

Southwestern College Mission Statement

District Policy 1200

“Southwestern Community College District serves a diverse community of students by providing a wide range of dynamic and high quality educational programs and comprehensive student support services.

The College provides educational opportunities in the following areas:

- *associate degree and certificate programs*
- *transfer*
- *professional, technical, and career advancement*
- *basic skills*
- *personal enrichment, non-credit adult education*
- *community services*
- *economic, workforce, and community development*

We promote student learning and success by committing to continuous improvement that includes planning, implementation, assessment, and evaluation. “

Commitment to Achieving Student Learning

Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs):

Upon completion of an organized program of study, students at SWC will demonstrate core competency in the following areas:

1. Communication Skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing)
2. Thinking and Reasoning (creative thinking, critical thinking, and quantitative reasoning)
3. Information Competency (research and technology)
4. Global Awareness (social, cultural, and civil responsibility)

Institutional Performance Indicators

The SWC District has identified seven Institutional Performance Indicators (IPIs) to track our progress toward accomplishing our Mission and Strategic Planning Priorities. These IPIs include:

- retention rates
- success rates
- persistence rates
- transfer preparedness
- overall student satisfaction
- employment preparation

- licensure/certification pass rates
- student goal attainment

Institutional Values

The following values guide how Southwestern College faculty, staff, and students think and act and define the enduring character of the institution:

- **Mutual respect** – to treat one another with respect, dignity, trust, and fairness, appreciating the diversity of our community, students, and work force, in a collegial and cooperative manner
- **Shared planning and decision making** – to engage in a collaborative process in which creative thinking, ideas and perspectives contribute to the well being of the entire College community
- **Integrity** – to say what we mean, to deliver what we promise, to fulfill our commitments, and to stand for what SWC values
- **Accountability** – to assume responsibility for our College's future as stated in our mission and goals
- **Cultural competence and commonality** – to positively engage our College community in developing a deep appreciation of and collegiality among all cultures
- **Scholarship and love of learning** – to foster and pursue one's curiosity and passion to seek knowledge and gain deeper understanding
- **Critical inquiry and thinking** – to nurture intellectual exploration and develop the analytical skills to problem-solve in new situations throughout life
- **Life-long learning** – to inspire a vital and imaginative learning environment
- **Practical and responsive** – to provide practical educational experiences