



## Puma Resources for Students

**Disclaimer:** The information on this page might not be current. PVCC is currently operating remotely in response to the Global COVID-19 pandemic. Many student services can now be accessed online. Please see the links below for the most up-to-date information available.

**1. Academic Success** Students who know and use the available resources from the start do better and complete their goals more often than those who don't or who wait until they're struggling to seek help. From enrollment to graduation, you will want to check these out:

**Advisement** It is very important that students meet with an academic advisor at least once a semester. Advisors can help students make sure they are on the right track to completing their desired educational goals. Advisors also serve as a great campus resource. Located in the KSC Building Welcome Center. Phone: 602-787-7180. Walk-ins are available Monday-Friday. If you don't have time to visit with an advisor, don't worry, you can always ask an advisor a question using chat or by email or schedule a phone meeting. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/advisement>

**MyInfo App** Welcome to the free tool that will make your school life easier! MyInfo has all kinds of features--financial aid awards, schedules, account information, payments, textbook purchasing for classes you're taking, even GPS to get you to your classes! These are just some of the features or the app that you can download from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Find more information, including the User Guide, at <https://my.maricopa.edu/tools/myinfo>

**Learning Success Center** College students who use tutoring have an average GPA a letter grade higher than the national average college GPA. Free, drop-in tutoring in all subjects including math, success coaching (work-life-school balance), college-textbook reading, study rooms, and resources are available in the E building and at the Black Mountain LSC. Located in E180. Phone: 602-787-7180. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/learning-success-center>

**MCCCD Free Write** Do you need to review how to write an academic essay? Are you having trouble with commas? Maricopa Community Colleges offers a free Canvas course that provides a variety of online writing resources. Just use the following self-enrollment link to access the course: <https://learn.maricopa.edu/enroll/HN79XW>

**Counseling** In addition to student success, stress management, career exploration, and multiculturalism classes, our counselors provide academic and career counseling free to students. Learn to manage test anxiety, discover career possibilities, and engage in a more balanced life through the Counseling Center. To schedule an appointment, call or stop by the Counseling Office. Located in KSC 1220. Phone: 602-787-6540. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/counseling>

**Career Services** Search for career related jobs and internships and explore your field of interest with a career in mind. Develop a focused resume and LinkedIn account. Learn online job- and internship-searching techniques using **Maricopa CareerLink**

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<https://maricopa-csm.simplicity.com>, networking, interviewing, and how they all work together. Career development is an essential component of a holistic college experience. Located in KSC 1181 (next to Bookstore). Phone: 602-787-7073. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/careerservices>

**Q Math Tutoring and Testing** Located in Q, where the math classes take place, you'll find the center where you rent calculators for the semester, take your math tests, and find tutors who can help you with your math classes. Located in Q Building Math Center. Phone: 602-787-7740. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/academics/mathematics/math-center>

**Library** Need research help? Unsure how to cite and use sources for an assignment? Visit the library to chat with a friendly librarian for one-on-one help. Or use our 24/7 chat service. (link). The library also has private and group study rooms, textbooks, and laptops for checkout. Located in E Building. Phone: (Circulation) 602.787.7200 (Reference) 602-787-7215. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/library>

**Disability Resources and Services** In a confidential setting, students with disabilities have the opportunity for equal educational access through reasonable accommodations that give them the same opportunities to succeed as every other student. Documentation and registration of disabilities take place here in a helpful, respectful environment. Located in KSC 1220. Phone: 602-787-7171. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/disability-resources-and-services>

**Computer Commons** If you need help learning how to use a program for your class or need someplace to do your online coursework or use a computer for assignments, the Computer Commons is for you. You'll find friendly technicians who can help you with technical issues like password resets. Student IDs are also available here, so bring a picture ID like a driver's license and prepare to smile! Located in E Building. Phone: (Commons) 602-787-6760 (Help Desk) 602-787-7780. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/employees/information-technology/computer-commons>

**Entrepreneurship Education Center** Do you want to be your own boss? Do you have an idea that you would like to develop into a business? Begin here, where the certificate program, mentors, and community and student business programs and opportunities can help you bring your ideas to life and help you to assess becoming a business owner. Located in K117. Phone: 602-787-6964. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/eec>

**Honors** The PVCC Honors Program challenges students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher while supporting them with scholarships. The program offers unlimited scholarships up to \$1,290 per semester to eligible students. Program benefits include smaller classes, enriching academic opportunities, trips, social events, and transcript recognition. To find out if you are eligible, please visit the Honors Office. Located in K101 & 102. Phone: 602-787-7888. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/honors>

**Student Leadership Programs** Discover your full leadership potential through Emerging Leaders, Diversity Inc., and the Student Public Policy Forum, all based on the Social Change Model that advocates leadership as a process, not a position. You have no time during the school year but still are



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interested in leadership development? Look into LeaderShape in the summer. Located in Room KSC-1303. Phone: (602) 787-7240. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/student-life>

**Veterans Services** PVCC is a proud Military Supportive Campus and offers Veteran Education Benefits to eligible service members/Veterans and/or their dependents to help with education training and training costs. There are a number of federal, state, and private Veteran educational funding programs. If you will be using any form of Veteran Education benefits you should visit the Veterans Services Office. Located in K108. Phone: 602-787-7045. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/veterans>

**Graduation** Did you know that the last step to graduating is to apply to graduate? In your final semester, fill out your graduation application, including getting your advisor's signature. The due date to submit your application is the first Friday in November for fall graduation and the first Friday in April for spring and summer. Congratulations—you've joined the PVCC alumni! <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/graduation>

**2. Campus Involvement** PVCC has more to offer than classes. Look into some of the activities that can benefit your time here:

**Athletics** The Puma Athletics program provides academic support and athletic opportunities to PV students and builds a sense of pride and excitement at our college. If you wish to join one of our teams, including championship teams such as Women's Soccer and Track & Field, contact our Athletics Department about possible tryouts. If you don't participate in a sport, our student-athletes and Paws the Puma want you, as a proud Puma, to cheer on your men's and women's teams and help celebrate their victories. See schedules and more information at <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/athletics>

**Student Clubs and Organizations** If you would like to be more involved on campus, student clubs are the way to go! Below is a sampling of PVCC clubs:

**Club Zeitgeist** It's a club . . . an initiative . . . a movement! With an entrepreneurial spirit, Club Z, open to everyone, supports the college and community as well as its students in their initiatives. Weekly meetings take place at noon on Tuesdays in the Entrepreneurial Education Center—stop by to learn more!

**M.E.N.** The Male Empowerment Network wants our male students to succeed and does this through academic, personal, and professional development and a strong support network. The program works collectively and responsibly to meet the life-long learning needs of our diverse male student population.

**Women Rising** We want to see our female students succeed! Women Rising is a club in which members participate in activities that promote empowerment, engagement, success, leadership, and sisterhood.

**A.W.A.R.E. Club** Adults Who Are Returning to Education are awesome! If you have been away from school for a while, meet other students who understand the path that doesn't go directly from



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high school to college to graduation. In a supportive environment, you can find ways to make your time at PVCC fulfilling and successful.

**UNoS** The United Nations of Students is a student club that supports our diverse cultures; all students are welcome!

Check out all of our clubs here: <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/clubs-and-organizations>. If you don't see what you're looking for, come in to find out about how to start a club. Located in Room KSC-1303. Phone: (602) 787-7240.

**Fitness for Academic Success** You know that taking care of your body allows you to do better in your classes. If you want to use the Fitness Center but don't have the time to commit to a regular time or program, you can join the Fitness Center for only \$25 a semester. See more information at <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/fitness>

**3. Money Matters** Paying for school can seem intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. You don't have to pay for your classes all at once or even all by yourself. Here are some ways to save at PVCC:

**Financial Aid** The financial aid staff are here to help you! From providing information and guidance on understanding what aid is available, how to apply, how to maintain your eligibility, money management and anything else you can think of. You can visit our staff in person at the Welcome Center, email our office, or contact the Financial Aid Answer Center for assistance. You can also get answers 24/7 by viewing over 300 short videos on everything financial aid from the [FATV student portal](#). Located in KSC Welcome Center. Phone: 855-622-2332. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/financial-aid>

**Scholarships** Need money for college? There are many scholarships for **ALL** students, offered by high schools, colleges, private donors, foundations, businesses, churches, non-profits, communities, employers, and professional organizations. Some are based on merit, talent, and/or financial need. Scholarships will have a separate application process that must be completed. You can view a list of scholarships from the PVCC Scholarship webpage: <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/scholarships> Important dates and deadlines can be accessed here: <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/financial-aid-dates>

**Payment Plan Options** Pumas can hold their classes for just \$35 if they use a payment plan. Tuition payments can be spread over six months and can be an automatic payment from checking or savings or from a debit or credit card. Go to [My.Maricopa.edu](http://My.Maricopa.edu) and click on the Make a Payment icon to get started. Learn more at <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/cashier-services/payment-plan-information>

**Student Discounts** Did you know you have \$ perks for being a student? These free and discounted products, **including five free downloads of Microsoft 365**, are designed to help students with the technical and practical tools they need to succeed. For details, visit <https://my.maricopa.edu/tools/student-perks>

## 4. Puma Community, Food, and Supply Resources

**Community Resources** The web site includes general procedures when asking for assistance and quick links to a few community resources for such areas as housing, child care, utilities, food, and finances. If you need additional support, stop by the PVCC Counseling Department to schedule an appointment with

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the Resource Specialist. Located in KSC1220. Phone: 602-787-6540.

<https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/counseling/community-resources>

**Puma Pantry** At PVCC, we are committed to helping students overcome food insecurity to focus on their educational goals, so this “Puma-2-Puma” service provides non-perishable food items (canned and boxed foods) and toiletries for students in need. The Puma Pantry is located in KSC 1303.

<https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/student-life/student-life-services/puma-pantry>

**Puma School Supplies Cupboard** School supplies are necessary and, unfortunately, sometimes unaffordable to students. If you’re short of needed supplies, stop by the Puma School Supplies Cupboard, sponsored by the Business and Technology Club and housed in Student Life. Have extras or want to help out? Stop by Student Life to donate or call Lynn Clark at (602) 787-6742 to learn more.

<https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/learning-success-center/puma-community-food-supply-resources>

**Student Basic Needs Assistance** At the Maricopa Community Colleges, we understand that basic needs have a direct impact on the well-being and success of our students. Basic needs include food, housing, transportation, wellness, child care, and other important areas. This resources on our web site help connect students and their families to basic needs information and resources. Please visit the web site at <https://my.maricopa.edu/support/basic-needs> to learn more. You can also access this web site in Canvas by clicking on the “Help” button in your Canvas menu. You’ll see a link for Maricopa Student Support-Basic Needs Assistance.

**5. English Language Learner Resources** For community members and students who want to strengthen their English speaking, listening, and writing skills, PVCC offers a variety of resources:

**Classes** For students who want to improve their written, spoken, and conversational English, classes are available in the fall and spring. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/esl>

**ELL Conversation Groups** Not yet ready for classes? The Learning Success Center offers free English Conversation Groups to help community members get started with learning and using English. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/learning-success-center/english-language-learners-services>

**Rosetta Stone** Practice speaking and listening to English through Rosetta Stone, an interactive, computerized software program, in the LSC’s Language Lab. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/learning-success-center>

**ELL Grammar Workshops** The LSC offers weekly grammar workshops that correspond to the grammar taught in level-three and -four ESL classes. <https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/learning-success-center/english-language-learners-services>

*If you need a resource that you don’t see listed here, ask your instructor or advisor for more information.*