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U.S. Dept. of Education Recognizes TMCC as HSI

College Recognized with Federal Designation as Hispanic Serving Institution

Reno, Nev. — The U.S. Department of Education has officially designated Truckee Meadows Community College a recognized Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).

TMCC met the eligibility requirements and surpassed the 25 percent full-time equivalent Hispanic student population threshold. The data qualifying colleges for HSI is collected at the end of the federal financial aid award year preceding the application date.

“To be designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) demonstrates TMCC’s commitment to diversity, which is one of our core values for the institution,” said Estela Levario Gutierrez, vice president, Student Services and Diversity.

Being recognized as an HSI brings TMCC’s commitment to honoring diversity in higher education practices to national awareness. “It will allow TMCC to participate in federal programs so that we remain at the forefront of change in higher education,” Gutierrez added.

Nevada Considered an Emerging HSI State

TMCC is a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) Hispanic-Serving Institution Task Force. The initiative began with concerned higher education stakeholders in southern Nevada seeking to develop a statewide outlook concerning HSI. Members meet monthly to collaborate on HSI institutional efforts at a system level.

Nevada is considered an emerging HSI state, said YeVonne Allen, program manager of the Equity, Inclusion, and Sustainability Office.

In 2016, the Department of Education began maintaining a [list of HSIs](#), eligible to apply for HSI-related federal funding. HSI institutions must be nonprofit to qualify for the list. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) posts data regarding colleges that serve Hispanic populations, including categories such as full-time equivalency (FTE), amount of students completing degrees, and whether the institution is two-year, four-year, for profit or nonprofit.

TMCC is also one of 400 institutional members of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), a nonprofit organization that promotes Hispanic students’ success in college.

For more information about HSI, please contact the office of TMCC’s [vice president of Student Services and Diversity](#) at 775-337-5647.

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About TMCC

Truckee Meadows Community College is a comprehensive community college located in Reno, Nev., and is part of the Nevada System of Higher Education. With five college sites and more than 20 community locations, TMCC serves more than 16,000 students each year in state-supported programs and another 9,600 students in non-credit workforce development classes. For more information, please go to www.tmcc.edu.

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