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(408) 741-4007

<https://www.westvalley.edu/services/calworks/>

If you are a student who receives CalWORKs/TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), you may be eligible to receive individual career and personal counseling, services and support to help you succeed in school and meet the requirements of your CalWORKs plan. The CalWORKs Program can assist you with child care, books and supplies, transportation and other needs. Work study jobs, tutoring and support groups are also available.

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After participating in the CalWORKs program, a student will be able to:

- Define personal and/or academic goals, short term or long term;
- Identify on and off campus resources.

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<https://www.westvalley.edu/services/desp/>

Disability and Educational Support Program (DESP) facilitates the success of students with disabilities in classes and programs. A variety of services and educational assistance courses are provided in an effort to equalize educational opportunities for students as they move toward their educational or vocational goals. Course offerings are listed under Disability and Educational Support Program, Kinesiology and Continuing Education in this catalog.

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Following the completion of on and off campus

Student Services and Learning Resources

- Academic, career and personal counseling
- Assistance with the transfer process
- University application fee waivers
- Additional tutoring hours
- Referrals to special programs and resources
- Peer advising
- Emergency loans
- Multi-cultural awareness and social activities

Students interested in further information are encouraged to visit or call the EOP&S Office at (408) 741-2023.

- Group and individual - MESA connects students with dedicated tutors in STEM.
- faculty and staff - MESA consists of a dedicated Director, Counselor, and Office Coordinator who are here to provide support.
- preparation
- and student success workshops
- Connection to the - MESA students will have opportunities to meet with professionals across industries. Past partnerships have included Stanford University and Kaiser Permanente.
- and opportunities

NextUp is a new program at West Valley College that provides extra services for foster and former foster youth who were in care at least one day after turning 13, and who are now younger than 26.

<https://www.westvalley.edu/services/eops/hextup.html>

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<https://www.westvalley.edu/learning-communities/puente/>

The Puente Project prepares students to compete academically in a university environment. It emphasizes the Latinx experience through English writing, counseling, and mentoring components. The Puente Program integrates:

- Two semester English 1A and 1B classes.
- Two semester Counseling classes.
- Individual academic, personal, and career counseling.
- Transfer information, university tours, student motivational and transfer conferences, and assistance with the transfer process.
- Personal mentor relationships with community professionals.

Through participation in the Puente Community, a student will:

- Develop a Student Educational Plan with the goal to transfer to a four year college or university.

Working together as a Puente team, an English instructor and a college counselor join with students to establish a foundation for the students' academic and professional success.

The program starts in the fall semester and runs through spring semester. This program is open to all students who are planning to transfer, are enthusiastic and committed to learning about Latinx experiences, and would like to participate in monthly program events (meetings, trips, tours, and work site visits).

For additional information and/or to join Puente, please contact [Joe Bucher](mailto:joe.bucher@westvalley.edu) at joe.bucher@westvalley.edu.

Follow us on Instagram: [@wcpuente](https://www.instagram.com/wcputente)

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<https://www.westvalley.edu/services/trio/>

The TRIO – Student Support Services (TRIO SSS) is a federally funded Department of Education program. TRIO SSS is designed to empower first-generation, income-eligible West Valley College students as they prepare to obtain a certificate and/or two-year degree and/or transfer to a four-year university. TRIO SSS was established at WVC in 2010 and serves 140 students each year who meet the eligibility criteria.

- Priority registration
- Free printing and computer workstations
- Grant aid to Pell-eligible participants with high unmet need
- Academic support
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Application Assistance
- Academic, Career, and Personal Counseling
- Workshops and seminars
- Transfer Planning and Visits to Four-Year Universities
- Cultural events
- Networking opportunities
- Leadership development
- Sense of commUNITY

Now Serving Undocumented Students

As of Fall 2023, in addition to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, TRIO is able to extend services to West Valley College students that are undocumented (Includes: Dreamers, AB540 eligible, DACA, TPS, U&T Visa, Asylum/Refugee).

After participating in the TRIO Student Support Services Program for two semesters:

- Students will develop a complete educational plan with either certificate, AA/AS and or transfer requirements;
- Students will report an improvement of their knowledge of transfer information;
- Students will report an improvement in their knowledge of financial literacy.

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<https://www.westvalley.edu/learning-communities/umoja/westvalley.edu/learning-communities/umoja/>

The UMOJA Community is a learning community committed to the academic success, personal growth, and self w