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WHO WE ARE

2024-25



Rio Salado College is focused on making education accessible and relevant for all learners— especially working adults and parents. Our journey began in 1978 with classes at community centers and retail spaces and evolved into online learning in the 1990s. Today, we serve students in 50 states with 24/7 support services, flexible Monday starts, 576 for-credit online classes, 149 programs, and more.



Rio Salado is recognized nationally as an innovative leader in online learning by making education accessible, flexible, and affordable. It serves as one of 10 [Maricopa Community Colleges](#) and is headquartered in Tempe, Arizona.

VISION

Empower learners everywhere through innovative education.

MISSION

We redefine the educational experience by anticipating the needs of our students and future workforce. We support learners where they are and provide high-quality, flexible, and accessible education to empower individual goal attainment, foster partnerships, and strengthen communities.

VALUES

Rio Salado College honors everyone's unique qualities and perspectives with respect and dignity. **We value you.**



Tiffany Brooks, Hailey Canella, Rebecca Cervantez, Gabriel Relf, and Alyssa Snowball made history as the [first Teacher Education bachelor's degree graduates](#). They were joined by a [record 408 high school dual enrollment graduates](#) who earned associate degrees— nearly 30-percent more than 2024.



Our [expert faculty](#) and staff collaborate with local and national partners to develop programs that help students and employers fill high-demand jobs and meet the unique needs of the communities we serve.

968
Adjunct
Faculty

544
Full-time
Employees

362
Part-time
Employees

25
Residential
Faculty

Staff representatives serve as advocates and liaisons, conveying staff concerns, questions, and suggestions to ensure that every voice is heard and thoughtfully addressed.

Our programs, services, and caring employees help students earn stackable credits, microcredentials, certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees, credit for prior learning, professional certifications, and more. The college also serves as Arizona's largest provider of dual enrollment, adult education, and incarcerated re-entry instruction. We work with partners to create other lifelong learning opportunities.

WE PLACE YOU AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO



MINDFULNESS



EMPATHY



HAPPINESS



RESILIENCE

**flexible
options to
meet your
unique needs**





WHO WE SERVE

STUDENT SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

3,209	Certificates of Completion
636	Associate Degrees
303	Arizona General Education Curriculum Awards
15	Academic Certificates
11	Bachelor's Degrees
316	High School Equivalency Diplomas
7,320	Transfer Students*
211,532	Transfer Credit Hours*



We serve more than 44,000 learners annually including 23,000+ online students and the following communities

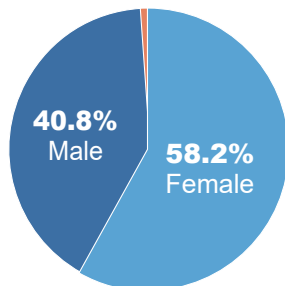
- Active military, veterans, and their families
- Adult education students
- Business, community, and government partners
- Dual enrollment students
- Incarcerated re-entry students
- International students
- Lifelong learners
- Transfer students
- Workforce students



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

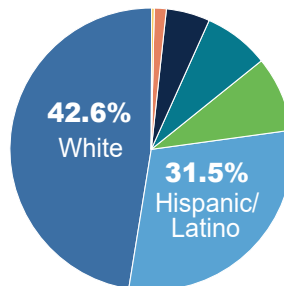
- Maricopa County: **73.2%**
- Out of State: **18.4%**
- In-state, Non-Maricopa: **8.4%**

GENDER



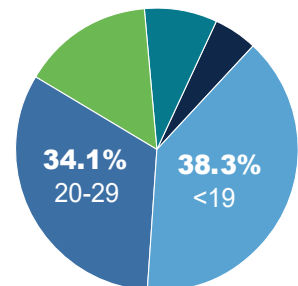
1.02% Unknown/Other

ETHNICITY



1.4% American Indian/Alaska Native
0.2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
6.7% Asian
8.5% Black/African American
9.1% Other/Not Specified

AGE



4.7% 50+
8.5% 40-49
15.4% 30-39

POPULATIONS

Dual Enrollment: **9,824**
 Adult Education: **6,195**
 Educational Service Partnerships: **3,306**
 Veterans: **1,428**
 Incarcerated Re-entry: **1,306**
 Active-duty military: **545**
 Lifelong learners: **308**

PELL ELIGIBLE**

Yes: **76.6%**
 No: **23.4%**

FIRST GENERATION

Yes: **43.3%**
 No: **49.4%**
 Not Reported: **7.2%**

HEADCOUNT: 44,149***

For-credit: **37,875**
 In-state: **30,926**
 Online: **23,844**
 Full-time student equivalent: **9,273******
 Full-time: **5,489**
 Out-of-state: **7,002**
 Non-credit workforce training: **79**

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 data provided by Rio Salado College's Institutional Research Department. *Includes students who transfer 12 or more credits from Rio Salado to a state university. **Based on data from applications submitted. ***Total sum not representative of combined student populations due to the number of students who take credit and non-credit classes. ****Approved by Arizona Auditor General.



HOW WE SERVE

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Academic Associate Transfer Degrees: **45**
- Bachelor's Degrees: **2**
- Associate in Applied Science Degrees (AAS): **27**
- Certificates of Completion (CCL): **110**
- AZ General Education Curriculum Certificates: **3**

NEW CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

- AAS in Forensic Science
- CCL in Foundations of Behavioral Sciences
- CCL in Educational Construction Trades Partnership:
H.V.A.C.r Residential Service



WRAPAROUND SERVICES

We offer personalized advisement; technical, instructional and tutoring support; assistance with financial aid, scholarships, and emergency funds; disability, military, veteran, career, and counseling services; and other forms of support to help students overcome challenges, stay in school, and succeed.



STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

Students can further connect through leadership programs, events, webinars, special projects, and other activities.

TRANSFER OPTIONS

We have 35 [transfer partnerships](#) with other colleges and universities including pathways to Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Graduates can stay connected through our [Alumni Association](#). More than 109,000 alumni have earned more than 136,000 degrees and certificates since 1978.



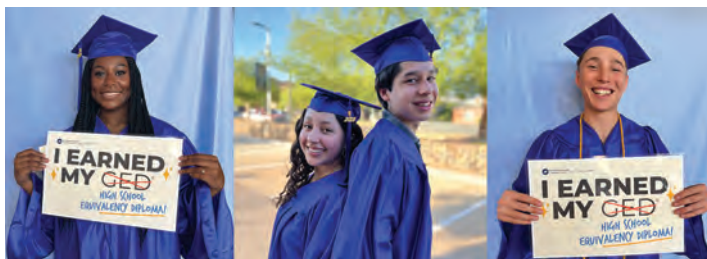
NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

As America's Online Community College® we are increasing access to under-served students across the country. Our partnerships with American Family Insurance, Master Electronics, Guild Career Opportunity Platform™, JBS, Lake Michigan College, and other collaborations are further expanding our efforts to increase online educational opportunities, especially for working learners.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Rio Salado has 35 years' experience delivering customized educational services and programs to a variety of industries. We provide students access to workforce education and higher-learning pathways with these and other partners:

- **Dual Enrollment Instruction:** 46 Maricopa County high schools
- **Incarcerated Re-entry Instruction:** Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) and Arizona State Prison Complexes, Lewis and Perryville
- **Employer Training:** Achieve, Alaska Airlines, Arizona Department of Revenue, Cox Communications, CVS Aetna and CVS Caremark, State Farm Insurance, Salt River Project, and USAA
- **Public Safety Training:** ADCRR, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training, Arizona Department of Public Safety, City of Phoenix Police Department and Academy, Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, and Mesa Police Academy
- **Corporate Partnerships:** CEO Group, GoDaddy, Take Charge America, and Televerde



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As Arizona's largest provider of [adult education](#), we serve nearly 6,200 students with GED® test preparation, English language classes, and career training. Instruction is available in-person at five college locations and Glendale and South Mountain community colleges. Online instruction is also available. We partner with the Maricopa Community Colleges to offer unique pathways for learners to earn academic and occupational certificates and degrees— and provide scholarships, mentoring, and individualized support.



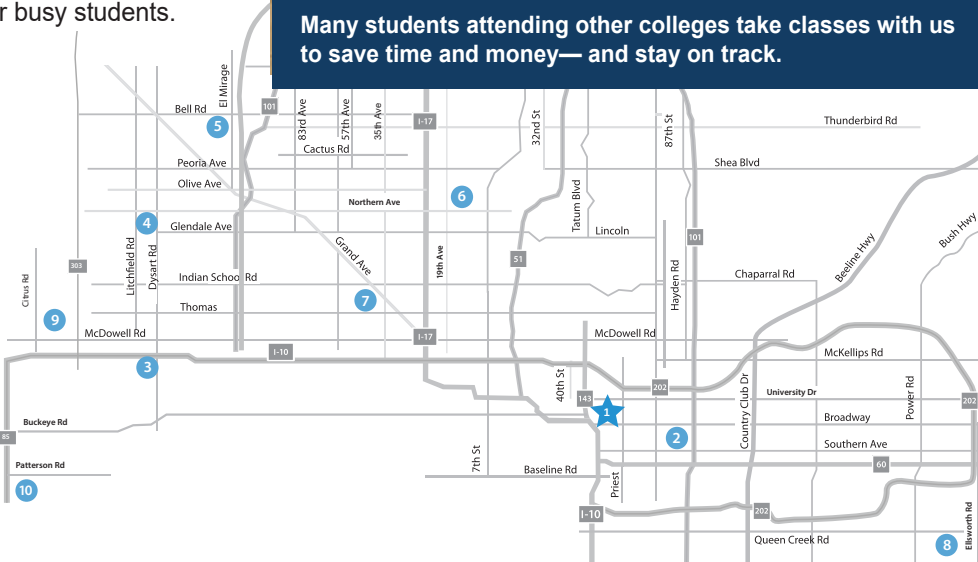
WHERE WE SERVE

ONLINE, MOBILE, AND VIRTUAL

Online, mobile-friendly portals and services give students the freedom to take college classes at a time and place that's convenient for them. Students have 24/7 access to courses, technical support, library services, and RioConnect to engage with other students, advisors, and instructors. Virtual and remote support services provide additional options for busy students.

LOCATIONS

1. Tempe Headquarters
 - Café at Rio
 - Conference Center
 - Dental Clinic
 - Radio Stations
2. Southern
3. Avondale
4. Luke Air Force Base
5. Surprise
6. Northern
7. Thomas
8. Communiversity at Queen Creek
9. Arizona State Prison Complex - Perryville
10. Arizona State Prison Complex - Lewis



wherever
you may be

Many students attending other colleges take classes with us to save time and money—and stay on track.



The first Incarcerated Re-entry Education students to access online learning earned an Addictions and Substance Use Disorder Level I certificate through our Second Chance Pell Online Laptop Program.

ON-AIR

Our award-winning public radio stations and services provide educational and enriching multi-media programs supported by thousands of generous members.

- **K-BACH 89.5 FM:** Classical music and cultural programs.
- **KJZZ 91.5 FM:** Local, NPR, and BBC news; jazz; and other engaging programs.
- **SPOT 127:** Youth media center teaching teens digital media and journalism skills.
- **Sun Sounds of Arizona:** Information services for people who have difficulty reading print publications.



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