

Cankdeska Cikana

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Community College



Background

Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC) was named in honor of a fallen warrior, Paul Yankton, Sr., recipient of two Purple Hearts who died while serving as a rifleman with the United States Army's 11th Infantry in Lorraine, France. *Cankdeska Cikana*, meaning *Little Hoop*, was a proud Dakota warrior who believed in self-responsibility and the need for educational opportunity for Native people.

In 1974, the Spirit Lake Tribal Council, issued a charter establishing Cankdeska Cikana Community College. The College is governed by a five member Board of Regents that is appointed by the Council. The Board functions as an independent body with its own bylaws and who's primary role is to set policy that governs the two-year academic institution.

As a tribal college, CCCC is unique in that it serves primarily Native American students and is chartered by a tribal government. CCCC focuses on higher education opportunities for Native students with an emphasis on preserving and teaching the Dakota culture and language.

CCCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The College is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and the North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges. CCCC is also a member of the North Dakota University System and has articulation agreements with several state institutions.

Mission

To provide higher education opportunities, at the community college level, including vocational and technical training. As a tribal community college we emphasize the teaching and learning of Dakota culture and language toward the perpetuation of the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation. The goal is student independence and self-sufficiency through academic achievement.

Vision

Through the education and training of its residents a strong and viable Dakota community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness and growth.

Key Values...

Shared Responsibility

- We are respectful of each other
- We believe in the value of education and vocational training
- We believe in the potential of our students
- We value working together

Commitment to Quality

- We strive to be the very best tribal community college
- We employ qualified faculty and staff
- We maintain accreditation standards
- We structure the institution to optimize the skills and contributions of all stakeholders

Academic Programs

Associate of Applied Science

- Office Technology
- Computer Applications
- Tribal Administration
- Automotive Technology

Associate of Science

- Agriculture
- Pre-Nursing
- Natural Resource Management

Associate of Arts

- Fine Arts
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Indian Studies
- Liberal Arts

Certificate

- Carpentry
- Finish Carpentry
- Medical Assistant



Alumni Reunion July 2010

Services

The Valerie Merrick Memorial Library hosts over 1,100 volumes including reference materials and wide variety of books written by or on American Indians & Alaskan Natives. The facility is both a college & community library with Internet access.



Technology... CCCC has nine computer labs available for student use. Several are wireless and all provide Internet access. CCCC has become an official site for Microsoft Office Specialist Testing. This is a globally recognized standard for validating expertise with the Microsoft Office suite of business productivity. Students can test in four areas: Word, Excel, Access, and Power Point. Online distance education courses are available as well as Interactive Video Network (IVN). IVN is a state-wide system transmitting live audio and video courses and programs to connect faculty, students, and institutions throughout North Dakota. This system also provides for meetings and workshops as the schedule permits, with credit courses having first priority.

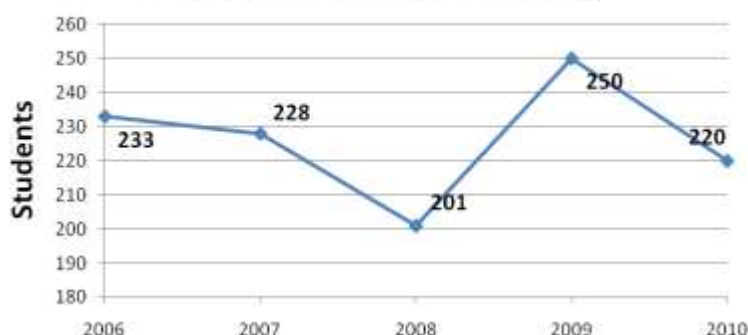
CCCC provides an **Adult Learning Center** offering tutorial assistance, placement testing, evaluation and assessment services. The program also provides individualized instruction, books and materials, GED classes and testing. The Learning Center has it's own network of computers with Internet access.

CCCC offers **Dual Credit** for eligible high school juniors and seniors on or near the reservation through partnership with the State of North Dakota. The student obtains both high school and college credit for certain courses.

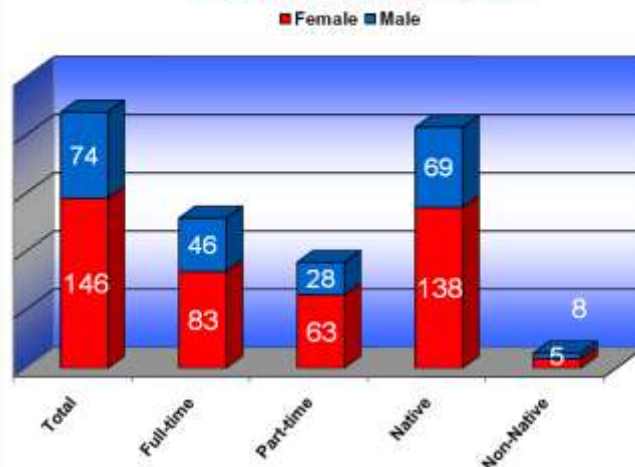
Other **Service Programs** available at CCCC include academic counseling and advising, career planning, peer tutoring, assistance with graduation and transfer requirements, field trips, placement and other services that assist with personal and professional development toward success in being a college student. Current programs available include:

Student Support Services	Financial Aid
Educational Talent Search	Technology (Title III)
Dakota Language/Culture	Day Care Services
Agricultural/Natural Resources	Health and Nutrition
NACTEP Vocational Ed. Program (Carl Perkins)	

Fall Enrollment History



Fall 2010 Student Profile



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