



### LACCD AtD Initiative

*The largest community college district in the country, LACCD, has joined the largest non-government reform movement for student success in community college history, Achieving the Dream.*

### AtD Goals

Achieving the Dream aims to bring about change within community colleges and in state and federal policy. The initiative also seeks to augment knowledge about strategies that increase student success and to expand public support for raising postsecondary attainment levels.

At its core, the initiative seeks to help more students reach their individual goals, which may include earning a community college certificate or degree, attaining a bachelor's degree, and/or obtaining a better job. Achieving the Dream colleges will maintain a high degree of access for historically underrepresented groups while working to increase the percentage of students who accomplish the following:

- successfully complete the courses they take;
- advance from remedial to credit-bearing courses;
- enroll in and successfully complete gatekeeper courses;
- enroll from one semester to the next;
- earn degrees and/or certificates.

After four to eight years, a substantially higher percentage of students at Achieving the Dream colleges—especially low-income students and students of color—will experience success, as measured by the list above, with no reduction in enrollment for these populations. Longer term, Achieving the Dream aims to influence national policy and practice in order to increase student success at colleges that do not have the opportunity to participate directly in the initiative.

### LACCD AtD Leader Colleges

Achieving the Dream Leader Colleges have also shown three years of sustained student success improvement. AtD expects these colleges to serve as mentors within the Achieving the Dream community of learners, as well as advocates for the principles of Achieving the Dream. LACCD is home to three AtD Leader Colleges: East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Harbor College, and Los Angeles Pierce College.

