Berkeley City College (BCC) is an inspired and innovative leader in California’s community college system. Formerly known as Vista Community College, Berkeley City College moved into its six-story downtown Berkeley campus in 2006 as the first LEED-certified urban campus in California. Nearly 8,000 students, who represent a wide spectrum of the Bay Area’s cultural and ethnic communities, attend classes there each semester. The college continues its strong 35+ year collaboration with U.C. Berkeley and offers evening transfer classes on the Cal campus.

- BCC is regularly among the top ten community colleges which transfer students to U.C. Berkeley and the U.C. system.
- Berkeley City College's world class faculty has created a student-centered learning community dedicated to academic excellence and student success. Each year, more than 45% of Berkeley City College's diverse student body transfers to four-year universities, far exceeding the state average of 23%. College faculty have won distinction in the sciences, arts, English, humanities, multimedia arts, and the social sciences.
- In the past two years, Berkeley City College was awarded a $2 million Title III Department of Education Grant to develop programs which integrate basic and multicultural learning skills across the curriculum.
- Another $1.1 million California Institute for Regenerative Medicine’s (CIRM) Bridges Program grant continues the college’s leadership in biotechnology education and makes possible first rate bioscience internships with some of the world’s top stem cell researchers at Oakland's Children's Hospital, U.C. Berkeley, and U.C. San Francisco.
- The President's Circle, a new fundraising initiative, builds on the college's strong business and community relationships. The college continues to grow and thrive, building strong foundations for students and our community.

College of Alameda (COA) is located on the island of Alameda and is situated on a beautiful park-like campus which offers the quiet of a suburban setting in a bustling urban environment. Founded in 1970, COA enjoys a well-deserved reputation for the excellence of its academic, vocational, and student-support programs.

- As a comprehensive community college, COA has a number of unique career and technical programs including Aviation Maintenance Technology, Apparel Design & Merchandising, Automotive Technology, Diesel Mechanics as well as various culturally focused learning communities, a civic engagement/violence prevention program and an extensive ESL program.
- A first in the Bay Area, Alameda Transportation and Logistics Academic Support (ATLAS) is an innovative program designed to create career pathways for East Bay residents in the growing industry of warehousing and logistics. The ATLAS and the Green Diesel program were highlighted as part of the Peralta Green Jobs-training initiatives that were visited at Laney College by Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Assistant Secretary of Employment and Job Training for the U.S. Department of Labor.
- COA's Dental Assisting Program, in a collaborative program, opened the first campus dental clinic to provide comprehensive and accessible dental care to students and the community.
- COA's Center for Creative Technology Integration is a teaching and learning center for faculty and staff training with state of the art technologies and an online counseling program.
- COA’s faculty have been recognized locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally for their teaching and academic excellence in such areas as anthropology, political science, English and English as a Second Language, psychology, civic engagement and the sciences.
- Academic Excellence and student-centered learning are part of the institutional culture of the college. COA students have been selected to the Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Team for the past six years.

Laney College occupies a beautiful 60-acre campus adjacent to the Oakland Museum and Lake Merritt BART station. Founded in 1948, Laney is the largest of the four Peralta colleges. Laney has many unique elements and achievements, which combine to create a great organization.

- Laney has an extraordinarily diverse population of over 14,000 students, including many ethnicities, cultures, languages, ages, educational backgrounds and goals. Laney has a rich diversity within its over 400 full- and part-time faculty – including faculty who make professional accomplishments outside of Laney.
- Laney is one of the top 10 colleges in the state with transfers to UC Berkeley and has earned regional recognition as a leader in integrating academic instruction with career-technical education. Programmatically, Laney offers one of the nation’s best academic, career and technical programs including Bio-manufacturing Program, Green Jobs program, Energy Efficiency initiatives, new Medical Technology Engineering, in partnership with UC Berkeley’s Bioengineering Department.
- Laney leads the nation in Green Technology programs for community colleges with over $5 million in grants from NSF, DOE, and corporations over the last five years.
- Laney is one of few higher educational institutions to have the Bill and Melinda Gates funded initiative, the Gateway to College program, which ensures high school dropouts earn diplomas and college degrees simultaneously.
- Laney is developing and improving learning communities that increase student success through contextualized instruction, acceleration, and personalized student support. Laney increased presence in the community through many partnerships with business and industry and K-12 districts and local universities.
- The leadership of Laney is committed to achieving Student Learning outcomes that best prepare students for degrees, certificates, graduation, and successful transfers to universities and career roles. Laney is successfully completing its reorganization to further demonstrate its commitment to institutional effectiveness in order to better serve our students, personnel and the greater East Bay community.

Merritt College is located on a 125 acre site in the hills of East Oakland and combines modern spacious facilities with a spectacular view of the entire Bay Area. An integral part of a large, busy urban community, Merritt provides a sense of tranquility and peace. With a comprehensive day and evening program of transfer, technical, occupational, and basic skills education, Merritt is committed to meeting the educational needs of the diverse student population it serves. Merritt also offers opportunities for intellectual and cultural growth at the Fruitvale Education Center in Oakland.

- The Associate Degree Nursing Program is a course of study including instruction in applied nursing sciences; nursing theoretical, social and behavioral sciences; and clinical nursing experience in healthcare agencies. Upon successful completion, the graduate earns an Associate of Science Degree and is eligible to take the national licensing exam.
- The Child Development Program is committed to quality training. Classes prepare students to function in a variety of early childhood programs and professional advancement within the childcare field.
- The Environmental Management Program is one of the first in the nation, and is well known for both its introductory courses and hands-on field courses, such as Green Building and Sustainable Urban Planning and Policy.
- The Maximum Achievement Project Program, a nationally distinguished program that was visited by the United States Secretary of Education, is a program to increase the graduation rate of African-American males and other at-risk students.
- Merritt’s Puente Program is an academic preparation program whose mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students enrolling in four-year colleges and universities. In recognition of its work and success in promoting positive images of the Latino Community, the Puente Program at Merritt has distinguished itself as an eminent program throughout the state.
- Merritt's Phi Theta Kappa student Cassandra Beverly was honored as a member of the 2011 ALL-USA Community College Academic Team. Only 20 students from more than 1,600 nominations were selected.