

Puente Program

College of Marin

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Puente is a statewide transfer preparation program, available at 60 California Community Colleges. Envisioned over 30 years ago, its mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations. College of Marin's Puente Program is completing its seventh year.



Puente is especially successful in providing students with a strong foundation in critical thinking and expository writing – tools that will benefit the student in whatever endeavor he or she pursues. In College of Marin's Puente classes, instructors work with students on critical reading, writing, and thinking skills. A linked counseling course each semester assists students in developing practical study skills and cultural awareness to be more successful in college. Students are assigned a mentor for additional support and as a great resource for educational success.

Research has shown that the College's Puente students are also more likely to earn degrees, be transfer-prepared, and continue enrollment at COM.