



Rio Salado College is focused on making education accessible and equitable for all— especially working adults and parents. Our journey began in 1978 with classes at community centers and retail spaces and evolved into online learning in the 1990s. Today, we serve students in 50 states with 24/7 support services, flexible Monday starts, 682 for-credit online classes, 149 programs, and more.



Rio Salado is recognized nationally as an innovative leader in online learning by making education accessible, flexible, and affordable.

Rio Salado serves as one of 10 [Maricopa Community Colleges](#) and is headquartered in Tempe, Arizona.

VISION

We empower learners everywhere through innovative education.

MISSION

We redefine the educational experience by anticipating the needs of our students and future workforce. We support learners where they are and provide high-quality, flexible, and accessible education to empower individual goal attainment, foster partnerships, and strengthen communities.

VALUES

Rio Salado College honors everyone's unique qualities with respect and dignity.



We Value:

- Innovation and Learning
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- Integrity and Stewardship
- Sustainable Practices
- Collaboration and Service

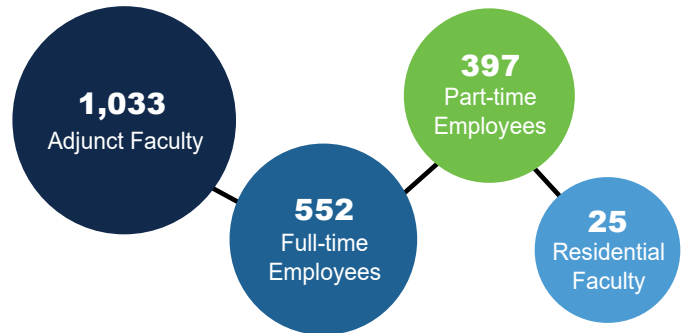


[Rheanan Heller](#) made history on May 2, 2024 as the first Arizona college student recognized for earning a [bachelor's degree](#) at a community college. She completed a degree in public safety administration, one of two bachelor's degrees the college launched in fall 2023.

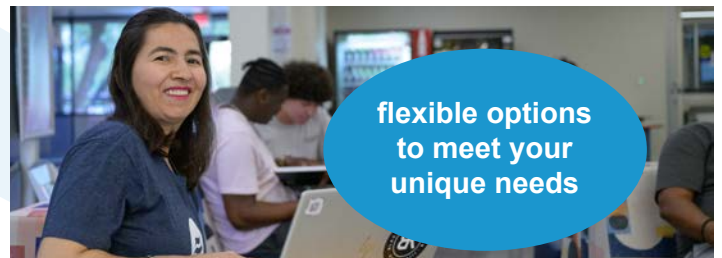
Rheanan completed her program in about a year, at community college tuition rates, through accelerated classes and a lot of hard work. "I wasn't considering going back to school at all," she said. "I knew that financially, it was going wait until a miracle fell from the heavens and that miracle was Rio getting its public safety administration [degree] program."



Our [expert faculty](#) and staff collaborate with local and national partners to develop programs that help students and employers fill high-demand jobs and meet the unique needs of the communities we serve.



Our programs, services, and caring employees help students earn stackable credits, microcredentials, certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees, credit for prior learning, professional certifications, and more. The college also serves as Arizona's largest provider of adult education and dual enrollment instruction and works with partners to create other programs, services and lifelong learning opportunities.



flexible options
to meet your
unique needs



WHO WE SERVE

STUDENT SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS

3,706	Certificates of Completion
654	Associate Degrees
358	Arizona General Education Curriculum Awards
73	Academic Certificates
240	High School Equivalency Diplomas
7,300	Transfer Students*
208,706	Transfer Credit Hours*



We serve more than 40,000 students annually including 21,000+ online learners and the following communities

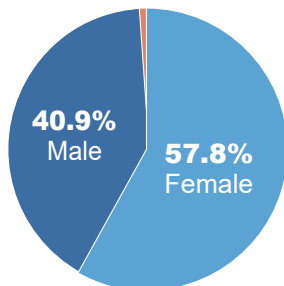
- Active military, veterans, and their families
- Adult education students
- Business, community, and government partners
- Dual enrollment students
- Incarcerated re-entry students
- International students
- Lifelong learners
- Transfer students
- Workforce students



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

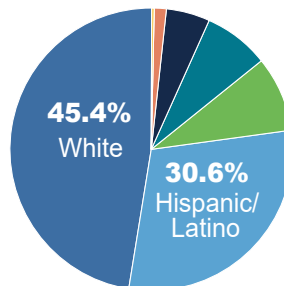
- Maricopa County: **73.8%**
- Out of State: **17.6%**
- In-state, Non-Maricopa: **8.6%**

GENDER



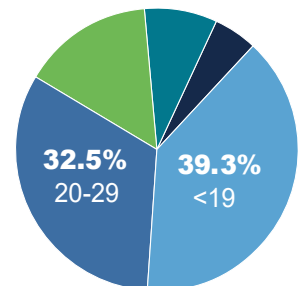
0.02% Intersex
1.2% Unknown/Other

ETHNICITY



1.5% American Indian/Alaska Native
0.2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
5.9% Asian
8.0% Black/African American
8.4% Other/Not Specified

AGE



4% 50+
8.6% 40-49
15.6% 30-39

POPULATIONS

Dual Enrollment: **9,872**
Adult Education: **6,121**
Educational Service Partnerships: **3,273**
Veterans: **1,301**
Incarcerated Re-entry: **1,416**
Active-duty military: **167**
Lifelong learners: **325**

PELL ELIGIBLE**

Yes: **71.1%**
No: **28.9%**

FIRST GENERATION

Yes: **43.5%**
No: **49.2%**
Not Reported: **7.3%**

HEADCOUNT: 41,661***

For-credit: **35,540**
In-state: **29,370**
Online: **21,516**
Full-time student equivalent: **9,175******
Full-time: **5,161**
Out-of-state: **6,279**
Non-credit workforce training: **34**

July 1 2023 - June 30 2024 data provided by Rio Salado College's Institutional Research Department. *Includes students who transfer 12 or more credits from Rio Salado to a state university. **Based on data from applications submitted. ***Total sum not representative of combined student populations due to the number of students who take credit and non-credit classes. ****Approved by Arizona Auditor General.



HOW WE SERVE

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Academic Associate Transfer Degrees (District-wide): **45**
- Bachelor's Degrees: **2**
- Associate in Applied Science Degrees: **9**
- Certificates of Completion: **111**
- AZ General Education Curriculum Certificates: **3**

NEW CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

- BA in Elementary Education and Special Education
- BAS in Public Safety Administration
- CCL in Certified Bookkeeping
- CCL in Early Childhood Education Management and Administration
- CCL in Infant and Toddler Development
- CCL in Precision Optics Level I



WRAPAROUND SERVICES

We offer customized advisement; technical, instructional and tutoring support; assistance with financial aid, scholarships, and emergency funds; disability, military, veteran, career, and counseling services; and other forms of support to help students overcome challenges, stay in school, and succeed.

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

Students can further connect through leadership programs, events, webinars, special projects, and other activities.



TRANSFER OPTIONS

We have 40+ [transfer partnerships](#) with other colleges and universities including pathways to Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Graduates can stay connected through our [Alumni Association](#). More than 106,000 alumni have earned more than 130,000 degrees and certificates since 1978.



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

As America's Online Community College® we are increasing access to under-served students across the country. Our partnerships with American Family Insurance, JBS, Master Electronics, State Farm, Guild Career Opportunity Platform, and other collaborations are further expanding our efforts to increase online educational opportunities for working adults through [company-sponsored tuition benefits](#).

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Rio Salado has 30+ years experience delivering customized educational services and programs to a variety of industries. We provide students access to workforce education and higher-learning pathways with these and other partnership programs:

- [Dual Enrollment](#): 49 Maricopa County high schools
- [Corporate](#): Cox Communications, USAA, State Farm Insurance, Salt River Project, and many other employers
- [Public Safety](#): Arizona Department of Corrections, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, and Phoenix Police Department
- [Incarcerated Re-entry](#): Certificates and 3 degrees in Construction, Small Business Start-Up, and more

WE PLACE YOU AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO



MINDFULNESS



EMPATHY



HAPPINESS



RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

As Arizona's largest provider of [adult education](#), we serve more than 6,000 students with GED® test preparation, English language classes, and career training. Instruction is available online and in-person at six college locations and at West-MEC and South Mountain Community College partner sites. We partner with the Maricopa Community Colleges to offer unique pathways for adult education students to earn academic and occupational certificates and degrees— and provide scholarships, mentoring, and individualized support services.





WHERE WE SERVE

ONLINE AND VIRTUAL

Online portals and services give students the freedom to take college classes at a time and place that's convenient for them. Students have 24/7 access to courses, technical support, library services, and RioConnect to engage with other students, advisors, and instructors. Virtual and remote support services provide additional options for busy students.



LOCATIONS

1. Tempe Headquarters
 - Café at Rio
 - Conference Center
 - Dental Clinic
 - Radio Stations: K-BACH, KJZZ, and Sun Sounds of Arizona
2. Southern
3. Downtown
4. Avondale
5. Luke Air Force Base
6. Surprise
7. Northern
8. Thomas
9. Communiversity at Queen Creek



2024 grad Victor Neri-Cordova transitioned from a production worker to an IT analyst at the JBS Foods plant in Ottumwa, Iowa, through the JBS Better Futures program, which paid for Victor's tuition to earn an associate degree in cybersecurity.

Many students attending other colleges take classes with us to save time and money— and stay on track.

ON-AIR

Our award-winning public radio stations and services provide educational and enriching multi-media programs supported by thousands of generous members.

[K-BACH 89.5 FM](#): Classical music, arts, and cultural programs.

[KJZZ 91.5 FM](#): Local, NPR and BBC news, jazz, and other engaging programs.

[SPOT 127](#): Youth media center teaching teens digital media and journalism skills.

[Sun Sounds of Arizona](#): Information services for people who have difficulty reading print publications.



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