



Binational Committee Overview

Education

The Education Committee promotes training and research among the cross-border education community by facilitating innovative partnerships that enhance student learning and academic experiences for students in Arizona and Sonora.

Summary of Top Action Plans/Priority Projects

Goal: Bilingual Proficiency: Developing bilingual capabilities across our shared states to foster a global-minded and internationally competent workforce.

- a) Increasing the number of educators and professionals enrolled in the Online English Language (OEL) courses by December 2025.
- b) Increasing the number of educators and professionals enrolled in the Spanish language courses by December 2025.
 - **Action Steps:**
 - Rio Salado College in Arizona is actively developing and implementing the Online English Language (OEL): Professional Development Courses for Educators.

Goal: Increase Mobility. Recognizing the integral importance of having professionals with experience across the border, it is key to increase students' and faculty's exposure to grow cultural appreciation and cultural competence.

- a) Create one COIL course for students in Sonora and Arizona.
- b) Create and implement an exchange program between students taking a COIL course (we recognize this may not be completed by the end of 2025).
 - **Action Steps**
 - Universidad de Sonora in Mexico is designing Spanish courses for Arizona educators, fostering bilingual training for teachers in both states.



Goal: Industry Focused Shared Training. Recognizing the deep importance of preparing students for the careers of the future, **three impact areas** were identified to focus on over the next three years: **Semiconductor, Water Treatment, and Green Energy**

- **Action Steps**

- Commitment to continue planning collaborative programs in these areas through courses, hybrid models, short-term stays, and knowledge exchange. The focus being on innovation, regional development, and specialized training.

Water / Sustainability

Institutions in Arizona:

- Gateway Community College

Institutions in Sonora:

- Universidad de la Sierra (Unisierra)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Nogales (ITN)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Guaymas (ITG)
- Universidad de Sonora (UNISON)
- Universidad Kino

Semiconductor

Lead Institution in Arizona:

- Rio Salado College

Lead Institution in Sonora:

- Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Cajeme (ITESCA)

Additional institutions may join this initiative.

Artificial Intelligence

Lead Institution in Arizona

- -Gilbert Community College

Lead Institution in Sonora

- Universidad Tecnológica de Guaymas (UTG)

Additional institutions may join this initiative.

NOTE: Twelve (12) institutions in Sonora have expressed interest in participating in this Action Plan.

Outcomes: Increased communication and coordination.

- Launch of the "English as a Means for a Global Economy" online course
 - 43 participants from both Sonora and Arizona.
- Engagement institutions in Sonora in bilingual training initiatives.
 - 9 Institutions participating.
- Global Education Symposium held at Mesa Community College
 - 42 binational participants.