



HISTORY

The Seattle Community Colleges serve all of metropolitan Seattle and its surrounding communities, and comprise the largest and most diverse community college district in the state.

The first classes were held in the Edison Vocational Technical Institute on Capitol Hill, when Seattle Community College opened in 1966 as part of the public school system. A long-range plan called for three campuses in the city.

The State Community College Act of 1967 established the college district apart from the public schools, with a mandate to provide "an open door to education" for all who seek it. By September 1970, all three colleges opened together for the first time as a multi-campus district. Seattle Vocational Institute joined the district in 1991 under the State's Work Force Training and Education Act. The district also includes five specialized training centers.

While the colleges are an integral part of their neighborhoods and offer certain unique educational programs, all are comprehensive and offer programs in college transfer, professional-technical training, adult basic education, and continuing education.

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THE SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

MISSION

The Seattle Community Colleges will provide excellent, accessible educational opportunities to prepare our students for a challenging future.

VALUES

We value teaching and learning.

We promote commitment to a lifetime of learning; creation of a community of learners; imaginative, visionary, expert instruction; use of innovative instructional technology.

We value students.

We promote programs, services and activities that address students' needs and interests; success through accessibility and support services; student development through activities both in and outside the classroom.

We value diversity.

We promote respect for the unique abilities and interests of each individual; awareness and understanding of all people; and appreciation of the unique cultures of our campuses.

We value partnerships.

We promote partnerships with business, industry, labor, government, education and community organizations that expand educational and employment opportunities; increase our understanding of community educational needs; and foster cooperative use of resources.

Each of the Seattle Community Colleges has created a unique mission statement to guide the campus in achieving its goals.

SOUTH

South Seattle Community College is a constantly evolving educational community dedicated to providing quality learning experiences which prepare students to meet their goals for life and work. The college values and promotes a close involvement with the community and strong partnerships with business, labor and industry.

The college commits to serving the diverse needs of students in our communities by providing:

- *College transfer programs and technical and professional programs which prepare students to succeed in their careers and further their education*
- *Responsive technical and professional training developed in collaboration with business, labor and industry*
- *Student-centered and community-centered programs and services which value diversity, support learning, and promote student success*
- *Lifelong learning opportunities for the cultural, social, professional and personal development of the members of our communities.*

SVI

The Seattle Vocational Institute provides basic skills, vocational and workforce training opportunities through competency-based, open-entry, short term programs that lead to jobs with a future, personal achievements and educational advancement, collaborating with business, labor, government and community groups.

NORTH

North Seattle Community College provides a supportive, responsive teaching and learning environment distinguished by its commitment to openness, innovation, and excellence in education.

Strategic directions towards - Fostering student success ■ Building a safe, productive and supportive work environment ■ Ensuring that diversity as a value permeates the culture of the institution ■ Developing a realistic student enrollment base that is sustainable ■ Fostering decision-making that is based on clearly defined principles and participation ■ Improving administrative processes and communication ■ Achieving fiscal stability and flexibility.

CENTRAL

Seattle Central Community College promotes educational excellence in a multicultural urban environment.

We ensure opportunities for academic achievement, workplace preparation and service to the community by creating a learning environment which is accessible, diverse, responsive and innovative.

We, the faculty and staff of Seattle Central, commit ourselves to helping students achieve these important learning outcomes:

Intra-personal learning ■ Appreciation and expression through the arts and literature ■ Social behavior ■ Skill development ■ Knowledge of ideas and issues shaping human history

SIEGAL CENTER

The Siegal Center provides leadership, services and coordination in support of the educational goals established by the Seattle Community Colleges.