



SANTA ANA COLLEGE PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SANTA ANA COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Santa Ana College is to be a leader and partner in meeting the intellectual, cultural, technological and workforce development needs of our diverse community. Santa Ana College provides access and equity in a dynamic learning environment that prepares students for transfer, careers and lifelong intellectual pursuits in a global community.

CATALOG CONTENT

The Rancho Santiago Community College District and Santa Ana College have made every reasonable effort to determine that everything stated in this catalog is accurate. Courses and programs offered, together with other matters contained herein, are subject to change without notice by the administration of the district for reasons related to student enrollment, level of financial support, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the district and the colleges. The district and the college further reserve the right to add, amend, or repeal any of their rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (CORE COMPETENCIES)

1. Communication Skills

a. Listening and Speaking

Students will listen actively and respectfully to analyze the substance of others' comments. Students will speak in an understandable and organized fashion to explain their ideas, express their feelings, or support a conclusion.

b. Reading and Writing

Students will read effectively and analytically and will comprehend at a college level. Students will write in an organized and grammatically correct fashion to explain their feelings and support a conclusion.

2. Thinking and Reasoning

Students will identify and analyze real or potential "problems" and develop, evaluate, and test possible solutions using creative thinking, analysis and synthesis, quantitative reasoning, and/or transfer of knowledge and skills to a new context as appropriate.

a. Creative Thinking

Students will develop the skills to formulate original ideas and concepts in addition to integrating those of others in the creative process.

b. Critical Thinking

Students will think logically in solving problems; explaining their conclusions; and evaluating, supporting, or critiquing the thinking of others.

c. Ethical Reasoning

Students will demonstrate an understanding of ethical issues that will enhance their capacity for making sound judgments and decisions.

d. Quantitative Reasoning

Students will use college-level mathematical concepts and methods to understand, analyze and explain issues in quantitative terms.

3. Information Management

a. Information Competency

Students will do research at a level that is necessary to achieve personal, professional and educational success. They will use print material and technology to identify research needs, seek, access, evaluate and apply information effectively and responsibly.

b. Technology Competency

Students will use technology learning tools and technology applications at a level appropriate to achieve discipline-specific course requirements and standards. Demonstrated skills might include, but are not limited to: word processing and file management; use or development of simulations, web pages, databases; graphing calculators; etc.

4. Diversity

Students will develop individual responsibility, personal integrity, and respect for diverse peoples and cultures of the world.

a. Cultural

Students will respect and work with diverse people including those with different cultural and linguistic backgrounds and different abilities.

b. Social

Students will interact with individuals and within groups with integrity and awareness of others' opinions, feelings and values.

c. Environmental

Students will demonstrate an understanding of ethical issues that will enhance their capacity for making decisions and sound judgments about the environment.

5. Civic Responsibility

Students will take personal responsibility for becoming informed, ethical and active citizens of their community, their nation and their world.

6. Life Skills

a. Creative Expression

Students will produce artistic and creative expression.

b. Aesthetic Appreciation

Students will respond to artistic and creative expressions.

c. Personal Growth

Students will demonstrate habits of intellectual exploration, personal responsibility, and practical and physical well-being.

d. Interpersonal Skills

Students will participate effectively in teams, committees, task forces, and in other group efforts to make decisions and seek consensus.

7. Careers

Students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to select and develop careers.

ACCREDITATION

Santa Ana College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Veterans Administration. The college holds membership in the Community College League of California and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

In addition to the current ACCJC college-wide accreditation, specified programs at Santa Ana College are also accredited by external accrediting bodies:

1. American Psychological Association (APA): for Doctoral Internship Program
2. Automotive Technology: National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF)
3. Emergency Medical Technician: Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS)
4. International Business: National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators (NASBITE)
5. Occupational Therapy Assistant: Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
6. Paralegal Studies: American Bar Association (ABA)
7. Pharmacy Technology: American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)