

(BP 3430), its Policy on Nondiscrimination (BP 3410), and its Policy on Academic Freedom (BP 4030).

In addition, the Board of Trustees is subject to its own Code of Ethics (BP 2715), and most of our employees are members of professional organizations with their own established codes of ethics, such as the CTA, CSEA, and ACCCA. Employees are encouraged to consult their own organizations, when applicable, for further guidance. As constituents of Rio Hondo College, students are likewise encouraged to maintain high Standards of Conduct (BP 5500).

As a further demonstration of commitment to high ethical standards, employees of Rio Hondo College aspire to be guided by the following values statements. They are intended as guidelines and aspirations, to be used for educational rather than enforcement purposes, with our own conscience as the first and most salient means of evaluation.

- This College values open communication, honesty, and truthfulness, and aspires to an “open door” philosophy.
- This College values open inquiry, and honors academic freedom.
- This College strives to protect human dignity and individual freedom.
- This College values clear roles and responsibilities, teamwork, and cooperation (as outlined in AB1725), and therefore aspires to develop a climate of trust and mutual support.
- This College is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities to the community, and the instructional faculty seeks to evaluate students by honest appraisal of student performance against faculty standards.

Institutional Philosophy

Recognizing the individual worth and potential of every human being, Rio Hondo College offers an open access, comprehensive educational program to residents of the college district.

The college is dedicated to excellence in instruction and student services to develop the intellectual and personal competence of each individual.

At Rio Hondo College, students will have an opportunity to develop ethical values, learn the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, develop career skills, and understand the scientific, artistic, and social achievements of various cultures.

Accreditations and Certifications

Rio Hondo College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is authorized by the California Community College Board of

Governors to offer courses which parallel the lower-division courses of four-year institutions and qualify the student for junior classification at the university level. College transfer courses are accepted at full value at most colleges and universities throughout the United States.

- Police Academy – California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) (Certified)
- Fire Academy – California State Fire Marshal (Accredited); Accredited Local Processing for “Fire Officer Certifications”- California State Fire Marshals office
- Regional Homeland Security Training Center - certified by California State Fire Marshal and California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and certified as a UASI homeland security regional training centers in Los Angeles County.
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – Los Angeles County Health Services EMT/ Paramedic Program Approval Section (Accredited)
- Wildland Fire Program – U.S. Forest Service (Certified)
- First Aid and CPR – American Heart Association & American Red Cross (Certified)
- Expanded Scope Practice for EMT’s – LA County Department of Health Services (Certified)
- Drug Studies Program – Accredited by California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
- Nursing Program – Approved by the Board of Registered Nursing, State of California and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, State of California.
- CNA Programs – Approved through the Department of Health Services State of California.
- Automotive Programs: National Automotive Technical Foundation (NATEF) (Certified); California Automotive Business Coalition Automotive Technician Training Standards (ATTS) (Certified); California Smog Check Technician Training Institution (Certified).

Institutional Affiliation

Rio Hondo College is a member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges, and the California Association of Community Colleges. The college is also a member of the San Gabriel/Foothill Association of Community Colleges (SanFACC).