Student Services and Program Information

West Valley College recognizes the diverse educational needs within the communities served by the District. This philosophy recognizes the worth and dignity of each student and the District's responsibility, within the scope of its resources, to assist its students in developing into responsible, self-sufficient citizens. To foster and encourage this student development, West Valley College offers comprehensive programs of advising, counseling and special services.

AB 705 UPDATE

All students seeking a degree, including active-duty military, veterans, CalWORKs, SORPs, and Desp students who started Fall 2014 and beyond, are required to complete a guided self-placement, orientation and develop a comprehensive educational plan in order to receive a priority registration date for enrollment. All community colleges have eliminated placement exams and replaced with Guided Self-Placement for classes starting in Summer or Fall 2019.

Disability and Educational Support Program (DESP) for students: if you have a verifiable disability, you may request accommodations for assessment. Contact the DESP Office at (408) 741-2010 or TTY / DESP (408) 741-2658.

English as a Second Language (ESL) are required to contact the assessment office for testing.

Students exempt from assessment:

- Anyone who has completed Advanced Placement in English Literature, English Language or Mathematics AB and/or BC.
- Students who are only taking classes that do not require English or Math as pre-requisites or for personal enrichment.
- Students who have completed an Associate Degree or higher from an accredited American college or university.
- Students who have completed English, Math, and/or Reading at another college or university.

Learning Outcome

Students who complete the Guided Self-Placement tool will be able to:

- Identify English course recommendation
- Identify Math course recommendation

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS

(408) 741-2001
westvalley.edu/admissions/

The Admissions & Records Office should be your first stop at West Valley College. Our informative college staff can provide application assistance and information, residency determination, process official and unofficial transcript requests, evaluate degree and certificate requests, create student identification cards and many other services. Check out our website for more information westvalley.edu/admissions.

Learning Outcomes

After accessing services of Admissions and Records, a student will be able to:

- Process an application online
- Use the WVCPortal for processing adds, drops, change of address and transcript requests
- Students, who submit an Academic Appeal petition for Readmission will:
  - Learn the Academic Appeal process and policies
  - Understand the meaning of Academic Probation/Discussion and Progress Probation/Discussion
  - Develop a clear and concise Educational Plan to achieve their goals
  - Identify and utilize resources for academic improvement.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

(408) 741-2006
westvalley.edu/campuslife

West Valley College believes that participation in co-curricular student activities enhances and enriches the student's education. Associated Student Government at West Valley College which annually elects its own administrative officers, student senators, and directors who are elected by the students. They are responsible for the student body, the administration, and the faculty. The Associated Student Government Body co-designs its own student activities to the District Board of Trustees. The Student Senate is a variety of opportunities to participate in various College-wide committees and events. All these activities serve to provide students with opportunities to participate in the shared decision and policy-making processes of the college.

BOOKSTORE

(408) 741-2015
westvalley.bncollege.com

The Viking Bookstore is professionally managed by Barnes and Noble College Stores and is located in the WVC Campus Center. The bookstore stocks all required textbooks and supplies as well as WVC imprinted clothing and giftware, 20% off rash campus bestsellers, Nook products, and a wide selection of beverage and snack items. They offer a rental option on many textbooks for substantial savings to our students, a year-round book buyback program in the store and easy online ordering for pick up or delivery through our website. To receive notice of our latest special offers, events and information, "like" us on Facebook at: facebook.com/westvalleybookstore.

Learning Outcomes

The student worker will learn:

- Cashiering
- Shipping/Receiving
- Stocking
- Customer service
- Personal responsibility
- Time management required for successful work.

The above listed skills are carried on into work both on and off campus.

CalWORKs PROGRAM

(408) 741-4007
westvalley.edu/services/calworks/

If you are a student who receives CalWORKs/TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), you may be eligible to receive individual career and personal counseling, services and support to help you succeed in school and meet the requirements of your CalWORKs plan. The CalWORKs Program can assist you with child care, books and supplies, transportation and other needs. Work study jobs, tutoring and support groups are also available.

Learning Outcomes

After participating in the CalWORKs program, a student will be able to:

- Define personal and/or academic goals, short term or long term;
- Identify on and off campus resources.

CAMPUS SAFETY

(408) 741-2092
wvm.edu/police/

The West Valley/Mission College District strives to maintain a safe environment for students, faculty, and visitors to pursue educational objectives. However, a truly safe and secure campus can only be achieved with cooperation of all members of our college community. Please see the schedule of classes for further information on crime prevention.

The District takes great pride in being among the safest campuses in the South Bay area. A detailed campus safety brochure is available on request or at many on-campus student services locations. The West Valley/Mission College Police Department submitted monthly crime statistics to the Department of Justice. Current statistics are available from the Police Department and in the schedule of classes.

CAREER PROGRAMS CENTER

(408) 741-2098
westvalley.edu/careers/

The Career Programs Center, located in the Ocean 102, provides information on degree and certificate programs with career emphasis. Brochures and major sheets for career programs are available. To receive a packet of information on any career program, call or check our web site.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

(408) 741-2409
westvalley.edu/services/childcenter/

The Child Studies Department at West Valley College opens an early childhood program for children 2 to 6 years old. The Child Development Centers are open from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Children must be two years old prior to enrollment in the program. Students, staff, and community families are eligible for the program. Tuition subsidy is available for low income families. Eligibility is determined based on family size, gross monthly income, and reason for needing child care.