

# About West L.A. College

West Los Angeles College is an accredited California Community College offering paths to university transfer, career education and courses for personal or professional growth. It occupies 70 park-like acres overlooking Culver City, Marina Del Rey and Greater West Los Angeles. On a clear day, from the highest points on campus, you can see the Pacific Ocean. With an active student population of nearly 12,000 regular and extension students, our 110 full-time faculty, more than 300 hourly faculty and 112 classified staff create an educational environment unique in Southern California.

All students at West have the opportunity for success. The College awards more than 600 degrees and certificates annually in 39 different fields. Each year, West sends more than 300 transfer students to four year colleges and many West Associate degree and Certificate program graduates begin professional employment immediately after graduation in consumer education, engineering and industrial technologies, law and health.

#### Our Mission

West Los Angeles College provides a transformative educational experience.

West fosters a diverse learning community dedicated to student success.

Through quality instruction and supportive services, the College develops leaders who encourage excellence in others.

A West education enriches students with the knowledge and skills needed to earn certificates and degrees, to transfer, to build careers, and to pursue life-long learning.

#### Our Values

#### Excellence

West envisions each student and employee striving for excellence in and out of classes, laboratories, libraries, studios, playing fields and offices.

#### Ethics

We hold ourselves and others to the highest standards in personal as well as intellectual responsibilities. This informs relationships among students, staff, faculty and administration.

#### **Empowerment**

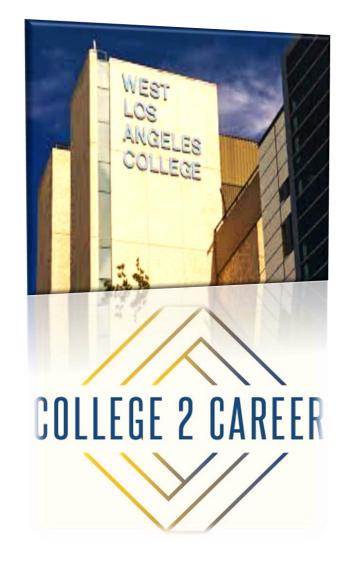
At West, everyone--students, staff, faculty, administration--is empowered by high expectations, respect and acknowledgement in all pursuits, from single lessons to completed degrees, from daily encounters to formal policy deliberations.

#### Engagement

To be fully engaged-academically, locally and globally – is to embrace learning with passion, commitment and energy.

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## West Los Angeles College College to Career Program

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### About College to Career (C2C)

College to Career is a program at West Los Angeles College, housed within the Disabled Students Program and Services (DSPS) department, which supports the learning needs and employment goals of individuals with an intellectual disability.

The C2C is a program for individuals who wish to become college students or for current students enrolled in college courses at West Los Angeles College. The program supports education related to employment goals, with a strong focus on building skills leading to employment by the completion of the program and ability to work, with decreasing support, in an independent, integrated placement following the C2C program. The College to Career program is funded by Department of Rehabilitation.



#### College to Career

#### Students gain work experience through:

- On-campus jobs
- Volunteer in the community
- Internships at local businesses
- Competitive employment

#### College 2 Career Students must be:

- At least 18 years of age
- Have a documented diagnosis of an Intellectual Disability.
- Be a client of a California Regional Center.
- Be a Department of Rehabilitation participant (or eligible to become a Department of Rehabilitation participant)
- Able to provide or access transportation to and from West Los Angeles College and willingness to learn to travel independently to potential work sites.
- Be able to understand and interact with college level material independently, be able to attend classes independently, complete work, and other program related activities regularly.
- Be able to respond to appropriate questions, follow directions, and demonstrate potential to benefit from the C2C Program.
- Possess necessary documentation in order to work (social security card, Green card, etc.)
- Can benefit from the college experience with a focus on gainful employment.

# In addition, students who participate in C2C should have:

- Motivation to work and attend college
- A desire to obtain permanent, integrated paid employment
- A commitment to spending on average 25 hours per week devoted to school related to activities, such as:
- Classes
- Homework
- Accessing support services (tutoring, counseling, financial aid, seminars, etc.)
- Mandatory meetings with C2C program staff
- Working with Tailored Services

C2C Program offers:

Job Readiness Skills Certificate of Completion

• 66 hours in 3 classes

C2C Lab/Workshops

• Vocational Preparation

Internships

• On-Campus/Off-Campus, Paid/Unpaid

Job Club

• Internship/competitive employment support group

Non-Credit Classes

• Skills building coursework

Application can be found at: www.wlac.edu/c2c