

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

The goal of Chandler-Gilbert Community College is to assure student success. Success is defined as the accomplishment of, or the continued opportunity to accomplish, students' individual goals. The success of our students will be determined not only by their acquisition of knowledge and skills, but also by their personal growth and development. This would include intellectual development, multicultural awareness, aesthetic appreciation, physical wellness, emotional well-being, community responsibility, and values clarification.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College will provide the environment in which students can identify and pursue their goals. The following general institutional practices are necessary to ensure student success:

1. To provide programs that assure student competence in specified academic and skill areas;
2. To provide a full range and schedule of services to permit students to benefit from college programs;
3. To provide simplified and clearly defined processes for admitting students, monitoring their progress and maintaining accurate academic records;
4. To provide activities that encourage students to effectively interrelate with others in their college and communities;
5. To provide opportunities for the development of self-esteem, personal identity, independence and self-direction;
6. To provide coordination with secondary and postsecondary schools, and business and industry;
7. To provide delivery of instructional services through alternative systems which prepare students to function in an increasingly technological and informational-based society; and
8. To develop and implement a comprehensive staff development program to educate the staff in student development philosophy and practices.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College will assist students in initiating their own paths to success. The college recognizes that all students are unique and capable adults, responsible for directing their own development throughout life, and that the major responsibility for a student's development rests with the student. All faculty, administrators and staff members of CGCC will support and contribute to the implementation of this student development philosophy.