

LCC CE/DC Newsletter



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LCC CE/DC Educational Benefits

A Note from the LCC CE/DC Office

The LCC CE/DC Office consists of three full time staff members and four work study students. The CE/DC team diligently works in collaborative efforts with internal and external partners. The CE/DC Office is a diverse office with high volume activities on a consistent basis. We make weekly contacts with students, high schools, LCC satellites/sites, academics, student services, and administration to continuously work on CE/DC processes and outreaching efforts.

The goal of the CE/DC Office is to provide outreach and access to eligible high school students to begin working on college courses where the student can earn either concurrent and/or dual-credit. These educational opportunities allow students to earn credit recovery, MESA credit, or just provide an outstanding opportunity for students to take CE/DC courses with LCC before they graduate and thus students begin to create what I call an “educational savings account”. This provides students the access and opportunity to accumulate college credit hours which they could apply to their degree in their field of study.

The CE/DC office has developed a CE/DC student interest card. The efforts of the CE/DC office in collaboration with LCC satellites/sites to meet with school districts and outreach to 100% juniors and seniors continues to take place. Staff has been diligently working at entering the information from each outreach card into spreadsheets.

Our work study students are such excellent help, they are a very important part of the CE/DC team, and we just want to take this time to thank and let each one of them know that they are greatly appreciated and we value them.

The CE/DC office has also implemented career cluster surveys with students. The career cluster surveys provide student with questions within several areas, based upon the student responses, a tally of students selections on compiled and student is provided a listing of the top three career clusters they find of interest. With this information, staff advise students for their CE/DC courses, degree plan of student, and transferability of credits.

The CE/DC office is planning a dual-credit orientation with principals, counselors, and dual-credit instructors. This is a very important mandatory orientation to provide communication of time lines, processes, and updates for dual-credit at LCC and within the state of New Mexico.

We invite students, parents, and districts to come by the CE/DC office to meet with staff, and learn more about the benefits of LCC CE/DC program. We are located in the Technologies Building in Office TE-144.

The CE/DC staff is inclusive of Janice Encinias, Student Coordinator Specialist (505) 454-5374; Stephanie Vigil, Administrative Assistant II (505) 454-5316, and Patricia Romero, CE/DC Director (505) 454-5377. We are dedicated to serving the changing needs of our student population and this is where the collaborative efforts between all involved parties is so instrumental.

Patricia A. Romero, CE/DC Director



Family Testimonials

Laura Robinson

Luna Community College has given many opportunities to my family. The education our family has obtained from LCC has opened up new doors for the future.

My husband and I graduated from the nursing program with an associate’s degree in nursing, we both practice as RN’s and love our new careers.

Our oldest son graduated from LCC with an associate’s degree in electrical engineering; now he works in the wind industry, one of the new future energies for tomorrow.

Our oldest daughter started her higher education at LCC and is now finishing a bachelor’s degree in biology and now one of our younger son’s is enrolled at LCC to pursue a degree in electrical engineering for his future.

Luna Community College is where I tell others to go; when they want a new future with many possibilities. Bright and prosperous, Thank you LCC,
Laura Robinson, Former Student

LCC Concurrent Enrollment/Dual-Credit Testimonials

SANCHEZ FAMILY



Pictured L-R: Amanda Padilla, Michael Sanchez Jr., Alma Sanchez, Betsy Sanchez, Jamie Sanchez, Michael Sanchez Sr., Joelynn Sanchez.

Dear Sir/Madam;

I would like to take this time to thank the Dual Credit Office for assisting me with furthering my education. If it would not have been for their office, I would not have been able to graduate a year early from high school. I have been taking classes here at Luna Community College since the Summer of 2006 of my freshman year. With the help of Patricia Romero it has helped me get on a "Fast Track" to my college career. Patricia has provided me with guidance to complete my Associates of Arts degree here at Luna before I transfer to the University of New Mexico. She has given me the assistance to contact UNM and the Department of Pharmacology to make sure I take the required classes so I do not have to retake any classes at UNM. Alma Sanchez-WLVHS Senior

I would like to thank the Dual Credit Office for their assistance enrolling my students in classes at Luna Community College. I can say that it has made an effect on my son Michael C. Sanchez because he had not planned on attending any type of college after high school. He will be completing his certificate in Small Business on May 2010. My girls Joelynn and Alma have been taking classes also and it has helped them. Joelynn has been able to transfer 22 credit hours to NMSU where she is attending school. Alma has been able to earn credits to be able to graduate early from high school and she plans to attend Luna to get her Associates in Life Science before she leaves to UNM to get a Bachelor's in Pharmacology. I thank Patricia and her staff for all their help and dedication to not only my children but all students they help.

I know that Patricia puts her students first and makes sure that all their needs are being met. I as a teacher for LCC know that she stays late to get all the students registered for classes. She also does a lot of searching for instructors to teach classes that would keep students interested in education. Again thank you Patricia and the Dual Credit staff for all your hard work and dedication. Keep up the good work on meeting the needs of our future. Betsy Sanchez

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Hi. My name is Alisha Gallegos. I graduated from Luna Community College while also graduating from Pecos High School. During my junior year, Pecos entered into a concurrent enrollment agreement with Luna Community College. The school gave us an option as juniors to attend Luna. I was not sure that I was going to like attending high school and a community college at the same time. I was not even sure what I wanted to do with my life after high school. Nonetheless, I decided to take the chance and see what college was about. After the first semester I finally came to a decision about what I wanted to do and realized what a benefit attending Luna was becoming. Not only did I find it less stressful than being at my high school but what a savings it was financially for me and my parents. Pecos was paying for part of my college education and not only that but I would be able to transfer the credit hours received for classes I took at Luna to UNM where I am completing my degree today.

After deciding that I wanted to get a Business Administration degree with a concentration in human resource management and finance, I learned that I needed to get an academic advisor. An academic advisor helps students select classes that pertain to their chosen degree. My academic advisor was Patricia Romero. I do not think I could have done Luna without Mrs. Romero who was so helpful. After discussing with her what I wanted to achieve she told me about the general certificate and if I wanted, I could graduate from Luna as well as Pecos High. I took it into consideration. I felt I could do it. So I registered for classes that would help me achieve that goal.

My last semester at Luna was tough. I carried over 20 credit hours of classes and had a lot of homework. But I also had excellent instructors and an academic advisor that guided me through it. I am proud to say that I achieved what I wanted to. Not only did I graduate salutatorian from Pecos High but I also graduated from Luna Community College with a General Education Certificate. I was one of three students to be the first to have accomplished this task at my school and Luna. It was awesome knowing what I had done.

It has been a year since I graduated from Pecos High and Luna. I am now in my third semester at the University of New Mexico. It has been quite the adventure. I am classified as a junior having only attended two semesters at UNM thanks to my college credits that transferred over from Luna. I am further into my core than an incoming freshman. My General Education Certificate helped me out a lot. I did not have to take any of the lower division courses such as English 101 and 102, College Algebra, Chemistry 105, etc. I am almost done with the core classes needed to apply to my new major - nursing and I am planning on a minor in management. To anyone that might be considering taking classes through a concurrent enrollment agreement, my advised is it's an excellent opportunity and you should definitely take it. Look where I'm at today!

Alisha Gallegos

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LCC CE/DC Important Dates & Information Continued...

<p><u>DC Course Proposals Due to CE/DC Office for SP10:</u> October 9, 2009</p>	<p>Financial Assistance: (505)454-2560 or 1-800-588-7232 X1036 Human Resources: (Employment & IT) (505) 454-2502 or 1-800-588-7232 X1069</p>	<p><u>Higher Education Department and Public Education Department</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alignment Task Force</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>“Aligning New Mexico’s High School Competencies with College Placement Requirements”</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dual Credit Committee</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Website: http://inst.hed.state.nm.us/content.asp?CustCom-Key=199036&CategoryKey=317187&pn=Page&DomName=inst.hed.state.nm.us</p>
<p><u>CE/DC Admission & Registration Documentation Due to CE/DC Office for SP10:</u> November 2, 2009 from LCC Satellites and Sites.</p>	<p>Registrar: (Grades & Transcripts) (505) 454-2548 or 1-800-588-7232 X1222</p>	
<p><u>Spring 2010 Early Registration:</u> November 16, 2009-January 8, 2009</p>	<p>WebCT/Distance Education: (505) 454-5361 or 1-800-588-7232 X1206</p>	
<p><u>Spring 2010 Classes Begin:</u> Monday, January 11, 2010</p>	<p>Dr. Pete Campos, President: (505) 454-2501 or 1-800-588-7232 X1015</p>	
<p><u>Web Address to ACCESS LCC Schedule of Courses each semester:</u> http://luna.edu/schedule/</p>	<p>Dr. Vidal Martinez, Vice President for Academics: (505) 454-5378 or 1-800-588-7232 X1013</p>	
<p><u>Important LCC Phone Numbers:</u></p> <p>Concurrent Enrollment/Dual-Credit Office: (505) 454-5377 or 1-800-588-7232 X1075/Fax#: (505) 454-2520</p>	<p>Mary Ward, Vice President for Student Services: (505) 454-5301 or 1-800-588-7232 X1161</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Mexico Higher Education Department General Education Transfer Module</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Website: http://hed.state.nm.us/content.asp?CustCom-Key=193242&CategoryKey=195796&pn=Page&DomName=hed.state.nm.us</p>
<p>ACCESS Center: (COMPASS, Early Alerts, Tutoring Services, Adaptive Needs Specialist): (505) 454-2562 or 1-800-588-7232 X1213</p>	<p><u>LCC High School Student Tuition and Fee Waiver:</u></p> <p>LCC will waive tuition & general fees waiver for up to 8.0 credit hours for 11th and 12th grade high school students in a public high school, charter school or state supported school.</p>	
<p>Bookstore: (505) 454-2569 or 1-800-588-7232 X1750</p>	<p><u>LCC CE/DC Petition Committee</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Ward (505) 454-5301 or 1-800-588-7232 X1161</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LCC Website:</u> http://luna.edu</p>
<p>Business/Fiscal Office: (505) 454-2506 or 1-800-588-7232 X1001</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LCC CE/DC Web Link:</u> http://luna.edu/dual_credit/</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMPASS Study Guides:</u> http://www.act.org/compass/sample</p>

LCC Testimonials

Hello, my name is Temarah Barela. I attended Mora High School until 2008. During my junior and senior year, I took several dual-credit courses. Through the dual-credit program, I was advised by Patricia Romero, who helped me greatly with getting a jump start on my college career. Mrs. Romero always made sure to help me with any questions I had, and always made me feel like I wasn't a number. She took the time to make me feel like she was there for me.

I feel that the dual-credit program help me jump start my educational career and got me that much closer to my goal, and because the CE/DC staff were so helpful, it made it that much better. So I would like to take this time to thank the dual-credit staff, and recommend the dual-credit program to anyone who wants to get further ahead.

Temarah L. Barela-2008 Mora Graduate

Hello, my name is Chantal Jaramillo. In 2006, I participated in the Luna Community College Dual-Credit Program through Mora High School. I was able to take Human Anatomy I through the high school and receive both high school and college credit. I found it very beneficial because I now only have to take one science as a college student. As a dual-credit student, Luna waives the tuition and fees, so you don't have to pay for the class or your books.

The dual-credit employees were very helpful in assisting me in the dual-credit process which included assessment, advisement, registration, and follow up. My only regret is not participating in the program earlier, I would further in my college career and closer to graduating.

Chantal Jaramillo-2008 Mora Graduate

Luna Community College's CE/DC program was a great experience for me when I was in high school and proved to be a great benefit for me when I graduated and continued to pursue my education. The experience I received in regards to experiencing college life, taking courses to increase my educational skills, and the benefit of meeting the administration and staff at LCC provided a huge foundation which provided a seamless transition from high school to college for me. The credits I earned benefited me both here at LCC and CNM.

The CE/DC staff was friendly, helpful, and provided great customer service. I would highly recommend the CE/DC program to high school students and encourage parents to involve their children with LCC CE/DC courses. The CE/DC Staff walked me through the CE/DC process; they were very encouraging and helpful. The CE/DC staff assisted me beyond the normal 8-5 workday. The CE/DC staff was instrumental with my introduction to LCC, which was a cornerstone to my educational endeavors. I would like to take this time to thank the CE/DC staff and let them know that they are appreciated.

Deidra Chavez-2007 Mora Graduate

LCC Main Campus Academic Calendar for Spring 2010 & Summer 2010

Spring Semester 2010

Early Registration.....	Monday November 16—Friday January 8
Holiday—Christmas Break.....	Monday December 21—Sunday January 3
Classes Begin.....	Monday January 11
Late Registration.....	Monday January 11—Tuesday January 19
Holiday-Martin Luther King Day.....	Monday January 18
Last Day to Add.....	Tuesday January 19
Last Day to Drop.....	Friday January 22
Midterm Week.....	Monday March 1—Saturday March 6
Midterm Grades Due.....	Monday March 8
Spring Break.....	Monday March 15—Saturday March 20
Holiday-Easter.....	Friday April 2—Monday April 5
Advisement Week.....	Monday April 19—Friday April 23
Last Day to Withdraw.....	Friday April 23
Final Examination Week.....	Monday May 3—Friday May 7
Semester Ends.....	Friday May 7
Commencement.....	Saturday May 8
Holiday-Memorial Day.....	Monday May 31