

**Mission Statement:** Cerritos College values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals. In doing so, the college develops in students the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive participants in the global community.



**Jose L. Fierro**  
D.V.M. Ph.D.  
President/  
Superintendent

<b>Founded</b> .....	1955
<b>Degrees &amp; Programs</b> .....	200+
<b>Mascot</b> .....	Falcon
<b>School Colors</b> .....	Blue and white
<b>Enrollment</b> .....	Spring 2023 20,498 (credit)
<b>Campus Size</b> .....	135 acres
<b>Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded</b> .....	Year 2021-2022 5,187

**Accreditation**

- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- American Dental Association (Dental Hygiene Program)
- National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc. (Nursing Program)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (Pharmacy Technician Training Program)
- American Physical Therapy Association (Physical Therapist Assistant Program)
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (Automotive Mechanical Repair Programs)

**Employees**

631 full-time employees (254 faculty)  
2,654 part-time employees (970 faculty)

**Board of Trustees**

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**Distinguished People**

- Dustin Kirk** — women’s wrestling head coach, named CCCAA Coach of the Year
- Chris Richardson** — track and field and cross country head coach, received the 2022 Joe Vigil Sports Science Award from the United States Track & Field
- Benny Artiaga** — men’s soccer coach, was named the Southern California Coach of the Year
- Christina Fernández** — photography professor, her three photo exhibitions were featured by KCET
- Marisa Perez** — trustee, served as the 2022-23 California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board President
- Dr. Jose Fierro** — served as president of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Board

**Special Recognitions**

**Falcon’s Nest** — A centralized network of resources that support **meeting students’ basic needs** including food, clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources, among other services. Its offerings include **The Village**, California’s first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness, and **Franco’s Market**, a free campus food pantry with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables.

**GoPass** — Cerritos College launched its new Metro GoPass program for all students through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Fareless System Initiative Community College pilot program. The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) sponsored funding to subsidize the cost to provide students with transit passes at a steep discount of more than 90%.

**Cerritos Complete** — Cerritos Complete is the College’s official California Promise Program that provides high school seniors from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount Unified School Districts, and Field of Dreams Charter School two years of college – free.

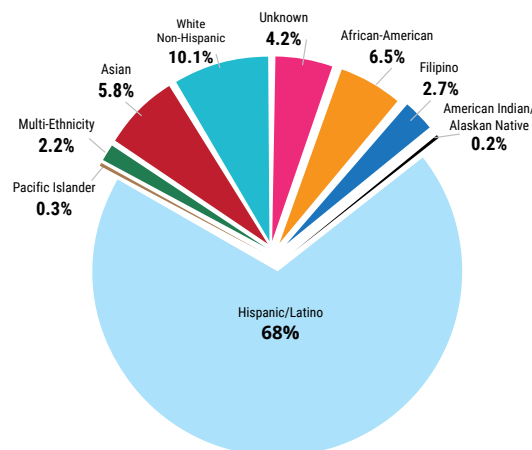
The program also provides student support services including one-on-one counseling, early enrollment, and financial aid to help students succeed. Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level), and was selected as a finalist for the 2018 Bellwether Award. Since its inception in 2015, the program has served over 2,500 students.

**Strong Workforce Stars** — Twenty-six of Cerritos College’s career technical education programs earned recognition as California Community Colleges’ Strong Workforce Stars in 2019. Gold Stars are Dental Hygiene and Registered Nursing. Silver Stars include Engineering Technology, New Product Development, Machine Tool Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Assisting, and Infant/Toddler Teacher. Bronze Stars are Welding Technology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision Repair, Accounting, Business Management, Cosmetology, Children with Special Needs, Architecture and Architectural Technology, Drafting Technology, International Business and Trade, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Office Technology-Office Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Computer Networking, Administration of Justice, Retail Store Operations and Management, Culinary Arts, and Human Services.

**Green Cerritos Campus Sustainability Initiatives**

The District is creating a campus environment that fosters sustainability through conscious decision-making strategies. The College received Green Technology Magazine’s Green Community College Leadership Award for reducing its water consumption by using reclaimed water for landscape irrigation. The California Community Colleges/Investor Owned Utilities (CCC/IOU) partnership selected the College for a pilot study to develop a Campus Energy Master Plan. The College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for its Science Building retro-commissioning project that is saving the campus \$25,000 in energy cost annually.

**Student Ethnicity (Spring 2023)**



In addition, the college is home to more than 300 international students representing 35 countries.



*Cerritos College was approved to offer a Bachelor of Science program in Dental Hygiene*



*Falcon women's wrestling team wins inaugural CCCAA State Championship*

## Highlights

- Recognized as a 2023 Equity Champion for excelling in equitable course placement in Black English enrollment
- Ranked 11th among the nation's best community colleges in 2022 (College Consensus)
- Culinary Arts ranked sixth among the 2022 best culinary arts colleges in the U.S. (Universities.com)
- Pharmacy Technology ranked second among the best pharmacy technician schools in California (Pharmacy Technician Guide)
- Cosmetology ranked second among the 2022 best cosmetology schools in California (Best-Universities.net)
- First California community college to adopt a student-led Break Free From Plastic resolution
- Named the best value accounting associate degree school in California (Business Degree Central)
- Ranked fifth among the top 50 community colleges with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States in 2023
- Honored as a 2021 Equity Champion for awarding transfer degrees to Latinx students by The Campaign for College Opportunity
- Cerritos College's official California Promise Program Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level)

## District Communities

The District includes the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate

## MEMBER OF 10 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate

## Grants Awarded

- The Nursing Program received a \$480,000 Song-Brown Program Registered Nursing Education Program Award
- Received a \$1 million gift commitment to establish the first community college endowed Jain scholar
- Advanced Transportation and Logistics Center (ATL) received a \$1.5 million Clean Transportation Grant from the California Energy Commission to prepare a skilled clean energy workforce
- Teacher TRAC, in partnership with the Columbia Memorial Space Center, received \$274,583 in grants from the National Science Foundation for its new BE-STELLAR program to prepare underserved college students to become STEM educators in spring 2020
- Alumnus late John B. Smith, Jr. gave \$2.3 million estate gift for **woodworking scholarships**
- Teacher TRAC received more than \$1 million in gifts to **prepare future educators**
- Received \$1.6 million in local grant share to **implement the Strong Workforce Program for CTE programs** (Chancellor's Office)
- Received \$500,000 NASA Grant to **increase student and faculty engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs**

## Serving the Students from

- ABC Unified School District
- Bellflower Unified School District
- Downey Unified School District
- Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District
- and students from throughout Southern California

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