



2024-2029 Educational Master Plan

Communications Bulletin #2: Work Group Meeting Summaries (6/26 & 7/31)

August 7, 2023

College of the Desert is making great progress in developing its Educational Master Plan (EMP) for 2024-2029. The main areas of focus for the EMP are aligned with the current goals of the SMP. The areas of focus are:

- Achieving equitable student outcomes
- Enrollment recovery and growth
- Aligning career education programs with regional labor market needs
- Aligning District resources with a supportive learning and working environment and ensuring fiscal sustainability
- Strengthening a culture of equity, diversity, inclusion, anti-racism, and social justice

EMP Work Group Meetings

The 23-member EMP Work Group, which is helping guide the development of the EMP, is composed of student representatives and representatives from all employee groups. Below is a summary of the last two meetings of the EMP Work Group. As a reminder, you may find a listing of all work group members and review all previous meeting minutes, agendas, and handouts on our [portal site](#).

June 26, 2023

At the third meeting of the EMP Work Group, WestEd facilitators reviewed the goals from College of the Desert's 2017/22 EMP and asked Work Group members to review progress on the objectives outlined for each of the six goals. Next, WestEd facilitators offered a brief overview of the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and its implications for the College's five-year plan. EMP Work Group members then reviewed the [College of the Desert's SCFF data](#) and discussed the implications for fiscal sustainability. Finally, WestEd staff reviewed the outreach plan to encourage additional input into the EMP planning process and asked EMP Work Group members for suggestions on other partners to include in outreach and engagement efforts.

July 31, 2023

At the fourth meeting of the EMP Work Group, Work Group members continued their review of progress in meeting the goals outlined in College of the Desert's 2017/22 EMP. First, Work Group members identified objectives where College of the Desert had progressed most. Next, Work Group members identified which objectives they believe are the highest priority for continued focus in the 2024/29 EMP and the area of focus to which the objective is aligned. Then, WestEd facilitators presented analyses and facilitated a discussion on the jobs available in the Coachella Valley; the programs students are currently enrolled in, and the economic opportunities each program leads to.



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Opportunities for Input

College and partner engagement is a central component of the planning process, so please look for opportunities to provide input through participation in focus groups, by speaking with Work Group members, and through input sessions. Your input will help the EMP Work Group develop an actionable plan that reflects the priorities of our campus community. Input opportunities are scheduled for the following dates:

[Flex Session](#) | College of the Desert, Palm Desert Campus

- 8/24, 2-3 pm, CSSC Multi-Purpose Room or [Zoom](#)

Faculty Focus Group Register Here

- 8/21 11-12pm via [Zoom](#)
- 8/23 3-4pm in person | College of the Desert, Palm Desert Campus, CSSC Room 269

Student Focus Group (Spanish & English)

- Dates and Times TBD

Input Sessions (Spanish & English, in person or via Zoom)

- 9/12, 12:30-2:00pm | College of the Desert, Palm Desert Campus
- 9/13, 4:00pm-5:00pm | College of the Desert, Indio Campus
- 9/14, 5:00pm-6:00pm | College of the Desert, Palm Springs

Download the Communication Bulletin and other documents on the [EMP Portal](#):

<https://mycodus.sharepoint.com/teams/CODWESTEDEducationalMasterPlan/SitePages/ProjectHome.aspx>