



# ACCCA Great Deans Program

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The ACCCA Great Dean's Program is a transformational experience designed for new deans within their first five years. This cohort-based community-learning program draws from the expertise of thought leaders and seasoned administrators from around the state, and it provides mentorship, an established knowledge base, and technical skill building, with a focus on your leadership development.

## Program Overview

Each year the Great Dean's cohort members work together to build trusting networks of support as they successfully navigate their professional and personal journeys and complete the program with a solid foundation to succeed as effective, equity-focused administrators who are prepared to execute their short and long-term career goals. Every ACCCA PD program is strategically crafted to guarantee a diverse group of highly skilled leaders is prepared to meet the future administrative requirements of California community colleges.

- Application is required for this program
- The 8-month program begins with a three-day institute in Sacramento
- Two regional in-person all-day workshops are scheduled in the fall
- A pre-conference training at the Annual ACCCA Conference
- Virtual intersession check-ins to support training concepts and build community throughout the year (optional)

## Who should consider this program?

- **NEWER ADMINISTRATORS LESS THAN 5 YEARS** New administrators, eager to learn, make an impact, and excel while navigating the California CC System.
- **SEASONED ADMINISTRATORS 5 YEARS OR MORE** Seasoned administrators seeking opportunities for further growth and career advancement.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Develop an understanding of equity and social justice principles for application in the role of a Dean.
2. Cultivate effective leadership, supervision, and conflict resolution skills in the educational context.
3. Master administrative policies, procedures, and structures within California Community Colleges.
4. Build strong professional networks and authentic relationships in the field of education.
5. Prioritize personal wellness and mental health to thrive as Deans.

## How To Apply

- Great Deans kick-off takes place in July each year.
- Visit [accca.org](http://accca.org) or scan the QR code above to apply to the program or join our interest list if applications are not yet open.
- All applications go through a vetting process with our Program Team.

*The Great Deans program provided incredibly valuable training and networking opportunities to me as a new dean. The year-long program allowed for deep learning and growth within a comprehensive range of topics, something not possible in shorter professional development formats. Furthermore, it allowed me to develop strong connections with other community college deans who have become resources, as well as friends, I can rely on.*

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