

- SLCC fosters academic excellence by employing exceptional and caring faculty to educate our students.
 - Many of our faculty members have been educated or have taught at top schools, including Harvard, Princeton, Pepperdine, Northwestern, Columbia and Cornell.
 - Many faculty members are involved in research in a variety of fields including ecology, mathematics, geology and occupational therapy, and many are regularly published.
 - Our faculty are constantly looking for ways to improve the student experience.

Examples include:

 - Developing real-life settings for students to gain hands-on experience in their fields. These include our occupational and physical therapy clinic, dental hygiene clinic, culinary kitchen, etc. Students also get the opportunity to engage in field work through internships, competitions, study abroad programs, etc. Examples include our involvement with SkillsUSA, student-led shows and competitions, our Washington D.C. Internship program, construction and building projects with Habitat for Humanity, etc.
 - Faculty work to ensure on-campus laboratories feature state-of-the-art equipment for student use. Our instructors are also committed to continued learning and training to ensure they are on the cutting edge of their respective fields.
 - Our faculty members also explore new approaches to promote student success. For example, our Math Department noticed that the grades students received on their first test in any given class set the tone for the rest of the semester. In response, the department developed a new program where students who struggled on their first math test were provided with extra assistance in order to increase their chances of successfully completing the class.
 - Faculty have also led the way in developing curriculum that uses free Open Educational Resources to keep textbook costs low for students. SLCC instructors are also writing open texts that are used by other institutions.
 - As of fall 2019, more than 1900 class sections use Open Educational Resources, and to date, students at SLCC have saved \$11,000,000 in textbook costs.
 - SLCC Faculty are also committed to developing tutoring services for students, including the STEM Learning Resources Center, the Student Writing Resources Center, and workshops in a variety of subjects.
 - Service learning is another program that is embraced by many of our faculty members. SLCC currently has 75 service learning class sections. Service learning integrates community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience and teach civic responsibility.
 - SLCC also seeks endowed faculty, which provides us with talented instructors known for pursuing big ideas and innovative teaching methods. It also helps attract diverse faculty who can serve as mentors and direct initiatives that are important to SLCC's mission.
 - Having stellar faculty members ensures our students are well-prepared to transfer to a four-year college or enter the workforce and begin making significant contributions to

Utah's economy. We particularly focus on training students in high-demand fields (welding, diesel technology, health care, etc.) that help the state fulfill its workforce needs as well as provide good-paying jobs for our graduates.

- SLCC operates state-of-the-art learning facilities for its students so they can be prepared for the rigors of the modern workforce.
 - Examples of our excellent learning facilities include:
 - Center for Arts and Media, which features a television production studio, a film stage, a recording studio and an on-campus radio station.
 - Healing Arts Lab, where students perform assessments and interventions on lifelike mannequins that provide immediate and realistic feedback for the student.
 - Culinary Institute, which is a free-standing facility with modern commercial kitchens, multiple classrooms, a computer lab, a demonstration kitchen and a dining room. Here, students receive classroom education and on-the-job training in the hospitality industry.
 - Miller Business Center, where local entrepreneurs can connect with the college for education and assistance to grow their businesses. The facility features a business incubation center, a conference facility, workspace and a Veteran's Business Center.
 - Westpointe Workforce Training & Education Center is our newest learning facility and provides leading-edge training spaces for students who are preparing for careers in the diesel, welding, composites, commercial driving and machining industries.
- SLCC is proud of its small class size – the average class features 20 students, and this affords instructors with the opportunity to know each of their students and provide an individualized learning experience. Students have better access to instructors, better grades and a better overall experience.
- According to the National Center for Education Statistics, SLCC has been a top 10 producer of graduates with associate's degrees since 2004.
- Over the years, the college has won several awards recognizing our commitment to education and to our students. These include being designated as one of the country's Best School for Vets by the *Military Times* as well as *Washington Monthly* naming SLCC one of the "Twelve Most Innovative College for Adult Learners."
- Many faculty and departments have also earned accolades, including the Math Department winning the Digital Learning Innovation Award from the Online Digital Consortium for its work in using Open Education Resources, and our Continuing Education Department's Energy Institute was named an Energy Champion by the non-profit group Utah Clean Energy.
- SLCC also offers a unique Honors Program that is open to all students pursuing an associate's degree and is especially focused on providing opportunities to underserved populations or to those with untapped potential for success.
 - Students in the SLCC Honors Program are expected to explore their individual strengths by being engaged in scholarly presentations and research, experiential learning activities, civic engagement and mentorship experiences.
 - SLCC also partners with other universities to guarantee admission and scholarships for Honors graduates.

- Our athletic teams have seen much success over the years. Many teams have played in regional and national championship games, and some student athletes have found success in the professional sports world.
- SLCC's commitment to excellence is manifest by the success of our students. Some examples include:
 - [Student Thriving with Help from Math Success Center](#)
 - [Volleyball Team Also Excels in Classroom](#)
 - [Student Named Newman Civic Fellow Finds Passion in Helping Others](#)
 - [SLCC Student's First Step on Path to Oxford](#)
 - [Alumna's Academic Success Rooted in Parents' Sacrifice, Hard Work](#)
 - [Professor, Student Win Awards for Graphic Design](#)
 - [Student Athletes Make NJCAA All-Academic List](#)
 - [A Chef's Path to Passion](#)
 - [Students Take Part in "Super Bowl" of Visual Display](#)