

Educational Master Plan for 2012-2013

MISSION, PURPOSE, VALUES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Mission

The mission of IVC is to foster excellence in education that challenges students of every background to develop their intellect, character, and abilities; to assist students in achieving their educational and career goals; and to be responsive to the greater community.

The mission statement was developed during the 2001-2002 academic year by representatives from all IVC employee groups and by representatives from local businesses, industries, government, and the community at large. It was adopted by the IVC Board of Trustees on May 22, 2002, is reviewed biannually, and serves to define IVC, its purpose within the postsecondary education arena, its place in workforce and economic development, and its contribution to the structure and makeup of our community. The college community has embraced the mission, which has become a basis for identifying and defining IVC's commitment to student achievement. In an effort to track and measure our commitment to student achievement, IVC developed institutional student learning outcomes (ISLOs), which were adopted by the IVC Board of Trustees on May 16, 2006. These ISLO's—communication skills, critical thinking skills, personal responsibility, information literacy, and global awareness—arose from IVC's mission statement and serve as a foundation for its commitment to education.

Purpose

The purpose of IVC is to serve as a provider of postsecondary academic and career technical education at the lower division level. IVC provides for associate degrees and certificates, transfer education, basic skills and English proficiency, economic and workforce development, non-credit education, and lifelong learning opportunities.

In fulfilling its purpose, IVC affords students the opportunity for upward social and economic mobility. As one of more than one hundred California community colleges, IVC has as its purpose the same overarching purpose as the California community college system: To advance California's