

Introduction and Academic Principles

A. CCCCDCore Values:

We have a passion for:

- Learning
- Service and Involvement
- Creativity and Innovation
- Academic Excellence
- Dignity and Respect
- Integrity

CCCCD Mission Statement:

Collin County Community College District is a student and community centered institution committed to developing skills, strengthening character, and challenging the intellect.

Academic Mission Statement:

We foster academically challenging, culturally rich, and technologically advanced learning environments to help students reach their academic, professional, and personal aspirations.

B. Curriculum Development

Curriculum is dynamic. It is the core of all activity at Collin County Community College District (CCCCD). CCCCDC is a student and community centered institution committed to developing skills, strengthening character, and challenging the intellect. We believe our instructional mission is to foster an academically challenging, culturally rich, and technologically advanced learning environment to help students reach their academic, professional, and personal aspirations. Our curriculum is reflective of this mission.

Curriculum development at CCCCDC is guided by the following principles:

- **Experiential Learning**
Students learn more, retain more, and enjoy learning more when they are actively engaged in the learning process. CCCCDC offers curriculum designed with an emphasis on experiential learning, or learning by doing. Discipline appropriate offerings such as learning communities, service learning, laboratories, cooperative work experiences and internships, combine theory with “real-world” applications.
- **Core Curriculum**
The core curriculum cultivates within students, a common core of knowledge in the liberal arts tradition, high-level cognitive skills, and an educational foundation that facilitates and encourages life-long learning.