

"Believing in yourself and fighting for your dreams is what enables you to live each day and face every obstacle."

-Yaneli Sosa



## About Us

The PUENTE Community College Program is an academic, counseling, and mentoring program of support for students to build the skills necessary for success in both academic and career goals while in community college. Students enrolled in the PUENTE program work closely with their Counselor, English and Math Instructors, and Mentor to prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

## About You

The Puente Project is open and happy to welcome all students. Puente is cross-disciplinary and multi-cultural in its approach to promoting student success and degree completion. The Puente Project's framework is built on a foundation of social justice and equity, which embraces the intersections of all identities.

## Join us!

If you are interested in the Puente program, please complete the Puente Interest Form (URL below) and attend an Interest Session. If you have questions, please contact Professor Apryl Guisasola, Puente Counselor & Co-Coordinator at [puente@mendocino.edu](mailto:puente@mendocino.edu).

[www.mendocino.edu/puente](http://www.mendocino.edu/puente)



# PUENTE

A National Model for Student Success



MENDOCINO COLLEGE

## Classes

One of the benefits of Puente is a cohort model for classes. You will join other Puentistas in a collection of classes just for you. As you work together, you will become una familia whose members support each other in your success.

### Fall 2023

- ENG 200 College Composition
- ENG 65 Academic Literacy
- ENG 560 Writing Lab
- CCS 101 Career and Life Planning

### Spring 2024

- ENG 201 Critical Thinking through Literature
- PSY 215 Psychology of Personal Growth
- MTH 200 Precalculus OR  
MTH 220 Statistics
- MTH 30 Math Success
- MTH 540 Math Lab

## Other Activities

- Welcome Reception
- Noche de Familia
- University Trips
- Cultural Events
- Team Building Activities
- Mentor Mixer
- Transfer Motivational Conference
- Food and fun!

## Puente Faculty



**John Rall**  
*English*



**Leslie Banta**  
*Mathematics*



**Apryl Guisasola**  
*Counseling*

## Puente at Mendo

The Puente program at Mendocino College is a two-semester cohort program that is open to all students who are ready to enroll and who have not completed the Puente cohort courses. Cohort classes will be offered primarily face-to-face on the Ukiah campus. Space is limited to approximately 25 students per academic year. Program enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. We will utilize waitlists for any additional interested students and provide referrals for additional college services available to students.

## !Bienvenidos Puentistas!

We're excited to welcome you to the Puente familia at Mendocino College! The Puente Project is a partnership with UC Berkeley that provides teaching, counseling, and mentoring through a national award-winning program that, for 40 years, has improved the college-going rate of tens of thousands of California's students.



### Teaching

Puente co-coordinators, Professors Apryl Guisasola (College and Career Success & Psychology), John Rall (English), and Leslie Banta (Math) will be champions for your success and prepare you for transfer.



### Counseling

You'll meet with your counselor regularly to develop and update your educational plan and to receive focused academic counseling.



### Mentoring

Puente is unique among college transfer programs by offering personal one-on-one mentoring with local community volunteers. You can expect social, professional, and academic support from your mentor.