

About the College

History

Cerro Coso Community College was established in 1973 as a separate college within the Kern Community College District. Cerro Coso Community College has five instructional sites (Ridgecrest/Indian Wells Valley, Eastern Sierra Centers in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, Kern River Valley, and East Kern), which together form the largest geographical service area (18,000+ square miles) of any community college in California and which serve a population of approximately 85,000. A leader in online education, Cerro Coso Community

College has been offering online courses since 1997 and offers 13 Associate degrees entirely online and as many as 160+ courses online each year, with approximately 180 sections per semester. Cerro Coso Community College is a member college of the Kern Community College District and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and approved by the University of California and the State Department of Education.

Values

The Values at Cerro Coso Community College provide the foundation for all student, academic, and community activities.

Educate

- We are committed to student's learning and achievement,

Innovate

- We encourage individual and collective creativity in a rapidly changing world;
- We implement best practices that facilitate and encourage innovation and success;

Vision

Cerro Coso Community College will be recognized as a leader in higher education, a source of programs and services for tomorrow's workforce, a model for student

Inspire

- We model a culture of life-long learning;

Serve

- We celebrate the diversity of each individual: student, staff, and faculty;
- We strive to deliver equitable services to all students at all sites; and
- We foster community partnerships and the relationships we build with them.

learning, and a partner with its diverse clientele and communities.

Mission

The mission of Cerro Coso Community College is to provide tailored programs and equitable services to the students in the communities and rural areas we serve. We demonstrate a conscious effort to produce and support student success and achievement through traditional and distance delivery. To accomplish this mission we will provide:

- degrees and certificates in transfer and career technical education,
- remedial instruction,

- comprehensive support services,
- learning opportunities that develop ethical and effective citizenry, and
- continuing education that is compatible with the institutions primary mission.