



## Learning Community Faculty Remarks

“Joining a Learning Community is a fun and great way to meet new people, receive better grades, and enjoy your college experience.”

– *Maria Abuan (Faculty Counselor)*

“I’m getting to know the students in my learning community class personally. We have a great time in class.”

– *Cher Johnson (Reading Instructor)*

“I feel more connected to my colleagues and students. We are learning and growing together.”

– *Noreen Maddox (English Instructor)*

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# Learning Communities



*Southwestern College*



## How can I participate in a Learning Community?

*There are a few simple steps you need to take...*

**1** Become a Southwestern College student by applying online at [www.swc.cc.ca.us](http://www.swc.cc.ca.us) or by filling out an application at the Chula Vista campus, the Higher Education Center in National City, or the Education Center at San Ysidro.

**2** Complete basic skills assessments to determine your best starting place in writing, reading, and math. Call the Assessment Center at (619) 482-6385 for an appointment.

**3** Register for classes at [www.swc.cc.ca.us](http://www.swc.cc.ca.us) or through telephone registration at (619) 482-9057.

**4** For more information, contact the School of Counseling and Personal Development at (619) 482-6317, or go to [www.swc.cc.ca.us](http://www.swc.cc.ca.us) and click on "Quick Links" and then "Learning Communities."

### **Learning Community Information**

- Proven student success with higher retention rates
- Clearer path for degree and quicker duration for completion
- Greater intellectual development due to raised level of interaction

## Testimonials of Learning Community Students

"I now have the confidence to study in groups and speak to new people without being afraid or holding myself back."

"I learned about who I am. The instructors gave me a sense of self and helped me to understand why I am here."

"The teachers made us feel more comfortable in the college surroundings. It was like being in a family."

## What are Learning Communities?

These linked classes encourage learning in a friendly, supportive environment that promotes success and better student-teacher relationships.

### **Learning Communities Benefits**

- Develop lasting friendships
- Learn to navigate the college system
- Receive personal and academic support

