



Welcome to Estrella Mountain

*“Our service strategy,
‘Your Success is Our
Success,’ guides all our
daily interactions on
campus.*

*Whatever you come to
Estrella Mountain to
achieve, we know that the
successful completion
of your goals is the most
important measure of
success for our college.”*

*- Homero Lopez, Ph.D.
Estrella Mountain President*

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ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELPS YOU FIND YOUR OWN WAY TO SUCCESS

If you are just returning to school after a long absence or would just feel better if you had a little extra support – start this catalog with the Services and Resources section - page 11. You'll get a clear picture of how many people and programs are available to help you define and achieve your goals.



If you know you're headed for a four year degree – take a look at the Transfer Program offerings beginning on page 22. Then visit the Services and Resources section to access the student services specialist you'll need to help you design a successful program of study.

If you need to get a GED or improve your English, math or reading skills...check out all the offerings on pages 131, 136 and 143. These classes build a firm foundation of skills whether you choose to continue in college or enter the job market.



If you or your company are interested in Total Quality Management or customer service, or you know that more advanced computing or networking technology skills could give you that quality edge in your work environment...see the Training and Career Programs section on page 70, the computing offerings on pages 125 - 129 and the Networking Technology offerings on page 124.

If you've recently retired and finally have the leisure time to pursue some lifelong interests - take a look at the computing offerings on pages 125 - 129 or learn a new language, pages 133, 134, 143 and 144 or “get going” on keeping in shape, page 115.



If you're about to graduate from high school and are unsure of what lies ahead...see page 12. Getting more education can make the difference in your earning power for the rest of your life!

Bienvenidos a su colegio de la comunidad de Estrella Mountain. Estrella Mountain Community College es una institucion educativa que le ofrece varios y distintos programas de instruccion al nivel colegial. Para obtener asistencia en español, llame (623) 935-8002.



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MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

MISSION

The Maricopa Community Colleges create and continuously improve affordable, accessible, effective and safe learning environments for the lifelong educational needs of the diverse communities we serve.

Our colleges fulfill this mission through...

- University Transfer Education
- General Education
- Developmental Education
- Workforce Development
- Student Development Services
- Continuing Education
- Community Education

STRATEGIC GOALS

In order to carry out our Mission and achieve our Vision, the following are the Goals of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board.

- I. Enhance the creation of a student-centered learning environment which:
 - fosters personal development
 - provides essential skills and relevant knowledge students need to achieve success
 - serves as an innovative model for cultural diversity in a changing global environment
 - ensures access to technology
- II. Collaborate with our many communities to understand and satisfy their needs and expectations to provide quality educational services within available resources. Particular emphasis must be given to the growing at-risk and senior communities.
- III. Proactively identify and resolve issues associated with the roles, responsibilities and authorities of federal, state and local governmental entities, as well as accrediting agencies.
- IV. Increase our financial stability by seeking and obtaining new sources of revenue in order to remain a competitive provider of quality educational services.
- V. Promote a work environment which fosters cooperation and collaboration among our faculty and staff and enables them to better serve our communities.



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Chandler, AZ 85225

Estrella Mountain Community College
3000 North Dysart Road
Avondale, Arizona 85323-1000

GateWay Community College
108 N 40th St
Phoenix, Az 85034

Glendale Community College
6000 W Olive Ave
Glendale, AZ 85302

Mesa Community College
1833 W Southern Ave
Mesa, AZ 85202

Paradise Valley Community College
18401 N 32nd St
Phoenix, Az 85032

Phoenix College
1202 W Thomas Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85013

Rio Salado College
2323 W. 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Scottsdale Community College
9000 E Chaparral
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

South Mountain Community College
7050 South 24th St
Phoenix, AZ 85040

VISION

The Maricopa Community Colleges strive to exceed the changing expectations of our many communities for effective, innovative, student-centered, flexible and lifelong educational opportunities. Our faculty and staff are committed to respecting diversity, continuous quality improvement, and the efficient use of resources. We are a learning organization guided by our shared values.



As the 10th and newest member of the Maricopa Community College District, Estrella Mountain is grounded in a tradition of educational excellence. Estrella Mountain accesses a wealth of experience and resources through its association with the larger District which currently is the largest community college district in the nation. Contributing to the District mission, Estrella Mountain Community College is committed to upholding the District's quality tradition while continually developing new and relevant paths of success for all in the Estrella Mountain family.

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MISSION

Estrella Mountain Community College provides opportunities for our students to achieve success in educational and personal goals.

We are an institution of higher education serving the West Valley communities through:

- General Education
- Transfer Education
- Developmental Education
- Workforce Development
- Student Support Services
- Community Education

MISSION GOALS

General Education

Provide the knowledge and abilities that enable students to achieve academic and personal goals.

Transfer Education

Provide quality transfer courses and programs that enable students to achieve success at four-year institutions.

Developmental Education

Provide quality developmental courses and programs that prepare students for educational and personal success.

Workforce Development

Provide specialized quality training, courses and services that meet the needs of businesses and individuals.

Student Support Services

Provide quality services and resources that meet the needs of students and support learning.

Community Education

Provide a wide variety of opportunities that meet the needs of life-long learners.

CORE VALUES

Our Core Values represent important elements of life at Estrella Mountain. They serve as enduring guides for all employees in meeting the needs of many communities.

Collaboration and Teamwork

Work together toward common goals
Promote an ongoing exchange of ideas

Diversity

Recognize that perspectives are shaped by backgrounds and experiences
Promote positive attitudes toward each other

Integrity

Commit to the highest principles of academic and professional standards

Creative and Continuous Learning

Commit to the success of students and employees
Encourage innovation
Promote a caring and supportive environment

Respect and Fairness

Treat each other with respect
Act fairly and honestly with all

VISION

We will meet your needs and expand your aspirations through creative learning experiences.

Our environment emphasizes caring, teamwork, and flexibility.

In partnership with us, you will gain knowledge, abilities, and values essential to success in a highly complex and technological world.



We are committed to building better communities... one life at a time.



HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Estrella Mountain Community College is a nationally recognized leader within the Maricopa Community College District. A comprehensive institution of higher education, Estrella Mountain provides educational and workforce training opportunities for residents of western metropolitan Phoenix. Offering classes since 1990, the Avondale campus currently serves 7,300 students annually.



Since its inception, the college has been committed to developing a strong foundation of general education, forming close community and business partnerships, and providing a customer-driven approach to program development. This focus, along with unique strengths in strategic planning, campus design, public art and the integration of technology, have all contributed to Estrella Mountain's success.



EMCC offers quality instruction, personal attention and a wealth of support services that are designed to help students define and achieve their academic, career and personal goals. Outstanding faculty and staff who are committed to the college service strategy, "Your Success is Our Success," surround students.



Estrella Mountain is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, and provides students with a culturally rich learning environment. To date, the college has enriched the lives of thousands of students in both credit and noncredit learning environments, and continually addresses critical needs of the community it serves through a wide range of developmental programs. Cooperative partnerships with local high schools have resulted in programs like inspire.teach and Genesis West, which have increased educational opportunities for students and helped to provide a smooth transition to higher education.

The college has provided training to businesses, agencies and municipalities, and continues to play a major role in the economic development of the West Valley. Collaborative partnerships, such as those established through the college's Cisco Regional Networking Academy and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer program, have ensured that community members have access to the latest high-tech training.

In addition to offering Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), Associate in Business (ABus), Associate in Applied Science (AAS) and Associate in General Studies (AGS) degrees, Estrella Mountain offers Associate in Transfer Partnership Degrees, in cooperation with Arizona State University Main and ASU West, in the areas of Business, Elementary Education, Psychology and Social Work. The college also offers the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC), as well as certificates of completion in 13 occupational programs.

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FACILITIES

Estrella Mountain opened the doors of its Avondale campus in the fall of 1992. The campus, which is planned for five phases of development, has recently completed the first portion of its Phase II construction. These recent additions were made possible through citizen support of the 1994 Maricopa Community Colleges bond initiative. With these additions, the college's five buildings total 154,000 square feet.

The Estrella Mountain facilities are beautifully designed and enhance the student experience. The architecture has been recognized through the prestigious Arthur E. Mann Award of Excellence for Architecture. Also, the integration of public art on campus earned the college a first place Crescordia Award by the Valley Forward Association of Phoenix. Additionally, awards of recognition have been received for the college's integration of technology, as well as for its energy conserving cogeneration system.

Estrella Hall

Named for the Spanish word for star, Estrella Hall, at the center of campus, serves as the campus' communications hub. Included in the 54,500 square foot building are an integrated library and computing center with the capacity of more than 200 microcomputer stations, electronic classrooms, a learning enhancement center, community conference rooms, study rooms and administrative offices.

Montezuma Hall

Montezuma Hall is named for the tallest mountain in the Sierra Estrellas. The building provides enhanced educational opportunities for Estrella Mountain's rapidly growing student population, housing classrooms; science laboratories; faculty offices; a Math and Writing Center; and an innovative Center for Teaching and Learning, a totally adaptable multimedia environment.

Komatke Hall

Komatke is the Native American term for the Estrella Mountains. Komatke Hall houses registration, academic advising, counseling, financial aid, veteran services, placement and GED testing, the cashier, the career center, food services, and campus security offices. A recent remodel encompasses a one-stop enrollment model, increasing the efficiency and ease of accessing all student services. This system received the 2001 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center features new equipment and amenities, creating an ideal environment for getting in shape. Features include a free-weight training area,





the latest exercise equipment, a sprung-wood aerobics floor and outdoor exercise spaces. The center also features highly requested shower and locker room facilities, as well as high-tech additions like televisions, walkmans and computer stations.

SouthWest Skill Center

The SouthWest Skill Center is located immediately north of Estrella Mountain's Fitness Center. The SouthWest Skill Center provides occupational training to students throughout the West Valley and develops specialized training programs that address industry needs. The building houses training classrooms, computer labs, community resources for workforce development and the bookstore.

Physical Plant

Reflecting the college's concern with energy conservation and the environment, Estrella Mountain has a 290-kilowatt cogeneration system in place. This system saves approximately 30 percent in energy costs per year. Estrella Mountain received the 1993 International Association of Energy Engineers Energy Project of the Year Award for this cogeneration system, as well as for other energy conservation methods.

Planning for the second portion of Phase II expansion is currently underway, and construction is scheduled for completion in 2002. The expansion, located immediately west of Komatke Hall, will house the "One-Stop Service Center" and include space for a welcome counter, advisement/enrollment specialists, a self-directed center, registration, counseling, and financial aid services. Additional enhancements to Estrella Mountain's student life facilities will include an expanded food service facility, bookstore, student lounge, and the relocation of the campus security offices. Remodeling of the space in Komatke Hall vacated by the existing student service center will accommodate an administrative office complex, a production center, and division managers' offices. This construction completes Phase II of the campus, which was funded through the passage of the 1994 Maricopa Community College District bond initiative.

Estrella Mountain Community College is prepared to grow to serve 15,000 – 20,000 students and encompass 523,000 square feet. The pace of growth will be determined by service area need and community willingness to invest in additional phases of development for Estrella Mountain and other Maricopa Community Colleges. At least three additional construction phases will be required to bring Estrella Mountain to full build-out as a comprehensive community college facility, encompassing its entire 105-acre site.



At Estrella Mountain, you immediately access a wide range of services and resources designed with your success in mind. Taking advantage of these services and resources will help you define and reach your highest goals, will contribute to your academic success, and will enhance your life for many years to come.

Services and Resources

