

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

EQUITY, PATHWAYS, AND INCLUSION

WHERE EQUITY GOALS AND PRACTICE ALIGN

This resource guide provides an overview of the division, our areas of responsibility, and outlines opportunities to collaborate with our team.

The Equity, Pathways, and Inclusion (EPI) Division serves as a strategic partner in advancing Santa Monica College's commitment to student success, institutional effectiveness, and advancing equitable outcomes by addressing disproportionate impacts and barriers.

Grounded in the implementation of the 2025-2028 Student Equity Plan and aligned with the College's strategic priorities, we partner with faculty, classified professionals, administrators, students, and campus departments to develop, coordinate, and assess initiatives that cultivate belonging, address barriers to student success, and strengthen institutional capacity to serve all students.

EPI DIVISION PORTFOLIO

Scan a QR code below to access each program's webpage and learn more about available resources and services, or visit **smc.edu/EPI.**

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION

2025–2028 Student Equity Plan

SMC's roadmap for advancing equity by establishing measurable goals across the student journey and implementing strategies that address barriers and improve disproportionate impact.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

EPI Working Group

It takes a village. The EPI Working Group serves as a collaborative partner in guiding the Student Equity Plan implementation, strengthening institutional capacity, and advancing equity-centered goals.

STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION

Guided Pathways

Everyone finds a path. Strengthening alignment among programs, supports, and educational pathways to ensure every student has the clarity and resources needed to achieve their goals.

DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES

Student Equity Center

A safe and brave space. Student-facing programs and services that foster belonging, connection, and success through culturally responsive support, resources, and community-building opportunities across the sub-centers.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The EPI Division acknowledges our presence on ancestral unceded territory of the Tongva or Gabrielino, Kizh, and Chumash peoples. We honor the indigenous caretakers of these lands and their elders, past, present, and future.

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ENGAGE WITH THE EPI TEAM

We invite you to engage with us, share your goals, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Consultations

Talk through an equity question, idea, or opportunity with us.

Partnerships

Co-design a program, event, or initiative with the EPI team.

Learn Together

Partner with EPI and the EpiCenter to request or propose a workshop or learning opportunity.

Planning Support

Get support with equity data, goals, assessment, and Student Equity Plan alignment.

PARTNER WITH US →

Scan the code or visit the EPI intake form at **bit.ly/EPI-Partner**

Initial response within ten business days.

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MEET THE EPI TEAM

We are excited to introduce our expanded team and the collective expertise we bring to advancing student success. Below are the team members leading our collaborative efforts. We welcome opportunities to partner with you as we work toward our shared goal of addressing disproportionate impact and closing equity gaps.

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