

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Fact Sheet

2024-2025

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1964
Founded



31,107
Students enrolled
2024/2025



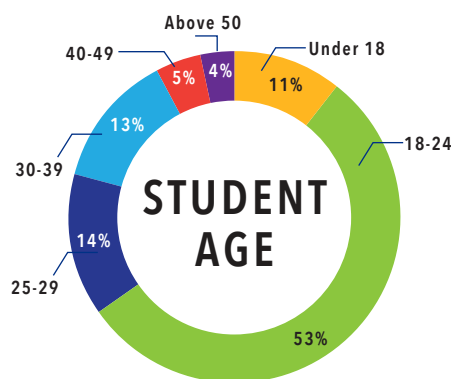
1,932
Academic Degrees &
Certificates Awarded



31%
First Generation
College Students

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive college committed to equity and excellence. We honor our diverse community of students, faculty, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, access, and innovation in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future.

Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa serves over 31,000 students per year, 10% of whom are full-time. Mesa offers nearly 200 associate degree and certificate programs and was one of the first California community colleges to offer a bachelors degree. Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution, is a proud Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI), a student-parent, and a Silver Status Military Friendly School, serving over 4,700 military, veterans and their families.



ETHNICITY

Latinx 40% • White 29%
Asian/PI 12% • Other/Multi 8%
Black/African American 7% • Filipino 2%
Unreported 1% • Native American 1%



4,701
MILITARY

Active Military, Veteran
Spouse/Dependent

MISSION

San Diego Mesa College is a comprehensive community college committed to access, success, and equity. We honor those commitments as a diverse community of faculty, students, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, innovation, and excellence in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future.

VISION

To be the leading college of equity and excellence, educating students to shape the future.

VALUES

- Access
- Accountability
- Diversity
- Equity
- Excellence
- Freedom of Expression
- Integrity
- Respect
- Scholarship
- Sustainability

MESA 2030 GOALS

- Completion
- Community
- Pathways & Partnerships
- Stewardship
- Scholarship

TOP 5 MAJORS



Business
Administration



Psychology



Biology



Transfer Studies



Computer Info.
Science



\$46
Cost per Unit,
CA Resident



2,038 San Diego
Promise Participants



\$34,285,244
Financial Aid
Distribution
As of 8/25/2025



16,277
Students received
Financial Aid

HONORING OUR GRADUATES



STUDENT CENTERS

To support its diverse student population, the College offers a variety of learning and support centers, including the AVANZA Engagement Center, Dreamer Resource Center, Family Resource Center, FAST/Foster Youth Center, High Tech Center, Honors Center, Kapwa Umoja Puente (KUP) Center, Pride Center, STEM Center, Veterans Center, and The Stand: The Dr. Pamela T. Luster Resource Center, which provides food and clothing assistance.

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The Leading College of Equity and Excellence

DISTINCTIONS

- Mesa College ranks among San Diego's top transfer institutions. Over the past five years, Mesa's transfer rate has consistently exceeded the statewide average by 5.1 percentage points. Nearly half of first-time students in the most recent five-year cohort transferred to a four-year postsecondary institution within six years (Source: CCCC DataMart).
- Mesa College was the first community college in California to offer a bachelor's degree program in Health Information Management (HIM). Mesa made history by awarding the first set of bachelor's degrees in Spring 2018. Since 2018, 178 students have graduated from the Program.
- Mesa College is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) a Silver Status Military Friendly College and multiple times as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution.
- Mesa College is a recipient of the national Family U Seal for the 2023-2026 period. The Family U Seal is a national certification granted by Generation Hope to higher education institutions that demonstrate exemplary, measurable efforts in supporting parenting students.
- Mesa College has earned national recognition as one of the top two-year college athletic programs. Presented by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA), the Ron Case Cup honors excellence in championship competition.
- Mesa College has been recognized in the 2025 Carnegie Classifications as a 'Mixed Associate Large' institution, an honor held by only 2% of U.S. colleges and universities. Mesa also earned a 'Higher Access, Medium Earnings' designation, affirming our commitment to equity and access while highlighting opportunities to strengthen post-college outcomes.
- Mesa College ranks #3 statewide in a recent ROI analysis conducted by the College Futures Foundation and the HEA Group. The study evaluated 327 colleges and 1.2 million learners, measuring how quickly students recoup educational costs through a Price-to-Earnings Premium (PEP) metric.

ABOUT THE SDCCD

As one of the largest of California's 73 community college districts, the San Diego Community College District serves approximately 100,000 students annually through three two-year colleges and the San Diego College of Continuing Education. San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, and San Diego Miramar College, offer associate degrees and certificates in occupational programs that prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and entry-level jobs. Mesa College also offers a bachelor's degree in Health Information Management. The San Diego College of Continuing Education offers noncredit adult education at seven campuses throughout San Diego.

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