

California Community Colleges

The Role of California's Community Colleges in Career Technical Education

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California Community Colleges | **Mission**

A map of California with numerous yellow dots representing the locations of community colleges. The dots are distributed across the state, with a higher concentration in the Central Valley and Southern California regions. The map is overlaid on a dark blue background.

- Academic and vocational instruction
- Remedial instruction
- Adult non-credit instruction/community service
- Economic growth and global competitiveness

Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative

Background

- Serious deterioration in vocational programs in high schools
- Decreased demand for unskilled labor
- Increased demand for employees with some college education

Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative

Funding

- Initially \$20 million per year for community colleges
- Increased to \$50 million
- Allocated to colleges through competitive proposals

Governor's Career Technical Education Initiative Programs

- Enrollments
- Business Partnerships
- Curriculum
- Capacity Building
- Evaluation

System Strategic Plan

Goal Areas

- College Awareness and Access
- Student Success and Readiness
- Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development
- System Effectiveness
- Resource Development



System Strategic Plan

Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development

- Ensure that Community College programs are aligned and coordinated with state and local economic and workforce development needs.
 - Fund and implement a business liaison program at ten community colleges so businesses have single regional point of entry.
 - Increase capability at 50 colleges and as a system for the delivery of customized fee based and contract education directed to the needs of small business and incumbent workers.

System Strategic Plan

Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development

- Create linkages between academic and career fields to provide clearly defined career pathways.
 - Establish demonstration projects in ten regions of California with clearly defined and effective bridge programs to create career pathways and ladders to enable Californians to combine work and education for a lifetime of achievement and advancement.
 - Establish three model regional Career Advancement Academy programs serving different areas of the state

System Strategic Plan

Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development

- Ensure high standards and academic rigor in the Community College programs while delivering timely, relevant and high quality offerings that meet the needs of business and industry

Implement a statewide uniform common course development and approval process with a goal of a 3 - 6 month cycle time.



System Strategic Plan

Partnerships for Economic and Workforce Development

- Encourage and support Community College initiatives to collaborate with other economic and workforce development agencies and industry sectors to develop regional partnerships and networks.

Identify, develop and implement ten projects that will have major impacts on ten regional economic and workforce development priorities.



Parting Thoughts

- Investments in CTE are expensive in both instructional and equipment costs, therefore, additional funding sources are necessary for the establishment of quality instructional programs, such as SB 70 has provided.
- The level of investment must be constant – as people need to plan which courses and programs will be offered in any given semester. Last minute changes can be devastating.
- Once a CTE program is launched, then canceled, it becomes prohibitively expensive to restart.

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