

The Choice is Yours

One of the most important things you will do in life will be to choose a career field that's right for you – and choose a program of study that will give you the finest possible preparation for it.

The community colleges in Santa Clara County provide career training programs in more than 80 fields ranging from commercial art to welding technology. Most programs can be completed in approximately two years or less.

To help you choose the program or individual course best suited to your needs, interests and capabilities, the community colleges also offer extensive counseling, information, work experience, placement, financial aid, and testing services.

Training programs and counseling services for which you might pay hundreds of dollars elsewhere are offered at you community colleges.

All the colleges provide equal opportunity to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, sex, or disability in their educational programs and activities.

If you're 18 or older...

- you may attend a community college. Take one or two courses to advance in your job, or an entire program to start a new career in a field of your choice.
- As a community college student you will be in good company. 1.3 million Californians enroll in community colleges every year. That's one in ten adults and nearly 90% of all freshman and sophomore college students in the state.

Classes are convenient...

- at a community college, where you can study in the daytime or in the evening, in many cases on Saturdays as well as weekdays and on-line.
- Many programs are tailored to men and women with busy schedules and allow for full or part-time study.
- In some cases, classes meet off-campus at local industries, business, and medical facilities. Besides being convenient, classes offered off-campus can give you first-hand exposure to the workplace that can help you with career decision-making.

Community college classes can be taken singly or in a series leading to an associate degree or certificate. The programs listed here lead to such a degree or certificate. When you complete your course of study, you can enter the job market directly or transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a Bachelor's Degree. You can be sure that you have received state-of-the-art training in programs that are continually updated and tailored to the job market by community advisory committees of top professionals in each field.

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Career, Planning, Placement and Counseling Services

Choosing the career path and course of study that's right for you requires careful planning and informed decision-making. Professional career counselors and resource people are ready to help you at your community college. Most of the colleges in Santa Clara County offer the following services and special programs.

Counseling and Career Information...

- Individual career planning and testing services and small group guidance classes to explore career options and develop job-seeking skills.
- Workshops on career planning, skills assessment, resume writing, interviewing, job hunting, goal setting, values identification and decision-making.
- Testing programs to identify career interests and abilities. Professionals interpret personality, interpersonal relations, values classification, and interest tests.
- "Career connection forums" for firsthand meetings with local employers who describe their structure, benefits and employment opportunities.
- Career Centers at many colleges provide printed and multimedia information on career fields, job requirements, salary ranges, and training needs.
- Computerized career guidance systems give ready access to additional data on job descriptions, training programs, and financial aid opportunities.
- Career Days bring employers to the campus to talk with students and discuss job opportunities.

Cooperative Work Experience Education...

gives community college students a chance to "try out" a career field while studying. College credit can be earned for a job, paid or volunteer, held in local business or industry. Dozens of companies work closely with the colleges to provide work experiences that make classroom study even more relevant.

Placement Services and Job Listings...

are provided for students seeking part-time or full-time work while they are studying or when their classes are completed.

Re-Entry Programs for Men and Women...

are tailored to the needs of men and women seeking to change or expand their career or life goals. These programs generally help students match their new interests, training, needs, and abilities to appropriate career fields.

Consider All Options...

in choosing a career field, even those previously considered non-traditional for men and women. Counseling and other support services focusing on the non-traditional students and the displaced homemaker are available.

Also, keep in mind that if a career program of your choice is not offered at your local community college, you can attend another college.

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