SLCC Accountability Messaging



- SLCC is dedicated to providing everyone with access to higher education, and we actively pursue avenues that increase student enrollment.
 - With the college-going rate in steady decline over the past several years, it is essential
 we work to reverse this trend because Utah needs a well-educated and skilled
 workforce to maintain our region's economic vibrancy.
 - To encourage college attendance, with our K-12 partners we are developing the P-20 pipeline. Our P-20 Alliance is designed to promote college-going intentionality throughout a student's pre-high school and high school years.
 - SLCC's P-20 framework is divided into three areas: pre-disposition, search and choice.
 - Pre-disposition activities target those in grades 6-10 and are designed to encourage students to consider college as part of their future. Some of these programs include summer camps and workshops, after-school programs, and partnering with community programs such as Junior Achievement and the Beloved Community Project, where middle schoolers learn more about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Search activities are designed to reach out to students in grades 9-12 and include distributing general career and program information, offering college preparation classes, placement tests, speaking with guidance counselors, completing financial aid forms and completing college applications.
 - Choice activities are aimed at students in the 11th and 12th grades and are designed to increase the likelihood of students attending SLCC. Activities are designed to help students weigh factors such as availability of financial aid, proximity to home, range of courses and programs, and social opportunities.
 - We offer a College Academic Readiness Course to help prepare students for placement into our School of Applied Technology certificate programs. The course features individualized, self-paced instruction in reading, mathematics, keyboarding and/or 10key to prepare students for introductory courses. The instructor will evaluate the student's current abilities and create a personalized learning plan to target skill areas which need improvement, and ongoing assessment is incorporated to ensure students succeed in their academic programs.
 - SLCC is proud to offer its Partnerships for Accessing College Education (PACE) scholarship program to Utah's high school students. PACE helps students prepare for college through advising, academic support and job shadowing. Students who complete the program can receive a two-year scholarship to SLCC.
 - Operating multiple campuses helps encourage college enrollment by making it easier for students to attend classes due to geographic access.
 - We currently offer 12 locations throughout Salt Lake County (Taylorsville Redwood, South City, Miller, Jordan, West Valley, Meadowbrook, Library Square, Salt Lake Airport, Herriman, Westpointe, the Community Writing Center, Utah State Prison).
 - While we currently have a small center in Herriman, we are partnering with the University of Utah to one day build a full campus in that community. The

- campus will allow a student to earn an associate's degree from SLCC and then continue on to earn a bachelor's degree from the U all at one location.
- The ultimate goal of a full Herriman campus is to be able to improve access to higher education in fast-growing southwest Salt Lake County.
- Increasing student completion is a top goal for SLCC. We are aiming for a 40% six-year completion rate.
 - We are in the midst of multi-year effort to implement a new transformational student experience called Pathways.
 - Pathways is designed to improve students' intentionality and graduation rates.
 It also serves to encourage students to make decisions about their academic path early in their college experience to encourage timely completion.
 - We have placed our 120 programs into 8 areas of study, and all of the programs listed in those eight areas are guided by a common framework for curriculum, instruction, advising, assessment and learning climate.
 - Pathways is really about guiding students to select an area of study and then providing them with an integrated and deliberately designed academic experience that will improve learning and encourage program completion in a timely manner.
 - To ensure success in implementing Pathways, we have adopted a more active advising model that requires each student to meet with an advisor at key points along their academic journey to ensure they are on track to complete their program.
 - Through Pathways we also now provide each student with a program map that guides them to make better decisions about coursework and minimizes the impact if a student decides on a different pathway at a later time.
- More than 70% of our students intend to transfer to four-year institutions to continue their studies once they've completed their time at SLCC. As such, we are focused on improving our articulation agreements with all of Utah's institutions in order to ensure transfer students from SLCC are able to complete their undergraduate degrees in a timely manner.
 - Most of our students continue their studies at the University of Utah, so to make the transfer process easier, in 2017 we created and launched a transfer pathway program called Access U, which guarantees SLCC graduates admission to the U of U and a guaranteed scholarship of up to \$2,000 upon meeting certain qualifications.
 - The following schools accept our AS and AA degrees and the General Education
 Certificate of Completion: University of Utah, Weber State University, Utah Valley
 University, Utah State University, Westminster College, Dixie State University, Southern
 Utah University, Brigham Young University and Western Governors University.
 - All of Utah's four-year colleges and universities hold regular transfer day events on our campuses to help students understand the process. SLCC's academic advisors can also assist students with transfer requirements.
 - SLCC is also entering in to articulation agreements with Utah's technical colleges, which will enable UTech students to receive credit toward an associate's degree from SLCC.
- SLCC is committed to helping Utah fill its critical worker needs by offering robust workforce training programs.
 - At our Westpointe Campus, we train students in welding, machining, diesel technology, commercial driving and composites manufacturing.
 - Our School of Applied Technologies and Technical Specialties helps quickly educate and train students for direct entry into the workforce. Programs in this area include aviation,

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- automotive repair, construction trades and apprenticeship training, computer programming, commercial baking, electronics, health care assisting and public safety.
- Of particular note are SLCC's growing resources in the high-growth IT and technology sectors, helping tech companies navigate the rapidly changing, high-demand world of tech and offering a diverse range of affordable, flexible <u>tech</u> certificate and degree programs that prepare students with the credentials, job-ready skills and know-how to help leading tech-companies succeed.
 - A full list of SATTS programs can be found <u>here</u>.
- We also offer Workforce Training & Continuing Education, which is designed to help those in the workforce sharpen or learn key skills. Programs include: event & meeting planning, creative problem solving, notary training, business training, legal training, writing, solar sales and installation, pharmacy technician, medical device manufacturing, computer training and more.
 - A full list of SLCC's Workforce Training & Continuing Education programs can be found here.
- SLCC is focused on an important Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) initiative of improving students' mental health, which we also believe is key to student success.
 - When it comes to our students, we take an integrated healthcare approach through our three Centers for Health and Counseling locations.
 - Staff at our centers collaborate with each student as needed. Depression screenings occur at every medical appointment and PTSD screenings are conducted on all new counseling clients upon intake. If needed, lifestyle interventions are provided from qualified medical providers.
 - Recent increases to our mental health staff ensure that students experience reasonable wait times – generally no more than two weeks. Crisis services are a top priority and have no wait time.
 - To support the mental health of our students, we also make available a Student Mental Health Guide to our faculty and staff, workshop training for dealing with dangerous/disruptive students and on-campus mood screening events.
- One of our primary charges as an institution is to maintain safe and secure campus environments for students, staff, faculty and visitors.
 - The Utah State Department of Public Safety (DPS) provides services on the Taylorsville Redwood, Jordan, South City and Meadowbrook campuses. Safety and security services at other SLCC campuses and centers are provided by local community police departments.
 - Some services we offer on our campuses include parking lot safety escorts, locked car
 assistance, theft prevention programs, and emergency and safety training for students,
 faculty and staff. Safety-related resources and information are also easily accessible to
 staff and students in a centralized location on the SLCCSAFE website.
 - The college has a well-established emergency management department, which regularly trains members of our college community to effectively deal with natural disasters, hazards, and emergency situations such as fire, flood, active shooters, etc.
 - SLCC also supports and promotes the state's free SafeUT app.
 - SafeUT offers a confidential crisis chat option and a tip line for unsafe situations in Utah schools. The app is available 24/7.
 - Through the app, people in crisis can immediately talk with a therapist, and the app can be used to report on unsafe situations taking place at the school.
 Reports are routed immediately to administration/law enforcement.

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 Per the requirements of the federal Cleary Act, SLCC annually publishes a report on campus crime statistics and security efforts, and these reports can be accessed <u>here</u> or at SLCC.edu.

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