

**About Us:**

The West Valley-Mission Community College District is located in Silicon Valley, in the heart of the world's high tech industry. The district is composed of two colleges: West Valley College in Saratoga and Mission College in Santa Clara. Together they enroll more than 17,000 students with diverse backgrounds who attend day, evening, and weekend courses in addition to distance learning. The two colleges offer a rich array of academic programs and student support services to meet the multi-faceted educational needs of the communities served. More than 1,400 faculty and staff work for the district, which has a budget exceeding \$150 million.

Our service area is one of the most ethnically diverse in the nation and includes: Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Santa Clara, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, northern Santa Cruz County, and San Jose, California's third largest city. Unique to our service area are the many advancement, community service and educational opportunities present in the high-tech business sector, as well as the challenges presented by a high concentration of low-income schools receiving Title I assistance. The richness of the Bay Area's educational landscape is reflected in its 9 other community college districts and many comprehensive and research universities.

The West Valley-Mission Community College District is committed to achieving student success through innovative and effective lifelong education and career opportunities, which include associate degrees, certificates, transfer, occupational programs, workforce development, pre-collegiate, global, and community education programs.