

EQUITY & STUDENT SUCCESS FOCUSED

Porterville College (PC) is a member of the Kern Community College District and located in the eastern part of California's Central Valley. PC is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution with the majority of students under 24 years of age. With students as the focus, PC provides educational experience that fosters intellectual curiosity and growth, lifelong learning, and prepares our students for personal and academic success.



Challenges

Students face challenges related to housing, transportation, child and family care, work schedules and more. These struggles affect student success therefore the need for services tying education with workforce resources is paramount. Connecting students to career pathways and jobs as well as coaching on financial planning can help students overcome their challenge related to economic barriers to success. The project aims to increase the level of success of our students by helping not only in academics but in holistic approach which incorporates addressing needs students or their families have outside of the classroom.

Porterville has a poverty rate of 30% that is well above the 12% National average.

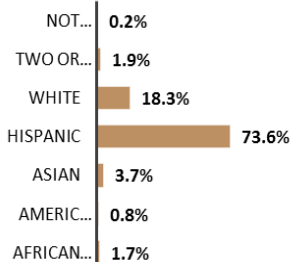
Fall 2015 Enrollment: 3,853
Students on Pell Grant: 48.7%

INITIATIVES



- Design and develop curriculum to embed career/life planning skills within the CTE certificate and degree courses.
- Increased awareness and campus participation in financial literacy, benefit access, and career development services.
- Enhance educational partnerships to expand linked learning and guided pathway programs.
- Establish community partnerships to provide on-campus services and campus referrals.

Ethnicity



POINTS OF PROGRESS AND SUCCESS

1. Embedded financial literacy into the online student orientation program and developed dual enrollment courses.
2. Partnered with local programs to provide book vouchers and cafeteria meal cards to 25% campus population.
3. Opened a student food pantry & community resource center.
4. Established a 2Gen approach to student success services with the campus child development center.

Age

