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# **Porterville College Mission Statement:**

With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing students for career and academic success.

In support of our values and philosophy, Porterville College will:

- 1. Provide quality academic programs to all students who are capable of benefiting from community college instruction.
- 2. Provide comprehensive support services to help students achieve their personal, career and academic potential.
- 3. Prepare students for transfer and success at four-year institutions.
- 4. Provide courses and training to prepare students for employment or to enhance skills within their current careers.
- 5. Provide developmental education to students who need to enhance their knowledge and understanding of basic skills.
- 6. Recognize student achievement through awarding degrees, certificates, grants, and scholarships.

#### **Guided Pathways Framework:**

- 1. Clarify the Path: Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education.
- 2. Enter the Path: Help students choose and enter their pathway.
- 3. Stay on the Path: Help students stay on their path.
- 4. Ensure Learning: Ensure that learning is happening with clear outcomes.

#### **Program Mission Statement:**

The Learning Center supports the mission of Porterville College by offering academic support to students at every level of skill and ability through peer and faculty tutorial services, peer mentorship in English and mathematics, and a supervised learning software lab.

#### Vision:

The Learning Center provides outstanding, multi-faceted academic support to Porterville College students, partnering with them to facilitate the achievement of their goals.

#### Values:

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In support of our mission statement and vision, the Learning Center is committed to the following core values:

Students—The Learning Center values each student and is committed to the College Mission Statement's opening statement: "With students as our focus . . . ."

Learning—The Learning Center exists to support student learning and provides customized assistance to facilitate student success.

Assessment—The Learning Center is committed to an on-going process of assessment designed to monitor and improve the effectiveness of our service to students.

#### **Service Area Outcomes (SAOs):**

(For each Service Area Outcome (SAO) identified by your program, please complete the table below describing how the assessment results have been discussed in the program and how they impact your goals and needs. If your program has more than two SAOs, please add rows.)

SAO Statement	Describe assessment results and discussion	Describe how the
	of this SAO	results impact your
		goals and needs
		going forward
1. Students that	This SAO is assessed on a yearly basis with	Based on the results
utilize the Learning	data from the Learning Center tracking	for the past three
Center services will	software compared to Cognos course	academic years, a
improve their course	completion data. Data was gathered from the	continuing goal is to
completion rate.	Learning Center starting from 2013-2014	increase the number
	academic year to 2021-2022 academic year	of students utilizing
	and was compared to current and historical	the Learning Center
	data in Cognos. Learning Center success rate	services. The
	data continually show increasing	investment of staff
	improvement regarding students utilizing the	and student workers
	Learning Center vs those who do not. 2018-	(e.g., PASS leaders,
	19 data has a 5% difference and an even	tutors) will help to
	wider gap that doubled in 2019-20 showing	increase the number
	the students utilizing the Learning Center	of subjects and
	services have a greater opportunity for	timeframes we are
	student success.	able to provide
		support.
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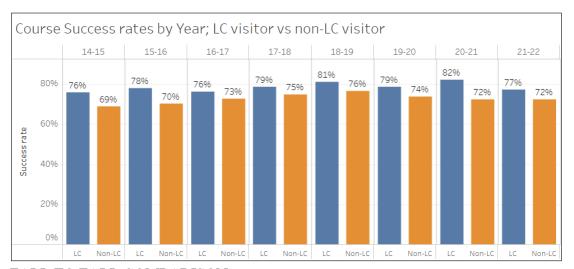
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2. Students are awar
of the Learning
Center services.

This SAO is assessed every semester with the end of the semester survey data. The end of semester survey will be used to assess student awareness of tutoring services and determine ways to increase rates in which students learn about and take part in the tutoring services provided. Results of the survey display that 96.2% of students are aware of services provided. This shows that our outreach to students is effective in spreading awareness of services provided. 80 out of 800 (10%) of student within the parameters (students that utilized the Learning Center/Innovation Centers or students with a 2.0 or below GPA) responded to the survey.

Based on the end of semester survey for fall 2021 the goal is to turn student awareness into utilizing our services.



#### FALL TO FALL COMPARISON

Type	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Difference	% Change
Appointments	440	833	393	89.32%
Unduplicated				
Students	127	263	136	107.09%
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Type	Fall 2020	Fall 2021*	Difference	% Change
Appointments	440	552	112	25.45%
Unduplicated				
<b>Students</b>	127	210	83	65.35%

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* Without Testing		

#### **Program Analysis and Trends:**

(This section is intended to evaluate your program, including data review, changes over the past three years, progress on previous goals, strengths of the program, and areas for improvement.)

#### Data Review

(Please review data provided by the KCCD Office of Institutional Research here. Discuss trends in your program including things such as enrollment, offerings, demographic trends, course success rates, and awards. Be sure to address any equity issues in your data, including course success rate differences.)

The Learning Center served 397 unduplicated students in the 2020-21 academic year, a 33.83% decrease in the number of unduplicated students the LRC served in 2019-20 (approximately 600 unduplicated students). This decrease in unduplicated students stems from a decrease in enrollment for 2020-21 in comparison to 2019-20. The Learning Center's headcount is largely a reflection of Porterville College's current student headcount with the Learning Center serving approximately 10% of the PC's headcount. The Learning Center transitioned from SARS to Navigate in October 2020, so the data from SARs with the number of students is inaccurate particularly as student workers would clock in and out via SARS.

#### **Learning Center Overview**

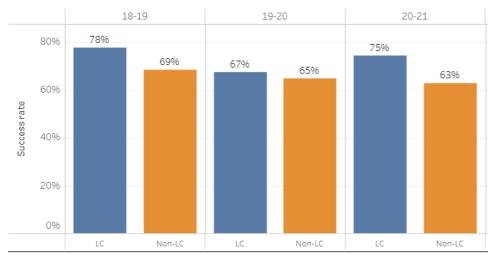
The overall effectiveness of the Learning Center was reviewed by two studies. The first study compared the students who used the Learning Center services to students who did not use the Learning Center to see if students who used the Learning Center services were more likely to pass their course. The study disaggregated the data to see if the number of times a student visited the Learning Center had an effect on their completion rate. To better understand the Learning Center's effectiveness on student completion, the data was separated according to English, math, and all other courses. The data indicated that the more times students visit the Learning Center the more likely they are to successfully pass their course.

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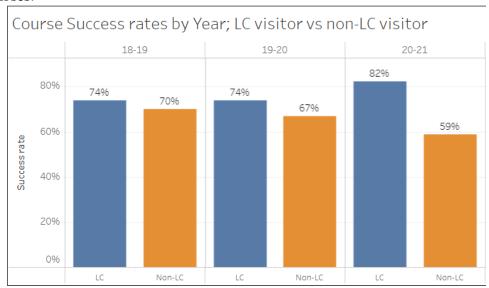
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# **English Courses:**

Course Success rates by Year; LC visitor vs non-LC visitor



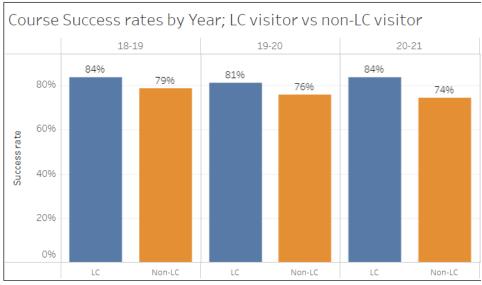
#### **Math Courses:**

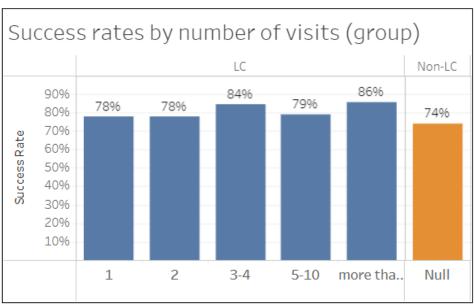


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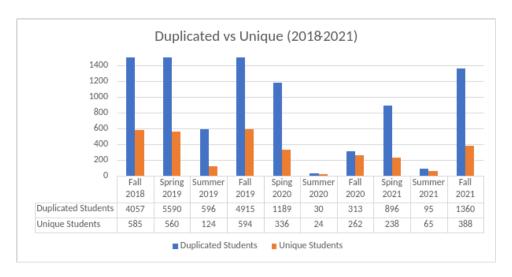
#### **All Other Courses:**





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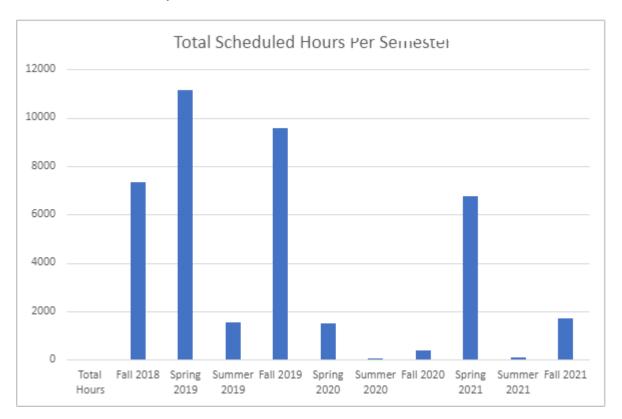
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College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) Training			
Academic Year	Total Trainings		
2017-18	7		
2018-19	8		
2019-20	2		
2020-21	10		
TOTAL	27		

The second study used the End of the Semester Survey to determine if students who had at or below a 2.0 GPA were aware of the Learning Center services and for the students that did utilize our services how could we better support them in their courses. The questions that were used for this survey were centered around the students' experiences and awareness of the Learning Center. The questions were asked to collect data on how the students have learned about our services, issues faced, how students would want to be contacted, areas of assistance, and student success. The end of semester survey questions are attached, and the results are below:

- Students had different suggestions on how to improve their experiences (Question 1 in 1/4), these suggestions included services outside of the learning centers control.
- Of all the pathways, the top four ways students hear about our services included through instructors, advisors and counselors, email and through their peers. (Question 2 in 1/4)

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- Out of all the methods of communications the top three ways students wanted to be contacted was through canvas, email, and text messages. (Question 1 in 2/4)
- The areas students needed the most assistance was in homework, terms and concepts, and study skills.
- Of the 96.2 percent of students that were aware of the Learning Centers services, 46.84 percent have utilized the services provided. Of the students that did not seek support (50.63%) 61.11 percent believed that learning center support services would have helped them to be more successful. (3/4)
- To gain a deeper level of understanding of the students, students were asked about the biggest obstacles they were facing. Students' reported problems with time management, personal issues, and coursework.
- Per question 8 (4/4) the learning centers have proven to be very helpful or helpful in math, English, science, other languages, other courses, and tech support.

# End of Semester Survey (1/4)

- What students were requesting us to do differently?
- · (Some of their suggestions/comments)
- "Keep in touch with students and try to offer courses students need. There is a huge lack of communication between staff and students."
- "It would be nice to have all around knowledge of what is offered. It's always a "well... I'm not too sure" answer"
- "I sent in a paper on NetTutor in September for review and it is still sitting there waiting for review. No one ever got back to me about it at all."
- "Need more tutors in advanced courses, such as Physics, Chem101A, etc."
- "Yeah, I turned my paper into the NetTutor in the first week of September and TO THIS DAY it still sits there waiting for someone to look it over for me. It's an amazing service, in theory, but if no one is getting feedback out then what's the point?"

- Top three ways students were able to learn about our services:
- · 36.04% Instructor
- · 18.02% Advisor/Counselor
- · 13.51% Another Student/Classmate
- · 13.51% Email.

How did students learn about the Learning Center and Innovation Centers?



80 out of 800 responded (parameters students that used the Learning Center and/or Innovation Centers and students with 2.0 and below GPAs); 10% responded

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# End of Semester Survey (2/4)

- Top three ways students would like to be contacted about our services:
- 37.70% of students prefer to be contacted about our services through Canvas
- · 36.89% through Email
- · 15.57% via Text Messages.

- Top three areas that students needed assistance in:
- · 1: Homework/Assignments/Problems
- · 2: Understanding terms/Concepts
- 3: Improving Study Skills/Problem Solving Skills

How would students like to be contacted about our services?



In what areas did students need assistance?



# End of Semester Survey (¾)

- How aware were students of PC free tutoring?
- 96.2% of students were aware of PC free tutoring
- 46.84% utilized the tutoring services offered this semester or in previous semesters.

How aware were students of PC free tutoring?



How successful were students this semester?



- 66.67% of students answered that they "did really well (GPA 3.0+)"
- 28.21% said that "Support could have helped (GPA 2.0 - 3.0)"
- 5.13% said they "struggled a lot (GPA 0.0 2.0)"
- 61.11% of the students who didn't seek support answered that they believed "tutoring would have helped them be more successful"

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# End of Semester Survey (4/4)

# Top 3 obstacles students faced during the semester:

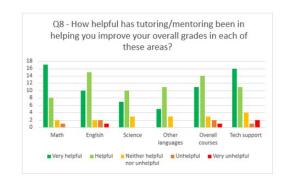
37.61% of students said that Time management was one of the biggest obstacles they faced this semester

34.86% responded with personal issues

14.68% listed "trouble with my classes"

#### Obstacles Students Faced This Semester





#### **Testing**

The Learning Center, in fall 2019, added Pearsonvue testing to ensure students have access to much needed industry certifications. Unduplicated students using testing services: during the fall 2018 semester, 188 unduplicated students used the provided Learning Center testing services with 32% of them being DRC students, 61 unduplicated. The spring 2019 semester had 145 unduplicated students and 44% being DRC students, 64 unduplicated. During the 2018-2019 year, 289 unduplicated students used testing services and 32% being DRC Students, 93 unduplicated. The total number of testing appointments during fall 2018 was 464 with 56% being DRC students, 258 DRC and 206 non-DRC. Spring 2019 had 417 testing appointments with 71% being DRC students, 294 DRC and 123 non-DRC Students. For 2018-2019, 881 students used testing services with 63% being DRC students, 552 DRC and 329 non-DRC students.

During the 2019-20 year, fall 2019 had 46 unduplicated DRC students and 95 non-DRC students. During spring 2020, there were 100 appointments for testing that had to be canceled due to COVID-19 and transferring to virtual. There was no testing done until fall 2021.

2018-19 Unduplicated Students Testing Appointments				
Term/Academic Year	Total Unduplicated Student Testing in Learning Center	% of Learning Center students who tested that were DRC Unduplicated Students	Unduplicated DRC Students	Unduplicated Non-DRC Students
Fall 2018	188	32%	61	127

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Spring 2019	145	44%	64	81
2018-19	289	32%	93	196

	2018-19 Testing Appointments				
Term/Academic Year	Total Testing in Learning Center	% of DRC Testing in Learning Center	Duplicated DRC Students	Non-DRC Testing	
Fall 2018	464	56%	258	206	
Spring 2019	417	71%	294	123	
2018-19	881	63%	552	329	

	2019-20 Unduplicated Students Testing Appointments			
Term/Academic Year	Unduplicated DRC Students	Unduplicated Non-DRC Students	Total Unduplicated Student Testing in Learning Center	% of DRC Unduplicated Students who Tested in Learning Center
Fall 2019	46	95	141	33%
Spring 2020	*	*	*	*
2019-20	46	95	141	33%

2019-20 Testing Appointments				
Term/Academic Year	DRC Testing	Non-DRC Testing	Total (Duplicated) Testing in Learning Center	% of DRC Testing in Learning Center
Fall 2019	160	142	302	53%
Spring 2020	*	*	*	*

<sup>\*</sup>COVID-19 pandemic caused testing to be cancelled in the LRC. Data was lost for Jan/Feb 2020

# Changes in Program over Last Three Years

(Please review significant changes in your division in the past three years, including things such as new or revised curriculum, programs added or discontinued, program growth or decline, significant changes in personnel or policy, local, state or federal policy changes that might

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impact the program, new or reduced resources, or changes in how the program is organized and managed at the college.)

As of Fall 2018, the Learning Center serves students 14 hours/day Monday – Thursday (7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) and 4 hours on Friday (8:00 a.m. – noon) for a total of 60 hours/week. The Learning Center serves about 300 students each academic year through the Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS) Leaders, Writing Mentors, Math Mentors, and Peer and Embedded Tutors. The Learning Center now conducts all DRC testing needs. Each program in the Learning Center now has a Student Lead who provides training and guidance to brand new tutors, PASS Leaders, and writing and math mentors. The implementation of Leads has enabled the LRC to maintain uniform tutoring and PASS sessions.

The area in front of the Learning Center was redesigned summer 2021 to create a student learning space that is more student-centered and service driven. The redesign entailed the purchase of brand new furniture and a new ClearTouch Interactive TV to provide consistent upto-date information to students. In spring 2019, Peer and Embedded Tutors program was recertified as College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) Tutor Level I Certification. This program has normed all training for Peer and Embedded Tutors, so that they can provide more comprehensive tutorial services to students. As of spring 2021, 10 Peer/Embedded Tutors have completed their CRLA Tutor Level I Certification and currently 27 Peer/Embedded Tutors are being trained.

The Learning Center joined the STAR-CA program fall 2019. STAR-CA is a California wide program that unites the community colleges to provide support to students with tutoring in a wide variety of subjects. Porterville College taking part in this program is beneficial to student success and is helpful for students to have accessible tutoring in subjects that we may not be able to provide.

The Learning Center became a PearsonVUE testing site in Fall 2019 to offer industry certifications to our students including CSET and CBEST testing.

#### Report on Previous Goals

(In this section, report on goals established in your previous program review. Please include progress to date, including whether the goal is complete, revised, and how any circumstances might have impacted your completion of the goal. If you had more than three goals, please add rows.)

Goal	Status/Progress
1. Identify and adopt a system	This goal was completed fall 2020 using Navigate. All
for data collection on academic	student workers and professional experts were trained in fall
impact of drop-in and scheduled	2020 on how to use the software to add students to their
tutorial services.	

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	schedules. This created uniformity in how all student	
	workers collect data for programmatic review.	
2. Engage in outreach to	This goal is ongoing but fall 2021 saw an increase in the	
increase the number of students	number of students that utilize the Learning Center. With	
who utilize the Learning	the Learning Center now using Navigate, it is a more	
Center.	accurate system to measure data whereas before the SARs	
	system was also used to clock in and out for student	
	workers.	
3.		

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Type	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Difference	% Change
Appointments	440	833	393	89.32%
Unduplicated				
Students	127	263	136	107.09%

#### **Program Strengths**

(Based on a review of your outcomes assessments, data, recent changes, and anything else you would like to highlight, please review your current areas of strength.)

The Learning Center was renewed for College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Level I Tutoring Certification in spring 2019. With the new certification, the Learning Center is able to certify Peer/Embedded Tutors as Certified Tutors. The certification sets professional standards of skill and training for tutors, thus enabling Peer/Embedded Tutors to provide exemplary tutorial services to PC students.

The Learning Center has bi-weekly mandatory student worker meetings to ensure student workers are aware of ongoing projects, events, and training available. These bi-weekly meetings have ensured that all student workers are engaged.

The platform Discord was created for the Learning Center student workers to transition to a virtual timecard system. Discord is also serving as a tool for students to connect on shared hobbies and coursework. Some PASS Leaders will slowly start offering their services via Discord as their online tutoring option.

In the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Learning Center created the Virtual Learning Center which hosted all the services that we offered in the physical location in an online environment.

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In fall 2019, the Learning Center implemented subject specific campaigns via the software Navigate to focus on at-risk students. This service has helped the Learning Center steadily regain students that were lost pre-Covid. It also has provided an avenue for student workers to reach out to students, before their appointments, as a reminder them to bring their textbooks or their prompts. In spring 2022, a new feature will allow students' to self-schedule appointments with student workers through Navigate.

### Areas for Improvement

(Based on a review of your outcomes assessments, data, recent changes, and anything else you would like to highlight, please review your current areas for improvement. Note that the areas of strength and improvement identified here should inform the goals, budget, and other resource requests later in the document.)

There has not been a Director for the Learning Center and Library for more than ten (10) years. It is necessary to have a director who is responsible for comprehensive academic support services programming that provides students with additional learning assistance outside of the classroom; as well as streamlining the support services in this area. It will also help to streamline the data collection practices for each program. Currently, the Learning Center is staffed with one full-time technician and one part-time technician.

With the increase in testing in fall 2018 due to DRC testing moving to the Learning Center, one full-time and one part-time technician is no longer meeting the needs of the Learning Center. If the Learning Center had two full-time technicians, the Learning Center would have ample coverage to assist DRC testing needs. Furthermore, the two positions alone do not meet the growing student demand for tutoring, mentoring, and supplemental instruction. An additional full-time position is needed to meet the student demand.

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<u>Goals</u> (This section is for you to report on progress on *new goals*. If your program is addressing more than 3 goals, please add rows. Note that for the Mission Statement column, please list the numbered goal(s) from the college Mission Statement and Guided Pathways Pillars (see page 1) that would be furthered if this goal were accomplished.)

Goal(s)	Timeline	Needed resources	Person(s)	Obstacles to	Mission	Guided
	for		Responsible	completion (if	Statement	Pathways
	completion			any)		Pillars
1. Increase the number of	Spring	Training of	Dean of	Meeting with	2	3 & 4
students that utilize STAR-	2023	students and	Instruction	STAR-CA		
CA for online services		student workers	Program	representatives		
		on STAR-CA	Director Title V	to ensure that		
		software	Chair of	we can have		
			Divisions	interpreters and		
				transcribers for		
				the service		
2. Increase the number of	Spring	Faculty	Dean of	N/A	2	3 & 4
faculty that participate in	2023	recommendations	Instruction			
the embedded tutor			Program			
program for dual			Director Title V			
enrollment/concurrent			Chair of			
enrolled students			Divisions			
			_			
3. Increase the number of	Fall 2022	Faculty	Dean of	N/A	2	3 & 4
student workers and		recommendations	Instruction			
subjects to increase our			Program			
tutoring services			Director Title V			
			Chair of			
			Divisions			

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# **Staffing:**

#### **Current Staffing Levels**

Please use the table below to describe current staffing levels, by employee type. Raw numbers are sufficient, not FTE.

Full-time		Part-time	
Faculty		Faculty	
Temporary		Temporary	
Classified	1 11 month Learning Center Technician	Classified	1 19 hr/week Learning Center Technician
Management		Management	

# Request for New/Replacement Staff

Use one line for each position requested. Justify each position in the space below.

		Classification	Full or Part	New or
	Title of Position	(Faculty,	Time	Replacement
		Classified, or		_
		Management)		
Position 1	Learning Center Technician	Classified	Full	New
Position 2	Director of the Learning	Management	Full	New
	Center and Library			
Position 3				

#### Justification:

(Address each position requested. Note that a position need should be demonstrated in earlier sections, such as your needs for improvement or to meet specific goals)

1. Learning Center Technician, Full-Time: Currently the Learning Center is staffed with one full-time technician and one part-time technician. Student demand for tutoring, mentoring, and supplemental instruction are growing. In order to meet the needs of student demand and provide adequate coverage of the Learning Center during peak times, it is necessary to hire a second full-time Learning Center Technician to work in the afternoon and evening hours to provide more operating hours to meet the demand.

Salary (1000): \$37,284.24 B Benefits (3000): \$27,131.41

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2. Director of the Learning Center and Library: This position would be responsible for the Learning Center and the Library. These areas are vital to the success of Porterville College students. There has not been a Director for the respective areas for more than ten (10) years. It is necessary to have a director who is responsible for comprehensive academic support services programming that provides students with additional learning assistance outside of the classroom. The supervision and coordination that the director will bring to the Library and Learning Center are vital to the success of these support services.

Salary (1000): \$102,704.39 Benefits (3000): \$43,491.66

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#### **Resource Requests**

The following four sections are for requesting resources, such as technology, facilities, safety/security, and professional development. Please include all needs, even if you already have identified funds for them. Requests made here should be linked to needs identified in earlier sections (outcomes, areas for improvement, goals). If you have no needs in a particular area, just type NA.

#### TECHNOLOGY REQUEST

Use this section to list any technology needs for your program. If you have more than two technology needs, add rows below.

	<u>Justification</u>
<u>Technology</u>	
Need	
Item 1 NA	NA
Item 2 NA	NA

#### **FACILITIES REQUEST**

Use this section to list any facilities needs for your program. If you have more than two facilities needs, add rows below.

	Justification
Facilities Need	
Item 1	NA
Item 2	NA

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### SAFETY & SECURITY REQUEST

Use this section to list any safety & security needs for your program. If you have more than two safety & security needs, add rows below.

	<u>Justification</u>
Safety & Security Need	
Security Need	
Item 1 NA	NA
Item 2 NA	NA

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

Use this section to list any professional development opportunities you would like to have available for your program. If you have more than two professional development needs, add rows below.

	<u>Justification</u>
<u>Professional</u>	
Development	
Need	
Item 1	NA
Item 2	NA

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## **Budget**

(Please include all budget needs, even if your program is funded entirely by categorical funds. (Do not include staffing n this section.)

	Current Budget	Amount of Change	Revised Total
2000 (Student	30000	0	30000
Workers Only)			
4000	700	0	700
5000	500	0	500
Other	0	0	0

#### Justification:

4000-Office Supplies 5000-Memberships (CRLA)

(Please justify all significant expenditures. Note that budget needs should be demonstrated in earlier sections, such as your needs for improvement or to meet specific goals)