College, Careers & You

West Los Angeles College provides programs of study with academic pathways that lead to careers for you!
Pathways at West

Allied Health
Aviation
Business, Paralegal, Travel
Communication, Entertainment, Media Arts
Behavioral & Social Sciences
Computer Science & IT
Humanities & Fine Arts
Math and Science

Notes:

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Here at West Los Angeles College, we say, “Go West. Go Far.” This is not just a catchy phrase. It influences how we do things, how we approach education and how we treat our students. Our job as instructors, administrators and staff is to help you get from where you are now to where you want to go. You will find that at West, you feel like a person that matters, not just a student ID number.

West offers over 65 degrees and certificates leading to careers in health care, computer science, behind the scenes television and film crafts, business and more. Our dental hygiene program has a track record of 100% passage rates by our students taking the professional exam. Our paralegal program is the only ABA-approved program in the Los Angeles Community College District and our Aviation Maintenance program is unique in the region. Whether it is helping others in early childhood education or drug and alcohol counseling, or advancing through the computer certifications ladder, West has a program that suits you. Best of all, this preparation is available to you at just $26 per unit. This is a tremendous savings over private career colleges with comparable programs. Additionally, West is a fully-accredited California Community College, meaning our classes are transferable to other academic institutions and universities. West offers a variety of student services and academic support programs that help students successfully transfer to 4-year universities.

We invite you to visit the campus in person and/or on the web to learn more about us, and we hope to see you here as a student soon.
ALLIED HEALTH

Majors/Programs
▪ Dental Hygiene
▪ Emergency Medical Technician
▪ Nursing Assistant
▪ Home Health Aide
▪ Pharmacy Technician

Career Possibilities
▪ Home Health Aide
▪ Paramedic
▪ Pharmacist
▪ Nurse
▪ Dental Hygienist

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Tech Prep provides programs of study in 15 industry sectors that lead to industry-driven careers. West Los Angeles sectors include Arts, Media and Entertainment; Education and Child Development; Business, Marketing and Finance; Health Science and Medical Technology; Hospitality and Tourism and Information Technology. These industry sectors are aligned with the Academic Divisions of the college.

One of the goals of the program is to strengthen career and technical education through programs of study that include two years of secondary (community college) and two years of post-secondary (university) instruction, in a pathway that leads to employment, or post-secondary completion in an area of study that leads to a career.

Additionally, students have the option of advancing to 4-year universities as juniors through our transfer programs. Both academic and student support services are available to help West students successfully transfer.

For More Information:
Aviation Department
310.287.4515
ATB 204
Business & Paralegal

Majors/Programs
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing
- Paralegal Studies
- Real Estate
- Travel and Hospitality

Career Possibilities
Paralegal
Real Estate Appraiser
Stock Broker
Bank Officer
Financial Planner
Consultant
Entrepreneur

Spotlight on: ABA-Approved Paralegal Program

LACCD’s only American Bar Association (ABA)-approved paralegal program

Charmaine wanted a Paralegal program that was approved by the American Bar Association, but she also wanted to transfer to a university. West fit the bill.

She now enthusiastically recommends West to others. “I love how the program gives me so much hands-on experience. In the legal profession, most attorneys and law firms are looking for someone from an ABA-approved program.”

She plans to transfer to USC or UCLA to pursue her dream to become a lawyer. “West gave me everything I wanted - an A.A. degree for a better job now, and preparation for a better career for the future.”

Spotlight on: Motion Picture/Television Production

Learn Hollywood trade skills hands-on from entertainment professionals

The MPTP program at West LA College, thanks to a partnership between West Los Angeles College and Hollywood CPR, equips students with the skills necessary for a career “behind the scenes” in the film and television industry.

The classes offered cover a broad spectrum of the entertainment industry’s art department and stagecraft needs, focusing on the most important and common skill applications expected of an entry-level worker, including grip, set dressing, costume manufacturing, editing and more.

Spotlight on: CISCO Networking Certification

The first and only Computer Network Security degree program in the LACCD

The Cisco Networking Academy Program is a partnership between Cisco Systems, education, business, government, and community organizations around the world. CCNA-certified professionals can install, configure, and operate LAN, WAN, and dial access services for small networks (100 nodes or fewer), including but not limited to use of these protocols: IP, IGRP, IPX, Serial, AppleTalk, Frame Relay, IP RIP, VLANs, RIP, Ethernet, and Access Lists.
A Look Inside MSA & MSB: West’s New Math & Science Facility

Housing laboratories and lecture halls for all of West’s science programs from Astronomy to Zoology, West’s new Math & Science Building also provides 24 state-of-the-art operatories for dentistry students and “smart classrooms” for all subjects.

Computerized teaching stations in each of the 30 smart classrooms feature an interactive whiteboard, which electronically records anything written on the board, so students won’t have to furiously scribble down every diagram, equation, and formula during the lecture.

Each classroom also comes standard with an overhead video projector and document camera, enabling a professor in a biology lecture, for example, to do a dissection at the front of the room and share it with the entire class – even the ones taking the class online.

Communication
Entertainment

Majors/Programs
- Cinema
- Multimedia
- Theater Entertainment
- Television and Film Production

For More Information:
Media Arts
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310.287.4538
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Laura Peterson
310.287.4571
ATA

Career Possibilities
- Photographer
- Camera Operator
- Sound Engineer
- Lighting/Grip
- Special Effects Coordinator
Behavioral & Social Sciences

**Majors/Programs**
- Administration of Justice
- Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Child Development
- Family & Consumer Studies
- Fire Technology
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- History
- Economics

**Career Possibilities**
- Preschool Teacher
- Historian
- Psychologist
- Sociologist
- Child Psychologist
- Anthropologist
- Probation Officer
- Social Worker
- Therapist

**For More Information:**
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Department Chair
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Building D9

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**Math Sequence**

**Beginning Level**

- MATH 105
  Arithmetic for College Students
- MATH 112
  Pre-Algebra

**Math 115 or Math 117 & Math 118**
- Elementary Algebra
  The equivalent of one-year high school algebra. This course is 5 units, spread over one semester.

**Math 125 or Math 127 & Math 128**
- Intermediate Algebra
  The equivalent of two-year high school algebra. To earn a bachelor's degree at CSU, students must either pass a CSU math test at the Math 125 level or take a math course beyond Math 125.

**Math 215 Principles of Mathematics**
- For prospective elementary school teachers and those, such as nurses, P.E. or English majors who need one math class. UC/CSU

**Math 227 Statistics**
- Required by some CSU for business or social science majors. Usually required for psychology and sociology majors. UC/CSU

**Math 245 College Algebra**
- 20% transferable. UC/CSU

**Math 250 Principles of Mathematics**
- For prospective elementary school teachers and those, such as nurses, P.E. or English majors who need one math class. UC/CSU

**Math 263 Calculus I**
- UC/CSU

**Math 264 Calculus II**
- UC/CSU

**Math 265 Calculus III**
- UC/CSU

**Math 275 Ordinary Differential Equations**
- UC/CSU

**Math 276 Linear Algebra**
- UC/CSU

**Math 277 Numerical Analysis**
- UC/CSU

**Math 300 Probability and Statistics**
- UC/CSU

**Math 301 Probability and Statistics**
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Math Assessment Available through the matriculation office in A10-100. Note: Prerequisites should be completed within the past two years. Math 100 is a Math Workshop for all levels of Math.
Math & Science

Whether you’re starting with counting or Calculus, West’s Math Division has programs of study to help every student fulfill university transfer requirements that lead to 4-year programs of study and careers. The Math Sequence flowchart (see facing page) will help you decide where West can help you along your academic path.

West’s Science Division offers programs that result in certification, an A.A. degree or fulfillment of university transfer requirements.

Science Majors/Programs
- Anatomy
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Microbiology
- Oceanography
- Physics
- Physiology

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Computer Science

Majors/Programs
- Computer Applications & Office Technologies
- Computer Network Security Management
- Computer Science Application Software
- Web Development
- Microsoft Network (MCSE)
- CISCO Network (CCNA)
- CompTIA A+, Network+
- Security+, Linux+

Career Possibilities
- Computer Technician
- Web Page Developer
- Webmaster
- Network Administrator
- Web Architect
- Systems Engineer
- Database Administrator
- Computer Programmer
- Computer Security Specialist

For More Information:
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Humanities & Fine Arts

Majors/Programs
- Art
- Architecture
- Foreign Language
- Humanities
- Multimedia
- Music
- Philosophy

Career Possibilities
- Artist
- Architect
- Author
- Designer
- Musician
- Philosopher
- Publisher

For More Information:
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FA 304A

Dance, Health and Physical Education

Majors/Programs
- Physical Education
- Physical Education with Dance Emphasis
- Physical Education with Athletic Emphasis

Career Possibilities
- Athletic Director
- Coach
- Dancer
- Group Exercise Instructor
- P.E. Instructor
- Personal Trainer

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