

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

College of the Redwoods is a comprehensive community college located in the rich, natural environment of the Northern California coast. As an institution of higher education, it offers diverse Associate Degree and Certificate curricula and excellent learning opportunities in a supportive, academic atmosphere.

Philosophy

The primary objective of the College is the success of each student. We consider education to be a process of intellectual and physical exploration that rests upon the mutual responsibility of the college and the student.

We recognize the dignity and intrinsic worth of the individual and acknowledge that individual needs, interests and capacities vary.

In fulfilling these objectives and principles, we affirm our intention

to provide the highest possible level of learning opportunities and counseling to help students realize their personal goals;

to provide opportunities for development of moral values and ethical behavior;

to enhance self-esteem and a sense of individual responsibility; and

to instill an appreciation of the values and contributions of other cultures and increase global understanding among all students.

We will continuously seek and support a dedicated, highly qualified staff, diverse in terms of cultural background, ethnicity, gender, intellectual perspective, and committed to fostering a climate of academic freedom and collegiality. We will encourage and reward professional development for all staff and will all share in the responsibility for student outcomes.

The College of the Redwoods affirms its responsibility to address the diverse civic needs of the many communities we serve and to provide leadership in the cultural and economic development of the North Coast region.

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