Vision
The Office of Research and Planning strives to produce a comprehensive range of information, data, and research for institutional decision-making, planning, evaluation, and reporting that is accessible, reliable, and useable; deepens our culture of evidence to improve student learning and success; and improves institutional effectiveness through the use of data, analysis, and research.

Mission
The mission of the Office of Research and Planning is to support institutional decision-making that furthers the college’s attainment of institutional priorities and goals.

Purpose
The Office of Research and Planning engages in multiple activities. The office provides planning and analytical support for institutional decision-making. Further, the office monitors legislative and educational trends and assesses their impact on the college. Office staff develops and publish reports of institutional data and maintain a website with institutional data and resources for faculty and staff. The office serves as a primary contact with state and federal agencies for accountability and reporting. Office staff offers expertise in research design, survey methodology, and interpretation of data. Further, office staff develops and conduct program evaluations. Within the professional community, office research staff publishes and present research studies about Cerritos College at state and national meetings. Finally, office staff works collaboratively with internal and external constituents to ensure uniformity of data.

Core Functions
The Office of Research and Planning identifies the following five core functions as critical to its vision, mission, and role at Cerritos College:

Core Function 1: Research and Evaluation
1. Evaluation of institutional effectiveness (required by accreditation standards)
2. Data and analytical support of program evaluation (instructional and support services)
3. Analytical support of instructional review and planning
4. Research student satisfaction (campus climate) and engagement
5. Support of grant application processes
6. Validation of ERP reporting tools

Core Function 2: Strategic and Annual Planning
7. Coordination and support of annual planning process
8. Coordination and support of strategic planning
9. Environmental scanning
10. Data and analytical support for mission and vision revision process

Core Function 3: Matriculation Research
11. Validation of assessment tests
12. Validation of course prerequisites

Core Function 4: Accountability Mandates and Statutory Compliance
13. Evaluation of student equity
14. IPEDS coordination, reporting, and compliance
15. ARCC coordination and compliance
16. Title IX compliance
17. Responses to information surveys from state and national agencies

Core Function 5: Reporting, Support, and Communication
18. Publication of information
19. Research website maintenance
20. Staff development training for research and evaluation