

Mesa Community College Online Offerings Garner National Acclaim

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MESA, Arizona — February, 4, 2016 — Mesa Community College (MCC) has been named one of the top online colleges in Arizona by Accredited Schools Online, a resource for students looking for online college and university programs.

MCC was ranked first in Arizona among two-year colleges. Two other Maricopa Community College schools also made the top five: Phoenix College and Rio Salado College. MCC's first placement did not happen by chance. For several years, faculty and staff at the College have worked diligently to realign online curricula and student support services in accordance with the national Quality Matters standards for course redesign.

ASO uses a variety of criteria for this ranking, including the number of programs and subject areas, student-to-faculty ratio, academic and career counseling services, placement services, tuition, peer-based value, and financial aid percentages.

"Arizona is considered leaps and bounds ahead of many other states in distance learning," ASO said on its website announcing the rankings. "Distance learning in Arizona has some distinct advantages, including the flexibility to study anywhere as well as taking courses at a university but living across the state from the nearest campus. Arizona has rural corners without access to a college or university campus, and many of the state's colleges and universities offer online degrees to meet the needs of any student."

Please visit mesacc.edu/elearning to learn more about the MCC's online course offerings, and the three types of online learning options it provides.

More information on ASO and its rankings is available at <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/arizona/>.

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for its service-learning, civic engagement and innovative educational programs, which include university transfer, career and technical, workforce development, and life-long learning. Host to 40,000 students annually, MCC offers more than 195 degrees and certificate programs at its two campuses and additional locations. MCC's student body hails predominantly from the East Valley of Phoenix and includes Veteran, American Indian and International students who enrich the learning experience. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success providing the education and training that empowers MCC students to compete locally and globally. MCC is one of 10 colleges that comprise the Maricopa County Community College District. The District also includes the Maricopa Corporate College and two skill centers. For additional information, visit mesacc.edu.

Mesa Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
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