



Mission:

Norco College inspires a diverse student body by an inclusive innovative approach to learning through its pathways to transfer, professional, career and technical education, certificates, and degrees. We are proud to be a pivotal hub for scholarship, arts and culture, dynamic technologies, and partnerships. Norco College encourages self-empowerment and is dedicated to transforming the lives of our students, employees, and community.

Vision:

We will change the trajectory of our students' lives. We will stimulate academic, economic, and social development in our service area. We will build a comprehensive institution with the capacity and programming to serve our entire area.

Founded: March 13, 1991

Campus: 141 acres

Enrollment: 13,808

Core Commitments:

Access, equity, student success, expertise, mutual respect, collegiality, inclusiveness, integrity, quality, environmental stewardship, innovation and civic engagement.

Quick Facts about Norco College

- **Ninety-nine** percent of **students graduate without debt.**
- Designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the Federal Department of Education.
- Provides **daytime, evening, weekend, and online courses.**
- One of forty-one community colleges selected statewide to participate in the **California Guided Pathways Initiative.** This program provides students with clear program maps that include specific course sequences, progress milestones, and program learning outcomes.
- **Highly trained faculty** from prestigious universities to teach in cutting-edge fields.
- **Recipient of the prestigious Bellwether Award** in Instructional Program and Services from the Community College Futures Assembly for the Summer Advantage Program. The program was recognized at the state level and won the California Community College's Exemplary Program Award.
- **Dedicated to creating an inclusive environment** through its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and programs such as TRIO, ALLY, EOPS/CARE, and other student support services that embrace diversity advancement.
- Home of the **Racial Justice Taskforce** in alignment with the California State Chancellor's Call to Action. The purpose is to identify racial inequities, to dismantle racist practices in our institution for the success of our students and employees.



Partnerships & Programs

Military Times ranked Norco College as one of the **Best Colleges for Veterans for the sixth time in seven years.** It was also designated a Military Friendly® School for 2021-2022.

Home of the **California MAP Initiative expansion**, as part of a \$5 million-dollar allocation in the state budget. The expansion will allow student veterans to attain maximum college credits and finish faster.

Home to one of the largest middle college high schools in the nation, John F. Kennedy (JFK) Middle College High School, with hundreds of students enrolled each year. Since opening in 2006, JFK Middle College High School has graduated nearly thousands of middle college students, many with at least 30 units of college credit, and some with associate degrees.

The **LAUNCH Apprenticeship Program** is a federal and state-registered program. Students have the opportunity to begin their careers following an earn-and-learn model. Students learn technical skills in the classroom while working full-time in their field of study. Over 400 registered apprentices are enrolled at Norco College while earning a living wage.

Since 2017, Norco College has partnered with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to offer the **Rising Scholars Prison Program** at California Rehabilitation Center, a medium-security state prison in Norco. The program enrolls approximately 250 students each term. It is designed to offer on-site, face-to-face courses that fulfill all California State University general education requirements. Graduates of the program earn associate degrees in Business Administration and Sociology.

In collaboration with high school partners, Norco College has expanded the **Dual Enrollment** program which addresses the low college-going rate in the area, college access, and equity among students. The program has been implemented at eleven local high schools and Charter schools saving people time and money.