

Preston Ridge Campus: Fitness Center consists of a gymnasium, a dance studio, a weight training room, a natatorium, an indoor archery/golf range, and locker room facilities.

Spring Creek Campus: Fitness Center consists of the main gymnasium with a rubber running track, a weight training room, a dance studio, four racquetball courts, locker room facilities, 12 lighted tennis courts, and use of the Oak Point Recreation Center Natatorium (M-F, 8am-4pm).

1.16 Honors Institute

The Honors Institute at CCCCD is designed to provide a challenging learning experience for students with advanced academic skills. In small classes (maximum 18 students) advanced and highly motivated students engage in discussion, research, and creative projects geared to their special abilities and commitment to learning. In an honors class of thoughtful and communicative participants, interaction among students is fundamental. Among other benefits to students are an honors course designation on the transcript and possible qualification for honors scholarships. Students may graduate with an honors degree if they take a total of four honors courses in two areas of study. Students must have a 3.5 GPA to be eligible for enrollment in honors courses. Inquiries should be directed to the Chair of the Honors Council at 972.881.5803 or the Academic Advising Center at 972.881.5778.

1.17 Learning Communities

Learning Communities, in collaboration with Service-Learning, received national recognition when these programs were jointly awarded the 2001 Bellwether Award. Recognized by the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) and the Pew Charitable Trust, CCCCD's Learning Communities program emphasizes education in a synergistic environment, where learning is reciprocal. The program forms a single course by blending two disciplines with a common theme or central question. Students are then taught by the professors representing the areas of study and meet in a block of time equivalent to that of both classes, participating in class discussions and group projects. The extended time spent together and participating in collaborative activities forms a community-like atmosphere among students.

This sense of community is the impetus that leads students to civic action. Students in Learning Communities exhibit commitment and interest in civic engagement, applying concepts in the world around them by completing projects that benefit the community.

1.18 LRC (Learning Resources Center)

ALC (Alternative Learning Center)/Computer Center

- Computer Assistance
- Course Lab Assignments
- Internet Access
- Science Place (SCC)
- Student Computer Access

Library

- Checkout Books, Videos, Software, Music CDs, DVDs, and Books on Tape
- Electronic Databases
- Inter-library Loan
- Internet Access
- Library Orientation and Instruction
- Print and Electronic Periodicals
- Photocopy Machine
- Reference Librarians
- Study Rooms

Media Services

- Audio/Visual Equipment
- Distance Learning
 - Instructional Cable Television
 - Internet Courses
 - Video Checkout Courses
- Media Technicians
- Student Media Workshops

1.19 Math Labs

The staff of the Math Labs assist CCCCD students enrolled in developmental math, college-level math, and courses in the natural sciences that have math-based assignments. The staff includes faculty, instructional associates, and student tutors. Students may use videos, graphing calculators, and computers to complete homework assignments. Hours for drop-in assistance vary and are posted at each campus.

1.20 Mentor Program

The Mentor Program matches students with a faculty or staff mentor. Applications are available from the Coordinator of Programs for New Students. Mentors and students meet twice a month over the course of a semester. This is a great networking opportunity for students. For