

## **Los Angeles Pierce College Consumer Information**

The Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by the Higher Educational Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) which signed into law on August 14, 2008, mandates colleges to provide disclosure and reporting requirements in a variety of formats. A disclosure requirement is information that we distribute or make available to another party, such as students or employees. A reporting requirement is information we submit to the U.S. Department of Education or other agencies. Sometimes disclosure and reporting requirements overlap. Some topics require the college to make information available to students as well as submit information to the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, this web page documents that Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC) attempts to meet these disclosure and reporting requirements.

These disclosures are updated annually. For a printed copy of the disclosure, please visit the Financial Aid office on the 2nd floor of the Student Services Building or through [pierce\\_finaid@piercecollege.edu](mailto:pierce_finaid@piercecollege.edu) or 818-710-6428.

[Coronavirus COVID-19 Updates](#)

### **School Profile**

The Los Angeles Pierce College [School Profile](#) at the [National Center for Educational Statistics](#) is a comprehensive profile maintained by the U.S. Department of Education that provides information about Los Angeles Pierce College such as:

- General campus information
- Enrollment
- Student race/ethnicity and gender
- Program completion
- Retention rates

### **Accreditation**

Los Angeles Pierce College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

Documents related to accreditation are available for viewing or download in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document format at the [Los Angeles Pierce College Accreditation web site](#).

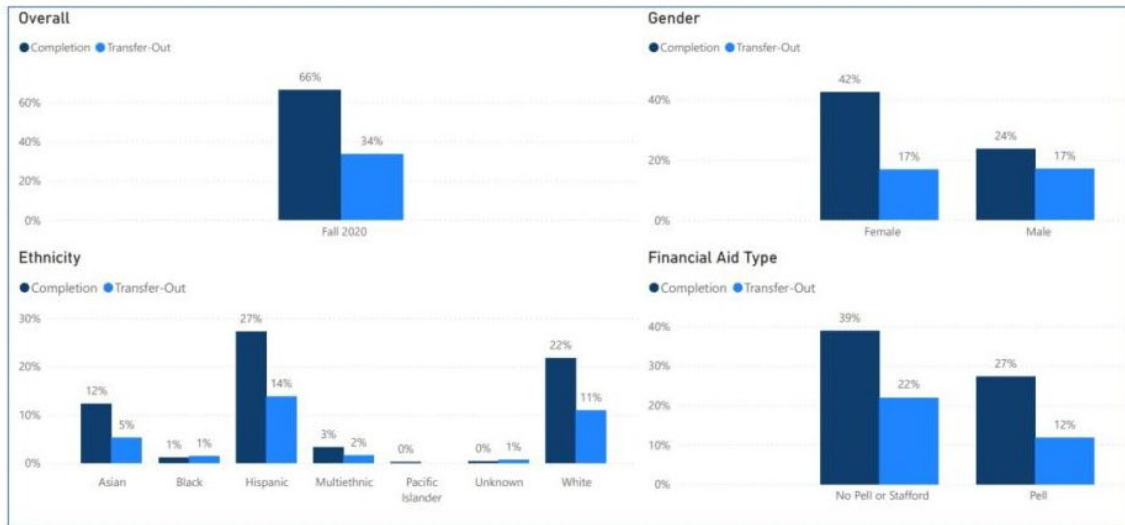
The names of associations, agencies, and/or government bodies that accredit or approve the programs offered:

- [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges \(ACCJC\) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges \(WASC\)](#)
- [American Veterinary Medical Association](#)
- [Registered Veterinary Technology \(RVT\)](#)
- [Bureau of Automotive Repair](#)
- [California Board of Registered Nursing \(BRN\)](#)

### Overall Graduation Rate and Transfer-out Programs/Majors

The following data shows the percentage of full-time, first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students who began their studies Fall 2020 and completed or transferred-out within 3 years"

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### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 \(FERPA\)](#) guarantees that the academic records for students over 18 years old or postsecondary students of any age cannot be discussed with anyone except the student or authorized College personnel.

LAPC only discloses personally identifiable information from an education record to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. For more information about FERPA, click [here](#).

### **Health and Safety Exemption**

In some situations, school administrators may determine that it is necessary to disclose personally identifiable information (PII) from a student's education records to appropriate parties in order to address a health or safety emergency. FERPA's health or safety emergency provision permits such disclosures when the disclosure is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. See 34 CFR §§ 99.31(a) (10) and 99.36. This exception to FERPA's general consent requirement is limited to the period of the emergency and generally does not allow for a blanket release of PII from a student's education records. Rather, these disclosures must be related to an actual, impending, or imminent emergency, such as a natural disaster, a terrorist attack, a campus shooting, or the outbreak of an epidemic disease.

Any student has the right to inspect and review his or her student records, within five days of making an official request. The student may challenge the accuracy of the record or the appropriateness of its retention. Records maintained under this statute include, but are not limited to information regarding college admission, registration, academic history, official transcripts from other schools and colleges, career, student benefits or services, extra-curricular activities, counseling and guidance, discipline or matters related to student conduct and any other information the college feels appropriate. All official transcripts from other schools and colleges become property of the College upon receipt and photocopies are not released.

FERPA Release form is available at

[https://www.lapc.edu/sites/lapc.edu/files/2024-06/Authorization for Release of Student Records LAPC 06252024.pdf](https://www.lapc.edu/sites/lapc.edu/files/2024-06/Authorization%20for%20Release%20of%20Student%20Records%20LAPC%2006252024.pdf).

### **Institutional Research**

Los Angeles Pierce College Institutional Research Office and LACCD provides information such as but not limited to student enrollment, student characteristics, transfer information, majors and programs. For additional

information, visit the [LAPC Office of Institutional Effectiveness](#) and [LACCD Data Dashboards](#).

### **Constitutional Day**

To comply with the new federal regulation requiring the development of educational programming to celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the LAPC Associated Student Union host Annual Constitution Day activities.

### **Voter Registration**

The Secretary of State and the California Community Colleges are working together to increase voter registration among community college students. To register to vote, go to the [Online Voter Registration](#) website to register now.

### **Financial Aid Information**

For specific information regarding student financial aid, please visit the [Financial Aid webpage](#) which contains important information including:

- Types of financial aid assistance available to students
- Students eligibility requirements and applying for Financial Aid
- Requirements for verification of information and notification of awards
- Withdrawal from courses and Return to Title IV
- Satisfactory Academic Progress policy
- Disbursement schedule and process
- Loans - entrance/exit counseling, loan terms and conditions
- Cost of Attendance and Financial Need
- Other resources and programs available to students

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

Federal regulations require that colleges set standards that you must meet in order to be eligible for financial aid and to keep it from one academic year to the next. Even if you have never applied for or received financial aid, your overall history in college will be reviewed before you are awarded financial aid to make sure you are meeting these standards. To be eligible for aid, you must comply with all standards regarding maximum timeframe,

completion rate and cumulative grade point average (GPA). These standards apply to the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), and Federal Direct Loan Program, Cal Grant Programs, Full-time Student Success Grant (FTSSG), California College Completion Grant (CCCG), and any other Federal and State programs that may be required to follow these standards.

### **Student Verification**

Verification is a process by which the Financial Aid Office compares the information on the financial aid application (FAFSA or CA Dream App) with the documents provided by the student to verify the accuracy of the application information. These policies are to be used in conjunction with the Department of Education and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) verification guidelines.

For more information, please visit the [Financial Aid webpage](#).

### **Return of Federal Financial Aid (Title IV) Policy**

Federal law requires that if you received financial aid and then drop or withdraw from ALL of your classes prior to the 60% point of the semester or if you fail to begin class you may have to repay funds.

- If you received Federal Student Loans and withdraw, you will pay back the money according to the Federal guidelines of the loan program.
- If you received Federal Work Study money and withdraw, you do not owe anything back. You will get to keep any salary you have earned while enrolled.
- If you are enrolled in short term classes without being enrolled in full semester classes and/or you withdraw or fail to attend those classes, you may be subject to the Return to Title IV calculation.

### **Financial Aid Loan Disclosures (NSLDS)**

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's central database for student financial aid records. Federal loans disbursed to students or parents will be submitted to NSLDS and will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders, and institutions determined to be authorized users of the data system. Student and parent borrowers can track and manage their federal student loans and grants online at <https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/login>. The secured site displays information on loans and grants, including amounts, outstanding balances and status.

Student and parent borrowers can also find contact information for their loan servicer.

Alternative and private education loan information is not reported to NSLDS.

### **Private Education Loan Disclosures**

Student applying for a private education loan at LAPC must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to ensure that students qualify and receive all available aid, as well as to encourage students to make use of low-interest loans available through the Department of Education (subsidized if eligible). Student borrowers at LAPC are encouraged to compare the terms and conditions of Department of Education loans with the terms and conditions of private education loans to determine the more favorable borrowing option.

The Office of Financial Aid recommends that students utilize federal student loans before considering private educational loans. Federal loans have lower fixed interest rates and also have deferment and consolidation options. Students who need further financing beyond federal student loan eligibility should select the loan that best meets funding needs and offers the best interest rate and borrower benefits.

LAPC does not maintain a preferred lender list. Students who elect to pursue a private, alternative loan are encouraged to research the private lender that offers the best conditions for the borrower. Upon request, LAPC will provide the self-certification form for private education loans required under Sec. 128(e)(3) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1638(e)(3) and the information required to complete the form, to the extent that LAPC has and can access the information.

### **How to contact the Financial Aid Office**

Email: [pierce\\_finaid@piercecollege.edu](mailto:pierce_finaid@piercecollege.edu).

### **Net Price Calculator**

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Los Angeles Pierce College is providing all current and prospective students and parents. The NPC will provide you with an estimated net price for attending Pierce College based on the student's individual circumstances.

### **Veterans Educational Benefits**

LAPC provides veterans and their eligible families a variety of services to support their educational success. For more information about educational

benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs including Post 9/11, Tuition Assistance Program, Yellow Ribbon, and others, visit the [Veterans Resource Center](#).

### **Equity in Athletics Disclosure**

As part of federally mandated Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, information on annual participation rates and financing of men's and women's sports in intercollegiate athletic programs is available online at the LAPC Athletic [EADA](#) page.

### **Student Conduct**

Students are responsible for complying with all laws and college regulations and for maintaining appropriate course requirements as established by the instructors. To learn more about standards of student conduct, go to [Conduct on Campus](#), Student Standards of Conduct, Discipline Procedures and Due Process.

### **Student Complaint Process**

LAPC is committed to maintaining a safe and caring learning environment. Los Angeles Community College District strive to provide a safe educational, employment and business environment free from Prohibited Discrimination, Unlawful Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct, as defined in the Administrative Regulations associated with this policy. To learn more or submit a complaint, visit [Student Complaint Process](#) for additional information and access to reporting forms.

### **Campus Safety, Security, and Emergency Response**

The Annual Security Report, Clery Act, and other crimes and emergency information can be found on the [Campus Safety](#) homepage.

### **Request for Public Information**

Visit <https://www.laccd.edu/offices/ogc#PublicRecords>.

Submit request for a hard copy of the Consumer Information to [pierce\\_finaid@piercecollege.edu](mailto:pierce_finaid@piercecollege.edu).

## **Gainful Employment Programs**

The Annual Gainful Employment Records provides information about the careers for which each Career and Technical Education Certificate prepares you, the costs associated with the program, median debt accumulated, and time to completion.

Visit our [Career and Technical Education](#) (CTE) webpage to learn more about our CTE programs.

To learn more about the links and information provided by this web site, please to go our web page "[Website Links](#)". To learn more about documents provided by this website and document ADA-compliance, please go to our web page "[Addressing Document Compliance](#)".