

## General Information

### Vision Statement

Labette Community College 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

The vision and mission of Labette Community College reflect a set of core values shared by students, faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Trustees. These core values serve as the guiding principles of the college community as we plan for the future.

**Student Learning:** Labette Community College makes every effort to provide collegial programs and services by providing a caring and qualified faculty/staff to assist all students and community members in attaining the foundational skills and knowledge essential for success in work and in life, in a supportive and accountable environment.

**Education for a Globally Connected World:** Labette Community College promotes the diversity in our communities and our world by valuing the dignity, worth, and potential of all persons; by using diverse delivery methods and evolving technology; and by improving the communities we serve through civic engagement opportunities.

**Continuous Improvement:** Labette Community College strives for continual institutional improvement through strategic planning, program and department reviews, outcome assessments, professional development, performance agreements, policy and procedure updates, and campus environment enhancement.

**Integrity and Transparency:** Labette Community College operates in an environment of integrity and transparency through honest ethical practices, open communication, and accountability, for transactions with all constituencies.

**Sustainability of the Institution:** Labette Community College encourages innovation and personal growth, maintains financial accountability, supports student retention and success, and plans strategically for the future, while adhering to state, federal, and governing agency guidelines.

## 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 26th 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 14th 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.

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## 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). Labette Community College is governed by The Kansas Board of Regents . 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:

American Association of Community Colleges  
One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 410  
Washington, DC 20036 (202)728-0200 <http://www.aacc.nche.edu>

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

Higher Learning Commission  
230 S LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1413 (800) 621-7440 or (312) 263-0456  
<http://www.hlcommission.org>

The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Labette Community College located in Parsons, Kansas is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 6021 University Blvd, Suite 500, Ellicott City, MD 21043, (443) 973-3251, [http:// www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)

The Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite. 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-2901, (312) 704-5300, <http://www.jrcert.org>.

The Respiratory Care Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), 264 Precision Blvd, Telford, TN 37690 USA, (817) 283-2835 or (800) 874-5615, <http://www.coarc.com>.

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## 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 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 listing of all Foundation scholarships is available on the college website. For more information on the Labette Community College Foundation please call (620) 820-1281.

