

We invest in California's economic growth and global competitiveness through industry-specific partnerships, education, training and services that contribute to a highly skilled and productive workforce.



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**Doing What MATTERS™**  
FOR JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

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The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 113 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

For more information about the community colleges, please visit:  
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### Aligning to the Needs of Industry

The Life Sciences and Biotechnology initiative aligns community colleges and other workforce development resources with the needs of industry.

### Collaborate

We connect community colleges with industry needs emphasizing biotech skills training and education, biology research and bio-manufacturing.

### Facilitate

We partner with local and regional industry professionals to design skill-based instruction for employer needs. We provide employees for both established and start-up bioscience companies including bioscience company incubators.

### Initiate

We work with legislative, governmental and economic development agencies and partner with biotechnology industry organizations on workforce issues.

### Making the Best Connections in the Biotech World With...

- Hands-On Training
- Entry-Level Work Readiness
- Industry-Responsive Training
- In-Demand Skills
- "Know How" & "Know Why"

### The Employability Milestone Employable Individuals With In-Demand Skills

By providing hands-on training and entry-level work readiness for the laboratory workforce, we support industry-responsive regional training programs that produce employable individuals with in-demand skills. Individuals trained in the "know how" as well as the "know why" are able to adapt to a dynamic industry with:



**Lab Skills I** - A broad set of foundational skills that prepare students for entry-level work

**Lab Skills II** - Expand and build on the foundational skills acquired in Lab Skills I courses

**Lab Skills I and II** combined provide 196 hours of hands-on training (Employability Milestone)

For additional information on the employability milestone and foundational skills included in Lab Skills I and II please visit [www.CalBiotechCareers.org](http://www.CalBiotechCareers.org).

### What is Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy?

California Community Colleges' Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy is a four-pronged framework to respond to the call of our nation, state, and regions to close the skills gap. The four prongs are:

- **Give Priority** for What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy
- **Make Room** for What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy
- **Promote** What MATTERS for Student Success
- **Innovate** What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy

The strategy of Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy is to invest funding and resources in industry sectors that are key to California's economic growth. Industry-specific programs are coordinated by Sector Navigators and Deputy Sector Navigators who align community college and other workforce development resources with the needs of industry sectors and occupational clusters through a regional focus. The goal is to invest in the skills of California's workforce through highly specialized industry training, technical consulting and business development. The end result is to meet industry's need for skilled workers.



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