

Appendix A

MISSION OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By law the California Community Colleges shall admit any California resident and may admit anyone who is over 18 years of age and who is capable of profiting from the instruction offered. The Colleges may also admit any nonresident, possessing a high school diploma or the equivalent thereof.

Primary missions of the Colleges are to:

- Offer academic and vocational education at the lower division level for both younger and older students, including those persons returning to school.
- Advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous work force improvement.
- Provide remedial instruction for those in need of it and in conjunction with the school districts, instruction in English as a second language, adult noncredit instruction, and support services that help students succeed at the post-secondary level.
- Offer Community Services according to local needs.
- Conduct institutional research concerning student learning and retention as is needed to facilitate their educational missions.

The Board of Governor's shall provide leadership and direction in the continuing development of the California Community Colleges as an integral and effective element in the structure of public higher education in the state.