total success; personally and educationally.

The college offers numerous associate degrees, university transfer partnerships and multiple specialized certificate programs. In addition, the college is home to the SouthWest Skill Center. Courses are taught by more than 300 caring resident and adjunct faculty who are experts in their field. With an average class size of 20-credit students per instructor, students receive individualized attention and every opportunity to engage in the classroom experience. Estrella Mountain has also expanded by offering classes at a satellite location in Buckeye.



Estrella Mountain Community College is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Commission is located at 30 North La Salle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504; telephone number: 800-621-7440.

Estrella Mountain Community College and the Maricopa County Community College District do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, handicap/disability, age, or Vietnam-Era disabled veteran status in employment or in the application, admission, participation, access, and treatment of persons in instructional programs and activities.



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Mission

The Mission of Estrella Mountain Community College is to provide opportunities for our students to achieve success in their educational and personal goals. We are an institution of higher education serving the West Valley communities through general education, transfer education, developmental education, workforce development, student support services, and community education.

Vision

We will meet your needs and expand your aspirations through creative learning experiences. Our environment emphasizes caring, teamwork, and flexibility. In partnership with us, you will gain knowledge, abilities, and values essential to success in a highly complex and technological world. We are committed to building better communities ...one life at a time.

Values

- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Diversity
- Integrity
- Creative and Continuous Learning
- Respect and Fairness

Who Our Students Are

Annual Enrollment - Current

Approximately 13,000

(credit, non-credit and SouthWest Skill Center)

Annual Enrollment – At Full Build Out

40,000 +

Student Age Breakdown – Fall 2008 (credit students)

29 & Under	76%
30-39	13%
40-49	7%
50+	3%
Undeclared	1%

Enrollment Breakdown – Fall 2008 (credit students)

Full-Time	28%
Part-Time	72%

Ethnicity Breakdown – Fall 2008 (credit students)

American Indian	1%
Asian	5%
Black	8%
Hispanic	35%
White	39%
Other	12%

Faculty Size – Full-Time and Adjunct:

300+

Tuition Rates - Fall 2008

County Resident:

\$71 per credit hour

Out-of-County:

1-6 credits - \$96 per credit hour

7+ credits - \$268* per credit hour

Out-of-State

1-6 credits - \$96 per credit hour

7+ credits - \$286* per credit hour

*Students who register for 7 or more credits will be charged the rate indicated above per credit hour for all credits including the first 1-6 credits.





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Bond Information and Updates

In 2004, Maricopa Community Colleges asked voters to approve \$951,359,000 in General Obligation Bonds for new classroom construction, renovation, technology, parking, security, and land purchases to meet future growth needs.

Voters passed Proposition 401 awarding Maricopa Community Colleges the \$951 million bond. Estrella Mountain Community College was allocated \$71 million which is currently being utilized on capital development projects to support student success and safety.

Ocotillo Hall – January 2006

This state of the art classroom complex allows the college to provide West Valley citizens increased access to education, job training, and includes technology integration.

Classroom Complex Highlights

- 22 new learning studios
- More than 32,000 gross square feet
- Seamless architectural integration
- Integration of the newest technology and learning space design
- Superior quality with new design/build integration
- Responding to West Valley needs

Buckeye Land Purchase – April 2006

In spring 2005, the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board contracted with Arizona Land Advisors (ALA) to oversee the district's purchase of new land in the West Valley. EMCC worked with ALA to complete the purchase in Buckeye, Arizona, in April 2006. The land purchase will serve as a future campus site and allow the college to meet the needs of a growing West Valley community. EMCC is currently offering courses in Buckeye in partnership with the Buckeye Union High School District. Two high school locations are being utilized until a future bond will fund new college facilities in the area.

Land Purchase Highlights

- Approximately 80 acres
- Proximity to planned transportation corridors, residential communities, and commercial centers
- Boundaries include: El Mirage Road, Northern Avenue alignment, the county line, and the Sun Valley Parkway alignment

- Cross streets at Turner Road and Southern Avenue
- Located within 18 miles of EMCC
- Purpose for land: Development of educational facilities serving 20,000 to 25,000 students

Science Labs – August 2007

The science labs at Estrella Mountain are an important component to the success of students enrolled in the sciences. In April 2005, EMCC began an extensive expansion of the existing science labs on campus; 9,000 square feet to 20,100 square feet. The expansion included five new biology labs, one new science lab, two new physics labs, and an expanded preparation area.

Mariposa Hall – Spring 2010

In order to meet the needs of the growing student population on the Estrella Mountain campus, Mariposa Hall began construction in late Fall 2008 and is scheduled to be complete in Spring 2010. The building will be approximately 22,000 square feet and will house nine new general-purpose classrooms; three flexible laboratory spaces; faculty and staff offices; instructional support areas; and informal learning spaces. This project will also include a remodel within the SouthWest Skill Center.

Estrella Hall Expansion - 2011

Planning is underway for a 40,000+ square foot addition and a 15,000 square foot remodel of Estrella Hall. Plans include approximately 14 new classrooms, and new redesigned spaces for the Information Commons, Learning Enhancement Center and library. Completion of the project has been scheduled for Spring/Summer 2011.

Performing Arts Center

The college is currently in the process of exploring the possibility of building a Performing Arts Center.



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Community Partnership Projects

Complimentary to the capital development program, the college has been able to move forward with creative partnerships that have increased services to our community. Estrella Mountain will continue to actively pursue community partnerships in order to provide our students with valuable and unique programmatic spaces, services and programs.

Dysart Road Traffic Light – Summer 2008

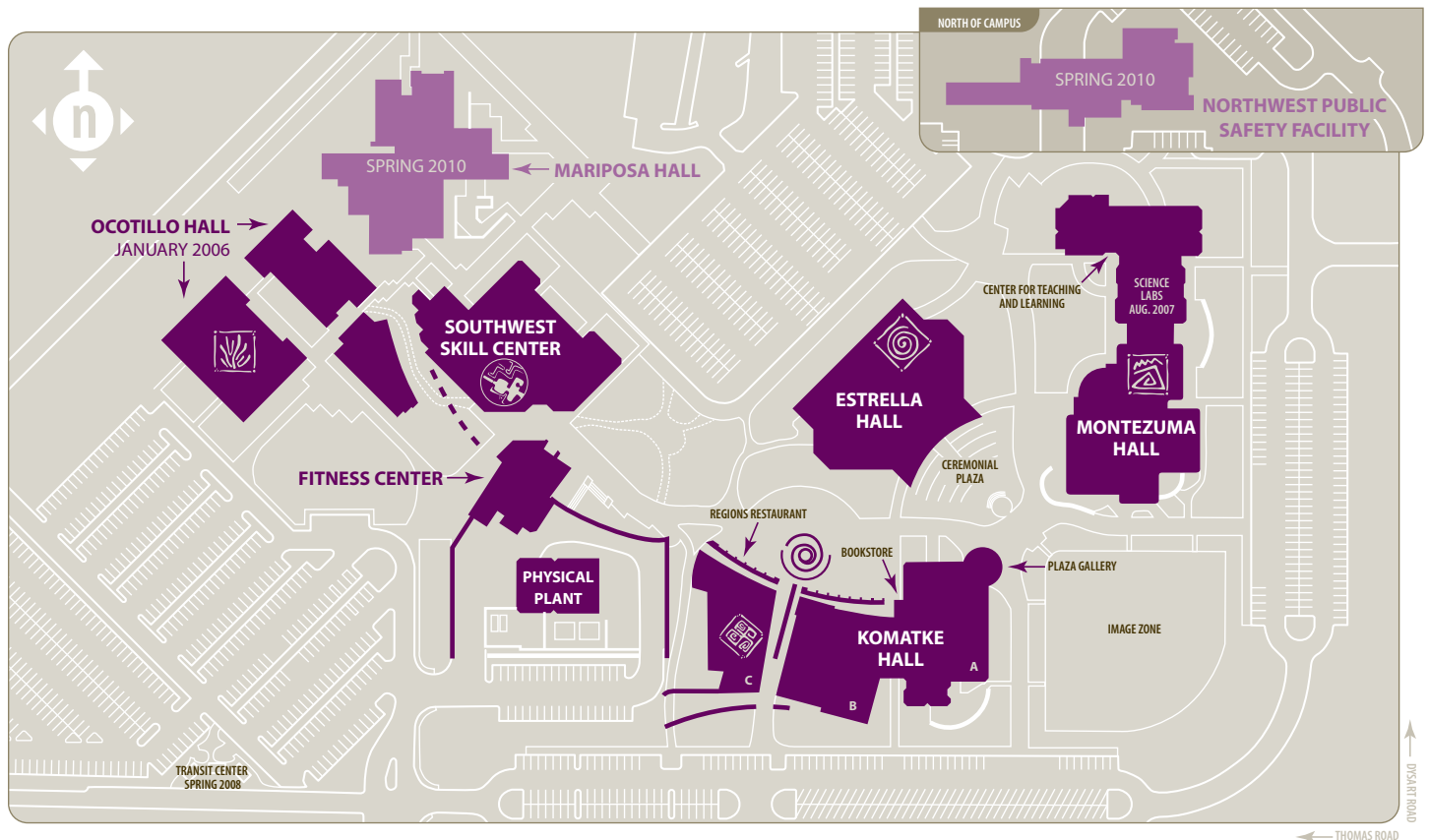
In Spring 2007, Estrella Mountain began site improvement construction at the Dysart Road and Sage Lane entrance on the northeast side of campus. The traffic light installation is one piece of a larger project that will create a safer traffic environment at the intersection. This project was further enhanced by the addition of an electronic monument sign.

Transit Center, Additional Parking and New Thomas Road Entry – Spring 2008

In Spring 2008, Estrella Mountain completed work in partnership with the City of Avondale to build a bus transit center on the college campus. Remaining EMCC bond funds were used to add more than 330 parking spaces and a second entry/exit to Thomas Road. During this project, the City of Avondale completed a bus transit center which will bring approximately five more bus lines to the campus and a safe walkway from the transit center to nearby classroom buildings.

Joint Fire/Public Safety Facility - Spring 2010

In partnership with the cities of Avondale and Litchfield Park, we have begun working on the design for a Joint-Use Public Safety Facility. This unique partnership will include a 19,000 square foot facility with a fire station, police substation, EMCC classrooms, and public safety offices.





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Degrees and Certificate Offerings



Academic Degrees

- Associate in Arts (AA)
- Associate in Arts in Elementary Education (AAEE)
- Associate in Arts (AA), Fine Arts-Art
- Associate in Arts (AA), Fine Arts-Dance
- Associate in Arts (AA), Fine Arts-Theatre
- Associate in Business (ABUS) (General)
- Associate in Business (ABUS) (Special)
- Associate in General Studies (AGS)
- Associate in Science (AS)
- Associate in Transfer Partnership (ATP)
 - Elementary Education
 - Kinesiology
 - Exercise and Wellness

Academic Certificates

- Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC)
- Advanced Interdisciplinary Storytelling
- Interdisciplinary Storytelling
- Chicana and Chicano Studies

Occupational Programs

- Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degrees
 - Administration of Justice
 - Banking and Finance
 - Computer Applications Technology
 - Culinary Studies
 - Emergency Response and Operations
 - Fire Science Technology
 - Hospitality/Hotel Management
 - Industrial Operations Technology
 - Information Security
 - Linux Networking Administration
 - Microsoft Networking Technology
 - Networking Technology: CISCO
 - Nursing
 - Organizational Management
 - Power Plant Technology
 - Programming and System Analysis
 - Retail Management
 - Speech Language Pathology Assistant
 - Strength, Nutrition and Personal Training
 - Teacher Assisting

Occupational Certificates

- Administration of Justice
- Baking and Pastry
- Banking and Finance
- Basic Culinary Studies
- Basic Firefighter
- Building Inspection
- Computer Applications Technology
- Computer Hardware and Desktop Support
- Culinary Studies
- Customer Service Management
- Data Entry Clerk
- Desktop Publishing
- Evidence Technology
- Firefighting Operations
- General Office Secretary
- Hospitality/Hotel Management
- Industrial Operations Technology
- Information Security Forensics
- Information Security Technology
- Information Security Administration
- Information Security Wireless Networks
- Linux Associate
- Linux Networking Administration
- Linux Professional
- Microsoft Desktop Support Technology
- Microsoft Networking Technology
- Microsoft Product Specialist
- Microsoft System Administration
- Microsoft Systems Engineer
- Networking Administration: CISCO
- Networking Technology: CISCO
- Organizational Leadership
- Programming and System Analysis
- Public Works Leadership
- Receptionist
- Retail Management
- Small Business Management
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant
- Strength and Conditioning Personal Trainer
- Web Developer

SouthWest Skill Center Certificate Programs

- Emergency Medical Technology
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Nurse Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Practical Nurse
- Spanish Medical Interpreter



Degree and certificate offerings subject to change.
For current degree and certificate options:
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EMCC Annual Calendar of Events



January

Spring Classes Start

February

Black History Month
All-AZ Academic Team Banquet

March

Women's History Month
Spring Break
Summer / Fall Priority Registration

April

Estrella Rotary Car Raffle Event
Student Conference
Maricopa Artists of Promise Exhibition

May

Summer Classes Start
Asian and Pacific Islander Month
Commencement

June

Culinary Camp
NASA Summer Bridge Program
Gallery 37
Media Arts Camp

July

Fall Registration Begins
Teen Police Academy

August

Fall Classes Start
Welcome Week

September

Hispanic Heritage Month
(September 15- October 15)

October

Spring Registration Begins
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

November

Scholarship Luncheon

December

Winter Recess

Schedule subject to change.





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President's Profile



President, Dr. Ernest Lara

Dr. Ernest Lara brings more than 30-years of higher education experience to his role as president of Estrella Mountain Community College. Appointed president on July 1, 2007, Dr. Lara's extensive career reflects a strong commitment to student development and the community college mission.

His post-secondary experience includes working at Arizona State University and three of the Maricopa Community Colleges as a faculty member, student services program director, division chair, and dean of student services.

Dr. Lara is a committed community member and serves on several local boards, including Leadership West, Luke Air Force - Honorary Commanders Program, and the West Valley Hispanic Forum Leadership Institute Advisory Board.

As a community college product, Dr. Lara received an associate degree from Glendale Community College. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Master of Guidance and Counseling, a Master of Counseling, and a PhD from the Higher and Adult Education Program with an emphasis in Student Development, all from Arizona State University.





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