

Pueblo Community College
Land Acknowledgement Statement

At Pueblo Community College, we acknowledge that our multiple campuses sit upon the ancestral homelands of the Tsitsistas (Cheyenne), Inuna-Ina (Arapaho), and Nuuchiu (Ute) Nations. We also recognize that many First Nations have a historical and contemporary relationship with these lands. Commerce, ceremonial practices, social gatherings, and intertribal marriages continuously evolve the fabric of life for indigenous peoples. The land around us consists of features, or land structures, that are revered as sacred by the Dine (Navajo), Apache (Apache), Hopituh Shi-nu-mu (Hopi), Numinu (Comanche), the Pueblo tribes, as well as indigenous groups who have not been federally recognized.

A Land Acknowledgement is more than a symbolic gesture. It is an important step in building sustainable practices that value and support members of our Indigenous communities. By embracing the lived experiences of Indigenous people, we recognize the genocidal atrocities they survived, we value their continuous contributions, and we recognize the barriers they face today as a result of systemic inequities. Pueblo Community College is committed to increasing access to equitable education and employment opportunities for Indigenous people. We recognize the unique relationship between land and people, and between our histories and futures. By valuing unique diverse perspectives, and building collaborative community, we will establish a stronger equitable foundation for the generations to come.

