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PROFILE

At Evergreen Valley College, a community college located on a 175-acre site in the eastern foothills of San José, we take great pride in our approach to education. We place our students' realities first. For instance, will they need help with their language skills? Are they carrying other responsibilities like children or full-time jobs? Are they the first in their family to graduate from college? To all learners--those directly out of high school, in mid-career or mid-family transitions, and those who are enjoying their golden years--we offer a supportive environment that values their intrinsic experiences.

HISTORY

Evergreen Valley College opened its doors in 1975 to 3,000 students and currently hosts over 12,000 students from more than 70 countries. The rich variety of cultures, which both enhances and enriches campus life, comprises one of the most diverse student bodies within the California Community College System.

Planning for the college began on July 1, 1964, when the San José/Evergreen Community College District officially became an independent college district. The site was purchased in 1967 and named Evergreen Valley College in 1970. When the first two buildings were complete in 1975, we welcomed our first graduating class.

In recent years, bond measures have allowed us to build much needed facilities: classrooms and labs for biological sciences and nursing education programs, a robust Library, a center to accommodate vibrant student life, and the Montgomery Hill Observatory, and the Center for the Arts which includes a 400-seat Theater.

MISSION

With equity, opportunity and social justice as our guiding principles, Evergreen Valley College's mission is to empower and prepare students from diverse backgrounds to succeed academically and to be civically responsible global citizens.

We meet our mission through a wide spectrum of educational experiences, flexible methodologies, and support services for our students:

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1. **Student-Centered:** We provide access to quality and efficient programs and services to ensure student success. Areas of focus are:
 - Access
 - Curriculum and Programs
 - Student Service Offerings
2. **Community Engagement:** We will transform the college image and enhance partnerships with community, business and educational institutions. Areas of focus are:

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- Visibility
 - Strategic Partnerships
 - Building Campus Community
3. Organizational Transformation: We create a trusting environment where everyone is valued and empowered. Areas of focus are:
- Student Access: Completion of Educational Goals
 - Employee Development
 - Transparent Infrastructure

SCHEDULE

While we offer classes year-round, students can enroll throughout the year for traditional Fall, Spring and Summer sessions or for short-term and evening classes. We provide options for those who are working towards an associate degree or vocational certificate and for those who wish to transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution. We also offer options to continuing students who need an additional class or just want to pursue an interest.

LEADERSHIP

Henry Yong, President
Vacant, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Henry Gee, Vice President of Administrative Services
Irma Archuleta, Vice President of Student Affairs
Vacant, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health
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Dr. Wei Zhou, Dean of Math, Science and Engineering

ACCREDITATION

Evergreen Valley College operates by authority of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees for the San José/Evergreen Community College District. We are fully accredited as a two-year degree-granting institution by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Credit from EVC is transferable to other collegiate institutions, including community colleges, the University of California, California State University, and many private universities.

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CONSORTIUM

Our district is a participant and sponsor of the South Bay Regional Public Safety Training Consortium, which is a joint powers agency created by local community colleges to

present certified courses associated with public safety. These include Law Enforcement, Reserves, Corrections, Probation, Fire Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Hazardous Materials, and Dispatch. The intent is to enhance the campus-based degree and certificate programs, giving students the option to go directly into Academy-type skill development training presented through the Central Consortium. Phone: (408) 270-6458.

