

**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 2024 22,146 (20,325 credit and 1,821 noncredit)
<b>Campus Size</b> .....	135 acres
<b>Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded</b> .....	Year 2023-2024 8,157

**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**

659 full-time employees (274 faculty)  
1,887 part-time employees (808 faculty)

**Board of Trustees**

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**Distinguished People**

- Dr. Francie Quaes-Berryman** — English professor, was among the 10 winners nationwide of the 2023 Social Learning Innovator Awards
- 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

**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. The Falcon’s Nest was selected as a national finalist for the 2024 Bellwether Awards.

**Bachelor’s Degree in Dental Hygiene** — Coming in the fall of 2025, the new bachelor’s degree program in dental hygiene will allow students to earn a four-year degree for less than \$11,000 – a fraction of the tuition at a four-year university, helping students obtain an advanced degree with little to no college debt and increasing the communities’ social and upwards mobility.

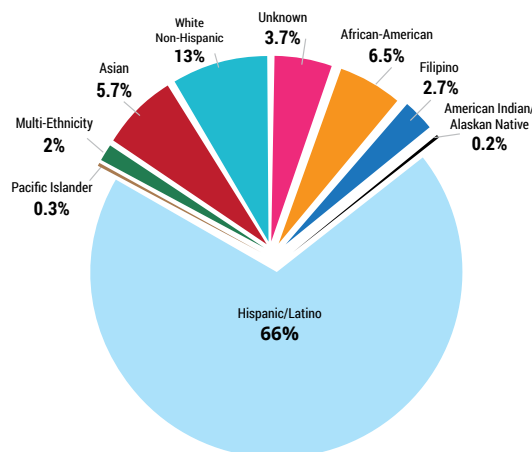
**Cerritos Complete** — Cerritos Complete is the College’s official California Promise Program that provides high school seniors from the college’s partner districts and schools two years of college – free. The program also

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 2024)**



In addition, the college is home to more than 72 international students representing 19 countries.



Congresswoman Linda Sánchez presented \$1 million to expand the Child Development Center



Cerritos College students win the Future Game-Changer Award at NASA's 2024 Gateways to Blue Skies Competition

## Highlights

- Earned prestigious Seal of *Excelencia* certification for excelling in Latino student success
- Honored twice as a finalist for the 2024 Examples of *Excelencia* award for NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars and The Village
- The Falcon's Nest was named a national finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award
- Ranked 19th with the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students in the United States in 2023
- 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)

## 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

## Serving Students from

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

## MEMBER OF 10 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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

## Grants Awarded

- The college received a five-year, \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education through its Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions program to implement the new Mentoring, Access, Data, and Equity (MADE) project
- Cerritos College received a \$900,000 Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeship Grant from the State of California Department of Industrial Relations to expand outreach to women for field ironworker apprenticeship program enrollment and help cover the cost of childcare for eligible participants
- The Cerritos College Economic Development Center for Corporate Training received a \$500,000 grant from the California Employment Training Panel to provide employee training to assist local and regional employers
- The Nursing Program received a \$480,000 Song-Brown Program Registered Nursing Education Program Award
- The college 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 a \$2.3 million estate gift for woodworking scholarships
- Teacher TRAC received more than \$1 million in gifts to prepare future educators
- The college received \$1.6 million in local grant shares to implement the Strong Workforce Program for career technical education (CTE) (Chancellor's Office)
- The college received a \$500,000 NASA Grant to increase student and faculty engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs

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