

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Located in the coastal community of Huntington Beach, also known as “Surf City,” Golden West College is regarded as one of the most beautiful campuses in Southern California. Golden West College is part of the Coast Community College District, a multi-college district that includes Orange Coast College and Coastline Community College.

The college is highly regarded for academic quality and innovation. In its earliest years, the college was recognized for its pioneering leadership in designing learning-centered programs and services for its student body and continues in that tradition to this day. The college provides student-centered wraparound services to support students in completing their educational goals. Golden West College boasts the highest transfer rate for Latinx students in Orange County, along with prestigious flagship programs in nursing, criminal justice, automotive technology, and cosmetology/esthetics. It is a leader in dual enrollment pathways from high schools and non-credit language and job training classes. The excellence of Golden West College's athletic program rivals the school's academic reputation as one of the finest all-around programs in the State of California.

The college has a strong commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA). It has received a grant under the Hispanic-Serving Institution program to support Latinx students preparing for STEM careers. It is also a federally designated Asian American Native American and Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Serving Institution. MESA, Puente, Umoja, GLASA, ASPIRE, Veterans Resource Center, DSPS and other programs and resources provide support to students. The college follows best practices when hiring and evaluating employees to ensure diverse perspectives.

Golden West is an open-access institution. As such, all students are admissible if they have a high school diploma, or equivalent, or are at least 18 years of age. The college also offers classes to high school students through dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment programs. We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to our campus community!