



**Broward
Community
College**

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Mission

The mission of Broward Community College is to provide high quality educational programs and services that are affordable and accessible to a diverse community of learners. Supported by the board of trustees and the community, a dedicated faculty and staff fulfills this mission through its commitment to student achievement, lifelong learning, academic excellence, and the use of current technology.

Beliefs

- That all individuals, regardless of race, creed, or national origin, are able to learn and should be given the opportunity to succeed in their endeavors.
- That all segments of the community can benefit from lifelong learning.
- That all individuals should be treated with respect and dignity.
- That all individuals should have the opportunity to access affordable educational opportunities.
- That many educational experiences can take place anywhere and anytime through a variety of delivery systems.
- That the college is a resource for cultural awareness opportunities and community service.
- In providing the opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and administrators to develop and realize their personal goals through education.
- In promoting the highest expectations for students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and maintaining high academic standards.

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- In preparing students to function successfully in a diverse, multicultural, and global environment.
- In supporting, promoting, and participating in the economic development of the community.
- In providing a safe and secure learning and working environment.
- In preparing for a sustainable future and embracing change that benefits the college mission.
- In the effective and fair use of all college resources.
- In preparing students to work effectively in an increasingly technological society.

Purpose

As it fulfills its mission, the college is committed to responding to the cultural diversity of Broward County as the area expands. In support of its open-door policy, the college provides a variety of delivery systems and instructional modes to enable student to prepare for the future in accordance with their own individual abilities, needs, and interests. The college is also committed to providing special academic support services to the disabled. In its role as an institution of higher education and in its efforts to be a premiere teaching institution, Broward Community College is dedicated to fulfilling the following major functions:

1. To serve as an entry-point for Baccalaureate degree programs by providing the first two years of a four-year curriculum through a program of general education that includes communications, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, science, mathematics, wellness, computer competency, and international/intercultural awareness.
2. To prepare individuals for employment through a variety of specific programs in the general areas of business, management, and office systems; the health sciences; the engineering, construction, and mechanical technologies; computer technology; human and public services; natural and environmental resources; and aviation.



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3. To provide economic development and continuing education that meets the needs of business, industry, the professions, and government. To enhance workforce development opportunities for individuals seeking to upgrade their skills to maintain employment, advance within their current field, change careers, or enrich their lives through lifelong learning programs.
4. To provide college-preparatory instruction for those students who need to enhance their basic academic skills prior to attempting college-level work, and to guide students whose first language is not English to the mastery of communication skills.
5. To serve as a cultural center for Broward County by providing a wide variety of quality visual and performing arts programs and activities which educate, entertain, enrich lives, and elevate the human spirit.
6. To provide international and intercultural educational experiences to help students develop perspectives that will enable them to function effectively in a multicultural environment and in an interdependent world. To pursue linkages with educational institutions and agencies in other countries in order to provide for an academic interchange and promote the improvement of higher education on a global scale.
7. To provide current students a full range of student development and academic support services which are proactively available both on the college campuses and in the Broward County community. To provide the opportunity for students to contribute to the well-being of others through student service learning programs that are part of their higher education experience.
8. To engage in programs and activities that will expand the opportunity for higher education to prospective students throughout the entire Broward County community. Such programs may be offered in conjunction with the School Board of Broward County, the State University System, the city/county government, and various community agencies.