

Background History

In July 1970, the American Samoa Community College (ASCC) was established as part of the Department of Education. The first classes were offered in 1970 at the old Land and Survey Building in Fagatogo, now the site of the Lumana'i Building, with an enrollment of 131. The following year the College was moved to the old Fia Iloa High School Building in Utulei. The move to the present location, the former Mapusaga High School campus, occurred in September 1974.

The American Samoa Community College received its initial accreditation in 1976 and has continued to maintain its accreditation under the purview of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Throughout the years, ASCC has undergone periodic evaluations and reaccreditations, ensuring that it meets the highest standards of academic quality and institutional effectiveness. ASCC's ongoing accreditation by ACCJC serves as a testament to its commitment to providing students with a rigorous and relevant education, as well as its dedication to continuous improvement and accountability.

Mission Statement

The mission of the American Samoa Community College is to foster successful student learning by providing high quality educational programs and services that will enable students to achieve their educational goals and to contribute to the social, cultural, political, economic, technological, and environmental well-being of American Samoa.

To fulfill this mission, the College, as an open admission, United States accredited, Land Grant institution provides access to bachelor and associate degrees and certificate programs of study. These programs prepare all students including those who are educationally underserved, challenged, or non-traditional for:

- **S**uccessful entry into the workforce
- **T**ransfer to institutions of higher learning
- **A**wareness of the Samoan Culture and the Pacific
- **R**esearch and extension in human and natural resources

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