

1. Program Mission and Vision

A. Program Mission

The mission of the ESL department of Barstow Community College is to provide quality instruction in the fundamentals of learning to students of diverse skills, abilities, and backgrounds. We offer a strong foundation in communication in the areas of Oral Communication, Reading, and Writing, in order to prepare students for opportunities in a global community.

B. Program Vision (*Where would you like the Program to be three years from now?*)

The ESL department of Barstow Community College subscribes to the belief that language and culture co-exist in communication. We, therefore, teach students language in context. We are committed to preparing our students with the communicative skills necessary for them to be successful in their endeavors, whether those be to pursue academic goals, to be competitive in the workplace, or to find personal enrichment in their everyday lives.

C. Describe how mission and vision align with and contribute to the College's Mission and Vision

Offering programs to prepare students in basic skills, career and technical education, lifelong learning opportunities, and comprehensive lower division courses that meet articulation agreements for student transfer to four-year colleges and universities....

- The ESL department offers classes at all levels of English, from literacy level to one level below transfer (English 1A), thereby preparing students to explore and be successful in their endeavors, whether their goal be to pursue a college education or build lifelong learning experiences.

Partnering with local agencies, businesses, schools, and military bases to promote positive community development and economic growth.

- The ESL department has fostered a partnership with St. Joseph's church in the community as it offers Non-credit classes there in order to meet the needs of community members.