

About Lamar Community College

Lamar Community College is located on the high plains of Southeastern Colorado, well known for its moderate weather and days of full sunshine. The College has developed a special concern for the educational needs of Prowers, Baca, Kiowa, and Cheyenne Counties, but includes within its vision and "community" the State of Colorado, the nation, and—through its variety of unique programs, dedicated staff, and picturesque setting—the world.

The College counts among its alumni successful businesspersons, ranchers and farmers, educators, professionals, entrepreneurs, and others who continue to expand their human potential. The College currently boasts among its graduates an Academy Award nominee and the Chancellor of a major university. The College's graduates are scattered throughout the world, and increasingly, its students add to the cultural diversity of the institution as they gather from the four corners of the globe.

The College embraces the philosophy of a comprehensive community college as it serves the educational needs of its students. LCC is dedicated to providing all students with quality educational opportunities and services which assist learners to develop the maximum potential and operate successfully in an ever-changing world. The College is an "open-door" institution, and it enrolls all students 16 years of age or older, regardless of previous academic experience, who can profit from the College's instructional efforts. The College offers complete academic transfer programs through its Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees. The College also offers vocational instruction, which leads to a variety of degrees and certificates.

To further its purposes and commitment, the College has developed the following Mission Statement:

MISSION

- We enrich lives through learning.

ROLE AND PURPOSES

Lamar Community College is a learner-centered, coeducational, comprehensive, two-year post-secondary institution of higher learning. As part of the Community Colleges of Colorado, Lamar Community College is committed to providing:

- Transfer programs that qualify students for admission to four-year colleges and universities;
- Educational offerings that meet the occupational needs of students in technical and vocational fields;
- Developmental education to build basic academic skills;
- Opportunities for perpetual learning and lifelong development;
- An environment that supports learners and learning; and
- A comprehensive program for the assessment of student learning focused on enhancing student success.

Accredited by
North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Approved by
Community Colleges of Colorado
Colorado Commission on Higher Education

Approved by
State Approving Agency for the Training of
Veterans and Eligible Persons

Member of
American Association of Community and Junior Colleges
American Technical Education Association
National Junior College Athletic Association
National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association

Established in 1937

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Lamar Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its educational programs or activities. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 may be referred to the Affirmative Action Director, Lamar Community College, 2401 S. Main, Lamar, CO 81052, 719-336-2248 or the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 1961 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado 80294.

The history of Lamar Community College

Established in 1937 to give the impoverished residents of the western edge of the "Dust Bowl" new hope in the midst of the Great Depression, Lamar Community College began its service to its communities as the Junior College of Southeastern Colorado. The College is a testimony to the perseverance of the organizations and individuals that created it. Supported by tuition, fees, and donations from merchants and civic organizations, the College was essentially a private institution. Its first campus was a structure originally built by the Works Public Administration (WPA) as a hospital for tuberculosis patients. The original building still stands on the southwest corner at Eighth Street and Walnut.

In 1946, voters formed a local district, supported by tax dollars and guaranteeing open enrollment, the College became Lamar Junior College. As enrollment and program offerings steadily increased after World War II, the campus expanded to nearby buildings and houses.

The 1960s ushered in a decade of changes as the College relocated to its present location, changed its name to Lamar Community College, and joined the Community Colleges of Colorado, formerly known as Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System. Todd-Birch Residence Hall and the Bowman, Trustees, and Betz Buildings were all built in the period between 1966 and 1971. LCC's indoor arena was constructed in 1975.

Lamar Community College entered another period of construction in 1999, with the renovation and renaming of the Betz Building to the Betz Technology Center. In this same time period, LCC built the new Wellness Center. Housing athletic programs and physical education department, it benefits the students and the community at large.

Through its rich history, Lamar Community College has continued to provide a unique educational experience to students. The small, friendly campus atmosphere helps students from Lamar to Taiwan feel welcomed and valued. Many area students who seek skills and knowledge to enter the workforce or to transfer to universities find LCC as their best option for higher education. LCC also attracts students from outside the service area who appreciate smaller classes and the personalized attention they receive from staff and faculty. Many come to study in one of the signature programs or continue their athletic careers. In the fall of 2000, LCC expanded its offerings to provide limited bachelors degrees through the Rural Education Access Program (REAP). This partnership with Adams State College (Alamosa, Colorado) allows students who choose to remain in the Lamar area an affordable opportunity to complete their studies.

Born from the tenacious spirit of pioneer founders and empowered by the alliance with the Community Colleges of Colorado, Lamar Community College stands ready to serve its students in the twenty-second century.