Standard I.A.1.
The mission describes the institution’s broad educational purposes, its intended student population, the types of degrees and other credentials it offers, and its commitment to student learning and student achievement.

Evidence
The College mission statement is:

West Los Angeles College provides a transformative educational experience.

West fosters a diverse learning community dedicated to student success. Through quality instruction and supportive services, the College develops leaders who encourage excellence in others.

A West education enriches students with the knowledge and skills needed to earn certificates and degrees, to transfer, to build careers, and to pursue life-long learning.¹

This mission statement captures the broad educational purposes of the College, to help students “earn certificates and degrees, to transfer, to build careers and to pursue life-long learning.” These goals in themselves define the intended students as anyone who seeks such advancement. For the faculty and staff of West Los Angeles College, the mission to provide “a transformative educational experience” articulates the bedrock aspiration of the College: to transform lives through true student learning, documented in student achievement.

Analysis
In fall 2016 the College plans to welcome its first cohort of students to two Bachelors Degrees in Dental Hygiene. In preparation for this, the Academic Senate has initiated a review of the mission statement, which will specify the availability of both Associates and Bachelors Degrees. The review will consider the entire mission statement, and will involve all College constituencies.

¹ Mission Statement: http://www.wlac.edu/About/Mission-Values.aspx