

# *General Information*

## **Vision Statement**

Labette Community College (LCC) will continue to enhance its standing as an exceptional College by striving for excellence in all its programs, services, and activities.

## **Mission Statement**

Labette Community College provides quality learning opportunities in a supportive environment for success in a changing world.

## **Core Values**

Labette Community College's commitment to its mission and to the communities it serves is anchored in core values shared by students, faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Trustees. These core values guide the College community and endure through the changing needs, aspirations, and goals of the campus and the community.

### *Accessibility*

Labette Community College values open admission for all students regardless of their educational and socio-economical backgrounds. The College provides comprehensive learning opportunities through course scheduling at a variety of times and locations and diverse delivery methods.

### *Accountability*

Labette Community College assumes a leadership role in identifying and responding to constituent needs in education and economic development. The College incorporates institutional effectiveness and outcomes assessment measures into the strategic planning and budgeting processes.

### *Caring*

Labette Community College genuinely cares about students and the community it serves. This outlook provides a caring, supportive, and collaborative working and learning environment within the institution.

### *Community*

Labette Community College listens to both individuals and community partners and values their input and support in shaping programs and services. Our success is in part measured by the quality and timeliness of our response and service to the community.

### *Diversity*

Labette Community College values the dignity, worth, and potential of all people and the respectful treatment of individuals who learn and work at the College; therefore, the College celebrates the diversity in both our communities and our world.

### ***Integrity***

Personal honesty and reliability are essential elements at Labette Community College. The College community expects and consistently stands for integrity, ethical behavior, and personal responsibility both in words and actions.

### ***Learning***

The heart of Labette Community College is teaching and learning. Student learning is our primary goal. Every effort is made to provide programs and services that will assist students in reaching their maximum potential.

### ***Quality***

Labette Community College assists students and the community in attaining their goals through excellence in personnel, programs, activities, and technology. The College values quality in all endeavors and continuously strives for improvement, seeking new, flexible, and responsive ways to achieve its mission.

### **History of LCC**

On April 4, 1923, Parsons voters approved a two-year Junior College by a 4 to 1 margin. Labette Community College was founded as Parsons Junior College that year on the top floor of the old high school building at 26<sup>th</sup> and Main. The 1925 graduating class had 23 members. Their course of study was conducted entirely at the old high school. The College program moved to the new Parsons Senior High-Junior College building (now Parsons Middle School) in 1926. The College relocated to its present campus in the former East Junior High School building at 14<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in 1963.

In June of 1965, voters approved the creation of the Labette Junior College District. The Parsons Board of Education operated the College on an interim basis, but it became a separate entity when the Labette Community Junior College Board of Trustees was elected in the spring of 1966. In 1978, the College was renamed Labette Community College.

The College has evolved from a city college primarily serving those students who wished to transfer to a four-year institution to a comprehensive community college offering transfer degrees, professional/technical degrees and certificates, continuing education, customized training for business and industry, lifelong learning opportunities, and a variety of programs and services for Southeast Kansas and the four-state region.

### **Accreditation and Membership**

Labette Community College is a member of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT). The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredit Labette Community College. Individuals should direct their questions, comments, or concerns to:

Kansas Board of Regents  
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520  
Topeka, KS 66612-1368  
(785) 296-3421  
<http://www.kansasregents.org>

Or

Higher Learning Commission of the North  
Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
30 N LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602-2504  
(800) 621-7440 or (312) 263-0456  
<http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org>

The LCC Bi-level Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Ste. 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000, <http://www.nlnac.org>. The Nursing Program is also approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, (KSBN), Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 1051, Topeka, KS 66612-1230, (785) 296-4929, <http://www.ksbn.org>.

The Radiography Department is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 North Wacker Drive, Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60606-2901, (312) 704-5300, <http://www.jrcert.org>.

The Respiratory Therapy Department is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC), 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835 or (800) 874-5615, <http://www.coarc.com>.

#### **Labette Community College Foundation**

The Labette Community College Foundation is a Kansas nonprofit corporation and an Internal Revenue Service 501 (c)(3) organization. The purpose of the Foundation is to raise money from alumni, friends, and businesses in support of College programs. The majority of Foundation support is for scholarships. Support is also provided for buildings and grounds, faculty/staff development, student activities, equipment and supplies, and community outreach.

The Foundation manages the Jack and Ruth Gribben Endowment Fund that sponsors the annual Gribben English Lecture Series and the biennial Gribben Community Classics Series. The Foundation awards the annual Cardinal Citation for lifetime service and the annual William and Allene Guthrie Van Meter Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

A booklet listing Foundation scholarships is available in the Foundation Office and the College Admissions Office. The Foundation does not make scholarship award decisions. Award decisions are made by the College Financial Aid Office in accordance with established policies and procedures. For more information on the Labette Community College Foundation please call (620) 820-1281.