

Mesa Community College continues to expand degree programs

Debra Gelbart, for Mesa Chamber of Commerce Published 6:53 a.m. MT Jan. 31, 2017 | Updated 7:00 a.m. MT Jan. 31, 2017



(Photo: Mesa Community College)

Mesa Community College (<https://www.mesacc.edu/>) operates two campuses within the city of Mesa—the Southern and Dobson Campus in central Mesa and the Red Mountain Campus in east Mesa. Students can choose from a wide range of program options suited to their learning needs: prepare to transfer to a university, start a career, upgrade skills needed for the workplace or pursue personal interests. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, MCC also offers online degrees and certificates.

In 2015 – 2016, MCC's total degrees and certificates awarded increased by 4 percent over the previous year and by 16 percent over the last five years.

The college, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, enrolls nearly 30,000 students annually, including more than 550 international students from 150 countries—more than any other Arizona community college. And even with all of these students, the average class size is 22.

Plenty of accolades

Mesa Community College has been named one of the nation's top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C. and has received the Carnegie Foundation for Community Engagement award for dedication to community outreach. MCC has been named a Best 2-Year College for Adult Learners by *Washington Monthly* magazine.

MCC is known for integrity of the student classroom experience. Over the past 15 years, MCC has developed a comprehensive system to assess student learning. This system of assessment focuses on a set of common student learning outcomes. The assessment results are used to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement in order to develop strategies that enhance student learning. According to the MCC Office of Institutional Effectiveness, 98 percent of MCC graduates in the 2015-16 academic year said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of instruction at MCC.

MCC's Omicron Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the world's largest and most prestigious honor society for two-year college students, has earned 11 International and 14 Regional Awards. In addition, four MCC students were selected as National Community College Aerospace Scholars in 2016 and MCC's Theatre & Film Arts and Music Department students earned recognition at the Regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

A giving community

More than 17,000 Mesa Community College students have provided more than 530,000 community service hours since 2002.

MCC offers a total collegiate experience that enhances academic programs and promotes student development. Curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular programs include a vibrant honors program, service-learning opportunities, student clubs and organizations, international activities (including study abroad), fine and performing arts, speakers and forums and a full array of intercollegiate athletics. In fact, MCC Athletics offers 16 intercollegiate sports with more than 339 student athlete participants.

Members of the editorial and news staff of the USA TODAY Network were not involved in the creation of this content.

Read or Share this story: <http://azc.cc/2jQVjXS>

MORE STORIES FROM MESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (/TOPIC/3D32242D-8534-4CC2-96F2-1AFAF2BF04FF/)



[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-world-class/97707046/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-world-class/97707046/)

This is Mesa: World-class

[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-world-class/97707046/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-world-class/97707046/)

Sponsor story



[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-get-up-get-connected/97706550/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-get-up-get-connected/97706550/)

Story from advertiser: Mesa Chamber of Commerce

[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-get-up-get-connected/97706550/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/09/mesa-chamber-get-up-get-connected/97706550/)

Sponsor story



[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-city-of-mesa-recycling/97456672/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-city-of-mesa-recycling/97456672/)

Ready to recycle [\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-city-of-mesa-recycling/97456672/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-city-of-mesa-recycling/97456672/)

Sponsor story



[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-evit/97456230/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-evit/97456230/)

EVIT prepares students for the future

[\(/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-evit/97456230/\)](/story/sponsor-story/mesa-chamber-of-commerce/2017/02/03/mesa-chamber-evit/97456230/)

Sponsor story



 The Maricopa Community Colleges
are EEC/AA Institutions.