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GEAR UP & GET READY

Take your next step toward a brighter future

The Inland Empire/Desert region's Career Education programs are about more than just helping you land a job — they're about building a foundation for a bolder future for yourself, for your family, and for your community.

That's why the Inland Empire/Desert's community college career education programs offer more online options, more free noncredit courses, and more affordable, career-ready certificates and degrees than ever. The best part? All of these programs can be completed in two years or less, and many career-ready certificates can be completed in just a couple of semesters!

Whether you want to rev up your future or reinvent your career, the Inland Empire/Desert's community college career education programs are here to help you gear up and get ready for the future.



Career Educated Professionals Are In Demand in Every Industry

Fast, focused career programs can lead to employment in as little as one semester. The Inland Empire/Desert community colleges offer virtually unlimited options for career education degrees and certificates in high-demand fields such as business, healthcare, cybersecurity and IT, energy, construction, and more!

Regional job growth is expanding at **four times** the national rate.

Middle-skill jobs, which require education beyond high school but not a four-year degree, make up the **largest part** of the labor market in the United States!

Career education certificate and associate degree holders can increase their earnings by **\$11,000 in five years**, according to CTE Policy Watch.

70% of all future jobs will require more education than a high school diploma.

Why the “Middle-Skills Jobs Gap” is Good for You

Middle-skill jobs are those occupations that require more education than a high school diploma, but not a four-year degree. In California, 47% of currently available jobs require more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year degree, according to data from the Association for Career & Technical Education. Yet only 39% of California workers have this level of education. This is especially pressing in the Inland Empire/Desert region, which is among the state's fastest-growing, yet least-prepared economies, in terms of education and training.

While this demand poses a challenge for regional employers, it represents a huge opportunity for people looking for secure careers and great salaries. All you need is the right education to enter into these in-demand fields. And that's exactly what the Inland Empire/Desert's community college career education programs provide.

If you're ready for a high-demand, high-paying career, you've come to the right place!

READY FOR SUCCESS?

FREE student-focused services like these are here to make sure Inland Empire career education students get everything they need to succeed.

- Academic Tutoring
- Basic Needs/Food Pantry
- Career Placement Services
- Childcare
- Disabled Students Programs and Services
- Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- Financial Aid
- Foster Student Success Programs
- Mental Health Services
- Student Equity Programs
- Veterans' Services

READY FOR FREE COLLEGE?

Did you know first-time, full-time college students (excluding dual-enrollment students) who live in California are eligible for free tuition at many of the Inland Empire/Desert's community colleges?

Contact your regional community college to learn more!



READY TO RISE?

From classroom to career — and beyond — we are proud to support successful student outcomes.

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ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

At a Glance...

Manufacturing and product development remains a promising sector for those who like to work with their minds and hands. While certain kinds of manufacturing jobs are in decline, high-tech manufacturing continues to grow, especially in 3D printing and high-speed, computerized numerical control machining.

Employers in this sector look for technicians who are at ease in the mechanical world and able to apply scientific and technical principles to manufacturing processes. Students of manufacturing and product development learn about manufacturing processes and systems, and can follow a wide variety of paths, including graphic design production, machine tooling and forming, welding and materials joining, and product innovation and design.

Opportunities for advancement are plentiful, as technological advancements make higher-skill jobs in basic research and technology development, product and process engineering and design, operations and maintenance, transportation, testing, and lab work become more prevalent.

Ready to...

- *Work with your head and hands to bring product designs to life?*
- *Use mechanical skills to build and maintain heavy machinery?*
- *Learn a practical trade that is in demand, no matter where you live?*

“*You’re a craftsman, but you’re also a precision manufacturer of each product. It’s amazing what we can accomplish with these new technological advancements. That’s the beauty of this, it just never ends.”*

— Miguel A.
San Bernardino Valley College
Manufacturing Student



Fast Fact

There could be as many as 2.1 million unfilled manufacturing jobs by 2030, which is good news for future, in-demand employees!



Types of Careers

- CNC Programmer
- Machine Technician
- Industrial Electrician
- Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenter
- Tool & Die Maker
- Power Plant Operator
- Fabric & Apparel Pattern Maker
- Certified Welder



Industry Sector Pathways

- CAD/CAM, Computer Numerical Control (CNC)
- Industrial Automation, Supply Chain Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Instrumentation Technology
- Machine Technology, Machine Operator, Basic/Conventional Machining, Tool & Die
- Operations and Production Management
- Quality Assurance
- Supply Chain Management
- Welding, SMAW, GTAW, FCAW, Stick, TIG



Salary Snapshot

- First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers \$75,250 / \$36.18 hourly
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$73,840 / \$35.50 hourly
- Industrial Engineers \$123,070 / \$59.17 hourly
- Mechanical Engineers \$126,370 / \$60.76 hourly
- Welders, Cutters, Solders & Brazers \$57,940 / \$27.86 hourly
- Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians \$84,530 / \$40.64 hourly
- Electrical & Electronics Repairers \$78,020 / \$37.51 hourly
- Industrial Engineering Technicians \$77,350 / \$37.19 hourly
- Occupational Health & Safety Specialists \$99,530 / \$47.85 hourly
- CNC Machine Tool Programmers \$78,750 / \$37.86 hourly



ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

At a Glance...

Whether it's scooters or jet airplanes, the Transportation sector plays a crucial role in our "on-the-move" world by making sure people and products get from one place to another. As vehicle components and repair techniques become increasingly sophisticated, the Transportation sector will continue to provide highly transferable employment opportunities in a wide range of related occupations.

When you think about the role that transportation plays in all of our personal and professional lives, it's obvious why transportation professionals are so important. Students who have good "mechanical" minds and enjoy working with their hands can choose from three main career pathways: Aviation and Aerospace Transportation Services; Collision Repair and Refinishing; and Vehicle Maintenance, Service, and Repair.

Areas of projected market growth include the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), developments in rocket technology, super-capacity jet airplanes, hybrid and hydrogen fuel-cell technology, and the use of biodiesel and other alternative fuels.

Ready to...

- *Apply your knowledge of mechanics to maintain machines?*
- *Use the latest technology to identify and solve mechanical problems?*
- *Learn skills that will be in demand no matter where you live?*

“If you are a hands-on learner and don't mind getting your hands dirty, this is the perfect industry for you because what is being taught at school is something you're going to apply in the future.”

*— Sarahi G.
Chaffey College
Manufacturing Student*



Fast Fact

The transportation industry employs over **10%** of the entire country's workforce, and that number is only increasing!



Types of Careers

- Bus & Truck Mechanic
- Automotive Master Mechanic
- Diesel Engine Specialist
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Auto Glass Installer
- Dispatcher
- Service Writer
- Licensed Smog Technician
- Avionics Technician
- Airframe & Power Plant Technician
- Aircraft Mechanic/Service Technician
- Air Traffic Controller
- Commercial Pilot



Salary Snapshot

- Heavy and Tractor Trailer Truck Drivers \$59,950 / \$28.82 hourly
- First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers \$89,880 / \$43.21 hourly
- Bus & Truck Mechanics / Diesel Engine Specialists \$70,650 / \$33.97 hourly
- Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers \$104,930 / \$50.45 hourly
- Logisticians \$90,950 / \$43.73 hourly
- Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians \$84,910 / \$40.82 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Automotive Air Conditioning/Heat
- Automotive Alignment, Brakes, Steering, Suspension, Drivability, Detailer/Porter
- Automotive Electrical Systems
- Automotive Management: Repair Shop
- Automotive Technology, Automotive/General Service Technician
- Aviation Maintenance, Airframe, Powerplant, Avionics Technology
- Collision Repair, Refinishing
- Diesel Technology, Heavy/Medium/Light Duty Diesel Trucks
- Engine Performance, Inspection, Smog/Emissions Technician
- Engine Rebuilding, High Performance Automotive, Fabrication
- Geographic Information Science/Systems (GIS), Geospatial Technician
- Transmissions



AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

At a Glance...

When most people think of agriculture, they think of farming... but employees in this industry work everywhere from labs to veterinarians' offices, and beyond.

Agriculture is a \$59 billion industry in California, making our state the most prolific producer of agriculture in the U.S., and the fifth largest provider in the world. Because of this, demand for agricultural and natural resource specialists throughout the state is high, with more new job openings every year than qualified applicants to fill them.

Fast-growing and high-wage careers include agricultural marketing and sales personnel, agricultural engineers, laboratory and research technicians, environmental scientists, landscape and turf managers, and pest management specialists.

Ready to...

- *Explore the relationship between humans and the environment?*
- *Understand how to help plants and animals thrive?*
- *Diagnose, test, and repair large equipment, using complex technology?*
- *Solve real-world problems with practical, hands-on solutions?*



Fast Fact

Riverside County produces more than **1.5 billion dollars** in milk, table grapes, dates, and woody ornamentals every year!



Types of Careers

- Land Use Planning Technician
- Field Representative Technician
- Animal Health Technician
- Greenhouse Grower/Manager
- Soil Conservation Technician
- Landscape Designer
- Forestry Technician
- Artificial Inseminator
- Ag Sales and Service Technician
- Ag Import/Export Technician
- Ag Equipment Service
- Ag Equipment Setup Foreperson
- Farm Equipment Mechanics



Salary Snapshot

- Pest Control Workers \$45,370 / \$21.81 hourly
- Agricultural Technicians \$58,330 / \$28.05 hourly
- Farmers, Ranchers & Other Agricultural Managers \$107,780 / \$51.82 hourly
- Forest & Conservation Technicians \$60,880 / \$29.27 hourly
- Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians \$49,610 / \$23.85 hourly
- Environmental Engineering Technicians \$72,140 / \$34.68 hourly
- Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators \$82,100 / \$39.47 hourly
- Hydrologic Technicians \$63,900 / \$30.72 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Agriculture/Natural Resources
- Desert Ecologist/Naturalist
- Field Ranger
- Animal/Equine Science Specialist
- Animal Health Technician
- Environmental Horticulture and Restoration
- Environmental Horticulture
- Arborist
- Landscape/Irrigation
- Turfgrass Management
- Plant/Crop Science
- Pest Management
- Hazardous Materials Specialist



ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

At a Glance...

The days of working in the arts and being a “starving artist” are over. Entertainment, especially in California, is big business.

The U.S. Arts, Media, and Entertainment industry is a global giant, generating \$649 billion annually and projected to grow to \$808 billion by 2028, according to the International Trade Administration. As the future of media continues to merge with new and emerging technologies, the demand for technologically savvy designers and creative professionals will continue to grow.

Unlike other career pathways, jobs in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment sector tend to be cross-disciplinary, demanding a constantly changing combination of imaginative and hands-on skills. Students in this sector generally study across several different academic disciplines and acquire a mix of technical and creative skills, as well as the ability to work independently and collaboratively.

Ready to...

- *Use your imagination to find creative solutions to artistic problems?*
- *Collaborate on project-based assignments?*
- *Learn how to use technology to help you be more inventive?*
- *Be part of the business side of entertainment-related industries?*



Fast Fact

Of all the career industries, the Arts, Media, and Entertainment sector requires perhaps the greatest cross-disciplinary skills because the work in this sector has a propensity to be largely project-based, requiring both independent work and interdependent management skills for career success.



Types of Careers

- Stage Manager
- Recording Studio Assistant
- Special Effects Coordinator
- Web Designer
- Prop Maker
- Photographer
- Graphic Designer/Artist
- Filmmaker
- Camera Operator
- Screen Writer
- Photojournalist
- Music Minister
- Radio/Television Broadcaster



Salary Snapshot

- Musicians & Singers \$88,296 / \$42.45 hourly
- Writers & Authors \$80,470 / \$38.69 hourly
- Film & Video Editors \$83,200 / \$40.00 hourly
- Camera Operators \$101,610 / \$48.85 hourly
- Photographers \$50,610 / \$24.33 hourly
- Broadcast Technicians \$73,780 / \$35.47 hourly
- Sound Engineering Technicians \$78,020 / \$37.51 hourly
- Commercial & Industrial Designers \$93,300 / \$44.85 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Animation, 3D Animation, Motion Graphics
- Audio Production, Radio Production
- Audio/Music Technology, Music Industry Studies, Commercial Music
- Dance, Pilates
- Film/Television/Video Production/ Electronic Media
- Journalism
- Multimedia: Art/Digital Media, Graphic Design
- Music Performance, Jazz, Piano
- Music Technology, Songwriting
- Photography, Digital Photography
- Post-Production Editing
- Printing Production
- Screenwriting
- Theater Arts, Technical Theater, Musical Theater
- Game Art/Design, Game Programming



BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

At a Glance...

Who says more money means more problems? The Finance and Business industry sector is a critical component of the U.S. economy and employs more than 8 million people in careers ranging from bookkeeping to financial and investment planning. Advances in technology, as well as market globalization and the expansion of banking and investment institutions around the world, will continue to create exciting and challenging career opportunities in this industry for the foreseeable future.

With more than \$22.3 trillion in assets, the U.S. banking system supports the world's largest economy, but students who study business and finance don't just work for banks. Career opportunities for those with degrees related to business and finance are available in every sector of the economy and tend to require specific skills in mathematics, organization, time management, customer service, and communication.

Specializations typically emphasize accounting and finance concepts related to international business, computer applications, taxes, investments, and business management.

Ready to...

- *Own your own business and work for yourself?*
- *Manage a team of employees?*
- *Work with financial records to make sure everything adds up?*
- *Be part of a corporate organization?*
- *Understand how local, state, national, and global economies work?*

“*Ever since I was 16, I knew I wanted to be an entrepreneur. I've taken accounting, marketing, business, and it's helped me bring it all together. It's amazing what you can do with a business degree.”*

— Justin G.
Mt. San Jacinto College
Business & Entrepreneurship Student



Fast Fact

Because all companies need people with business and financial expertise, persons trained in this sector are in demand across *all industries.*



Types of Careers

- Account Specialist
- Cost Estimator
- Tax Preparer
- Associate Accountant
- Administrative Assistant
- Office Manager
- Loan Specialist
- Credit Analyst
- Claims Examiner
- Tax Examiner
- Treasurer
- Underwriting Assistant
- Insurance Claims Agent



Salary Snapshot

- Sales Representatives \$73,920 / \$35.54 hourly
- General & Operations Managers \$125,240 / \$60.21 hourly
- Accountants & Auditors \$96,360 / \$46.33 hourly
- Market Research Analysts \$92,770 / \$44.60 hourly
- Executive Administrative Assistants \$84,790 / \$40.76 hourly
- Real Estate Sales Agents \$62,420 / \$30.01 hourly
- Cost Estimators \$84,610 / \$40.68 hourly
- Administrative Services Managers \$107,410 / \$51.64 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Accounting, Financial Planning, Payroll, Income Tax
- Administrative/Office Assistant, Office Professional/ Administration
- Banking & Finance, Bank Operations, Personal Finance
- Business Administration, General Business
- Business Information Worker (BIW),
- Business/Computer Technology, Computer Applications
- Human Resources
- Human Services, Career/Employment Support, Case Management
- Leadership Development
- Logistics/Logistics Management
- Management, Supervision, Project Management
- Office Management, Executive Office Management



EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

At a Glance...

If you are looking for a fulfilling career that makes a positive difference in the lives of children and adults, you might consider a job in the Education, Child Development, and Family Services sector. Professionals who follow this path tend to be good communicators with the ability to empathize with people from diverse backgrounds.

As older teachers retire, this area will continue to be a growing industry sector in the nation despite the limits that state and local budgets often put on its growth. In fact, a whopping 86% of public schools struggle to hire educators, according to Devlin Peck stats from 2025.

Among the fastest-growing segments of this industry sector are childcare services; individual, family, community, and vocational rehabilitation services; and community and residential elder care services.

Ready to...

- *Make a measurable difference in people's lives?*
- *Engage with diverse communities of children and adults?*
- *Explain complex ideas in ways that are easily accessible to learners of all types?*



Fast Fact

California has more than **10,000 teacher vacancies as of 2025**, with elementary educators, math and science teachers, and special education instructors particularly in demand, according to Proximity Learning.



Types of Careers

- Preschool Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- Head Start Teacher
- Special Education Aide
- Parent Educator
- Consumer Credit Manager
- Property Manager
- Consumer Product Tester
- Insurance Representative



Salary Snapshot

- Education & Childcare Administrators \$65,420 / \$31.45 hourly
- Library Technicians \$51,290 / \$24.66 hourly
- Special Education Teachers \$90,530 / \$45.27 hourly
- Interpreters \$73,510 / \$35.34 hourly
- Child, Family & School Social Workers \$69,250 / \$33.29 hourly
- Training & Development Specialists \$72,930 / \$35.06 hourly
- Elementary School Teachers \$98,190 / \$49.10 hourly
- Community & Social Service Specialists \$56,820 / \$27.32 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Child Development
- Child Development Site Supervisor
- Child Development Teacher, Assistant/ Associate/Master Teacher
- Day Care Provider, Family Day Care
- Early Childhood Education (ECE), ECE 12 Core Units
- Early Childhood Specializations: Infant, Toddler, Early Intervention & Inclusion
- Education Paraprofessional
- Education Technology
- Gerontology, Community Caregiver
- Interpretation: Community Interpretation
- Sign Language Interpreting, American Sign Teacher Preparation, Elementary Teacher Education



ENERGY, CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES

At a Glance...

The United States is not only one of the world's leading suppliers of energy, it is also one of its largest consumers. To serve this ever-expanding market, the Energy, Construction, and Utilities sector employs technicians in electrical, mechanical, and construction jobs as well as architects, engineers, business managers, sales/marketing professionals, and public policy specialists.

With the increase of public and governmental interest in renewable energy, clean energy generation, and energy efficiency, job opportunities across the energy spectrum are growing rapidly and will continue to do so, especially since 40% of the existing workforce will be eligible for retirement by 2030. As a result, employers will need skilled workers for traditional energy jobs and future energy-related positions. While this sector consists of many different kinds of companies and products, skills developed in one area are generally transferable to others.

In fact, California's clean energy workforce is growing by 4.1%, increasing much faster than the state's overall employment. Plus, Los Angeles and Orange counties top the charts for the most clean-energy jobs in the nation, according to the economic and environmental advocacy business group E2. And just in time, as projections chart 1 million new green jobs through 2030, with major opportunities for electricians, ironworkers, engineers, planners, maintenance workers, and more. Especially strong demand is also projected for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians, plumbers and pipefitters, utility workers, and a wide range of business professionals.

Ready to...

- *Work with your head and hands to bring product designs to life?*
- *Use mechanical skills to build and maintain heavy machinery?*
- *Learn a practical trade that is in demand, no matter where you live?*

“[They] had an answer to every question I had. I was very fortunate that the Machining program had the latest software of Mastercam/Solid works with updated HASS CNC, mills, lathes, and grinders.”

— Guillermo M.
San Bernardino Valley College alum



Fast Fact

California has set the goal that by 2030, all new commercial construction will be **zero net** energy. This challenge can only be met with a highly skilled workforce.



Types of Careers

- Electronic Technician
- Maintenance Supervisor
- Heating/Ventilation/AC (HVAC) Technician
- Electrician
- Construction Supervisor
- Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Technician
- Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Technician
- Building Contractor
- Automotive Control System Technician
- Solar Technician
- Sub-Contractor



Industry Sector Pathways

- Building Automation Control Facilities Operations Technician
- Building Inspection, Inspection Technology
- Construction Technology/Management Building Construction
- Electrician, Electrician Apprentice, General Electrician
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Plumbing
- Residential Maintenance
- Woodworking
- Land Surveying



Salary Snapshot

- Carpenters \$74,820 / \$35.97 hourly
- First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers \$97,080 / \$46.67 hourly
- Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters \$68,390 / \$32.88 hourly
- Construction Managers \$129,000 / \$62.02 hourly
- Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators \$89,120 / \$42.85 hourly
- Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$65,290 / \$31.39 hourly
- Structural Iron and Steelworkers \$72,050 / \$34.64 hourly
- Construction & Building Inspectors \$101,160 / \$48.64 hourly
- Sheet Metal Workers \$79,630 / \$38.28 hourly
- Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant & Systems Operators \$82,100 / \$39.47 hourly
- Electricians \$76,540 / \$36.80 hourly



HEALTH

At a Glance...

The medical and health-related industry is one of the largest employers in California, employing nearly 2.65 million professionals across a wide range of well-paying careers. Healthcare employment is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations until 2033, with 1.9 million annual openings nationwide, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Programs of study in this sector can lead you in many different directions, including nursing, biotechnology research, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and physical therapy. While many of the careers in this sector require advanced-level preparation, there are many options available for students of various aptitudes, interests, abilities, and degree levels.

While significant expansion will continue across all occupational segments, there are exceptionally high growth opportunities for primary care providers, imaging technologists, physical therapists, certified nursing assistants, home health aides, and licensed vocational nurses.

Ready to...

- *Care for people who are sick and suffering?*
- *Research and perform experiments using the latest technology?*
- *Collect data to better understand a disease or treatment?*
- *Assist doctors and nurses with their daily activities?*

“It’s a really great program. They give us real-life scenarios, so we’re always ready. And when you finish, you’re going to have a career waiting for you at the end.”

**– Kirsten L.
Riverside City College
Nursing Student**



Fast Fact

A shortage of 100,000 critical healthcare workers is expected by 2028, according to the American Hospital Association. That makes future professionals *incredibly in-demand!*



Types of Careers

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Pharmacy Technician
- Registered Nurse (2 yr)
- Paramedic
- Operating Room Technician
- Medical Records Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
- Radiology Technologist
- Dental Lab Technician
- Respiratory Therapist
- Cardiovascular Technologist
- Dental Hygienist
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
- Biomedical Technician
- Environmental Services Technician
- Gerontologist



Salary Snapshot

- Registered Nurses \$140,330 / \$67.47 hourly
- Licensed Vocational Nurses \$77,170 / \$37.10 hourly
- Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder and Mental Health Counselors \$61,310 / \$29.48 hourly
- Medical and Health Services Managers \$136,500 / \$65.62 hourly
- Healthcare Social Workers \$92,970 / \$44.70 hourly
- Phlebotomists \$55,460 / \$26.66 hourly
- Dental Hygienists \$121,080 / \$58.21 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Alcohol/Drug Studies, Dual Diagnosis
- Athletic Training
- Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene
- Kinesiology: Coaching Professions
- Kinesiology: Fitness/Recreation Professions
- Medical Assisting, Medical Transcription
- Medical Front Office, Coding/Billing, Electronic Records
- Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide
- Nursing Specialty: Acute Care Technician, Mobile Intensive Care, Critical Care
- Nursing: LVN
- Nursing: Registered Nurse, Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Psychiatric Technology
- Radiologic Technology, Sonography
- Respiratory Therapy/Care
- Sports Medicine



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

At a Glance...

The booming U.S. tech market is expected to exceed \$2 trillion by 2029, according to Forrester. Our country will comprise more than 40% of the global tech spend and lead the way in the Information & Communications Technology sector. In California alone, where Silicon Valley has become synonymous with the rapidly evolving world of technology, this industry accounts for 30% of California's economy while supporting 4.2 million jobs — 20% of all jobs statewide.

Information and communication technology students learn about the design, development, maintenance, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services. Because of technology's central role in all industries, IT professionals are and will continue to be in great demand in every sector of the economy. Specific areas of future growth are likely to be in the areas of cloud computing, the collection and storage of big data, and information security.

Ready to...

- *Work on a team of professionals to develop cutting-edge products and solutions?*
- *Learn job skills that are transferable to almost any location and industry?*
- *Troubleshoot a variety of software and hardware problems?*



Fast Fact

California's tech workforce is growing at one of the fastest rates in the country, with Computing Technology Industry Association forecasting a 2.8% employment growth, *netting 42,000 new jobs.*



Types of Careers

- Computer Support Specialist
- LAN Support Technician
- Software/Hardware Installer
- Telecommunications Specialist
- Network Administrator
- Data Communications Specialist
- Computer Graphic Artist
- Desktop Publisher
- Multimedia Specialist
- Web Designer
- Webmaster
- Database Administrator
- Technical Writer



Salary Snapshot

- Software Developers \$170,910 / \$82.17 hourly
- Computer User Support Specialists \$76,870 / \$36.96 hourly
- Computer Systems Analysts \$127,660 / \$61.37 hourly
- Information Security Analysts \$140,660 / \$67.63 hourly
- Computer Network Support Specialists \$79,520 / \$38.23 hourly
- Computer Network Architects \$138,350 / \$66.52 hourly
- Database Administrators \$111,090 / \$53.41 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Web Design/Development
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MSCE)
- Communication Technology: Sound, Wireless, Electronic
- Computer Information Systems, Software/Computer Applications
- Computer Programming, C++, Java
- Computer Science
- Database Design/Management, MIS, Systems Development, UNIX, MYSQL
- Hardware Specialist, Computer Maintenance, Help Desk, IT Technician
- Information Security, Cyber Security, Computer Forensics
- Information/Computer Technology/Literacy
- Internet/Web Authoring, E-Commerce, Mobile Applications
- Networking/Computer Support, CISCO: CCNA & CCNP, A+, N+



PUBLIC SERVICES

At a Glance...

A public service is one that is provided by the government for the benefit of its citizens. Generally speaking, “government jobs” are highly prized because of their benefits and retirement packages, and they encompass working in everything from public safety and emergency response to community outreach and vocational counseling. Students who want to make a difference in their communities by serving the public’s interest should consider working in this sector.

Because jobs in this sector offer some of the best benefits and retirement packages available, their job markets are highly competitive. As a result, students will generally find more opportunity and less competition for these jobs in their local communities.

Ready to...

- *Serve your local community?*
- *Provide support to culturally diverse groups of people at all income levels?*
- *Make sure the communities in which people live are safe and secure?*



Fast Fact

The federal government is the largest employer in the United States, offering a wide array of in-demand, high-paying jobs! Opportunities for public service professions include career pathways in Public Safety, Emergency Response, and Legal Practices.



Types of Careers

- Police Officer
- Probation or Correctional Officer
- Correctional Officer & Jailer
- Police Patrol Officer
- Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff
- Firefighter
- Fire Apparatus Engineer
- U.S. Customs Officer
- Eligibility Worker
- Vocational Counselor
- Employment and Training Technician
- Residential Counselor
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Licensed Psychiatric Technician
- Mental Health Worker
- Paralegals & Legal Assistant



Salary Snapshot

- Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers
\$115,400 / \$55.48 hourly
- Correctional Officers & Jailers \$95,840 / \$46.08 hourly
- Firefighters \$83,400 / \$40.10 hourly
- Supervisors, Protective Service Workers
\$88,130 / \$42.37 hourly
- Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment
Specialists \$107,050 / \$51.47 hourly
- Detectives & Criminal Investigators
\$122,140 / \$58.72 hourly
- Court Reporters \$103,640 / \$49.83 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- EMS, EMT, Paramedic
- Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice
- Chief Fire Officer
- Corrections
- Fire Apparatus Operation
- Fire Inspection, Fire Prevention, Fire Technology
- Firearms, Laws of Arrest, Investigative Assistant
- Firefighter Academy, Professional Firefighter, Fire Officer Training
- Forensic Specialist, Crime Scene Investigation, Fingerprint Recognition
- Homeland Security
- Paralegal Studies, Legal Assistant
- Peace Officer Academy
- Science, Reserve Officer
- Public Works
- Victim Services



RETAIL, TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

At a Glance...

The travel and tourism market is one of the world's largest industries, accounting for 10% of the global economy in 2024. In the U.S. alone, the industry is projected to swell to 17.4 million jobs by 2033, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Whether you have a passion for food, travel, sports, or nutrition, California's unique position as a premier travel destination makes this an exciting sector to join.

Certificate and associate degrees available in Retail, Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation Management are not only transferable to related CSU and UC programs, but will also qualify you for many immediate employment opportunities. Since many of these sectors depend on the work of part-time employees, opportunities abound for students who want to gain valuable work experience while earning a paycheck and going to school. As a bonus, these jobs often offer interesting travel options and industry discounts.

Ready to...

- *Work with culturally diverse people from around the world?*
- *Provide services to customers and tourists?*
- *Foster relationships with clients and be a "people person"?*

“*[What's] so great about this program is that you're literally learning every single position in a restaurant ... And, I mean, who wouldn't want to hire someone [who's] a total package?"*

— Elizabeth V.
Riverside City College
Culinary Arts Program



Fast Fact

The sector encompasses three distinct, yet interrelated, career pathways: Food Science, Dietetics, and Nutrition; Food Service and Hospitality; and Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation.



Salary Snapshot

- Chefs & Head Cooks \$66,780 / \$32.11 hourly
- Flight Attendants \$77,870 / \$39.93 hourly
- First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Services Workers \$46,140 / \$22.18 hourly
- Lodging Managers \$77,030 / \$37.04 hourly
- Food Service Managers \$75,140 / \$36.12 hourly
- Meeting, Convention & Event Planners \$66,990 / \$32.21 hourly
- First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers \$58,110 / \$27.94 hourly



Industry Sector Pathways

- Culinary Arts, Restaurant Service, Food Preparation
- Golf Management
- Management: Culinary, Hospitality, Hotel, Restaurant
- Nutrition and Food, Dietetics
- Retail Management, Retail Management-Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC)
- Viticulture, Enology and Winery Technology



Types of Careers

- Food Inspector
- Dietetic Technician
- Food Production Chemist
- Food & Beverage Director
- Food Service Manager
- Food Designer
- Social Director
- Tour Guide/Manager
- Hotel Concierge
- Convention Planner
- Chef/Cook/Baker
- Caterer
- Travel Agent
- Concert Promoter
- Event/Wedding Planner
- Flight Attendant
- Club Manager

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— George B.

“I'm very happy and grateful for the opportunities I found.”

— William W.



“My life has never been better than it is right now.”

— Christina S.





“I absolutely fell in love with it. Everything I have been doing in my life has prepared me for this career.”

— Deandra V.



“[My college] made it possible to reach my dream.”

— Crystal H.



“To get in the door, you need a depth of experience.”

— Daniel B.



“One class set me on the path to where I am today.”

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Barstow Community College

BCC is a leader in Desert-area career education, with a dedicated facility housing many of its workforce development programs. The Career Education and Workforce Development Center is a state-of-the-art, 22,000-square-foot complex that features the latest high-tech, hands-on career training resources.

Ready to be a Viking?

Visit barstow.edu, or call (760) 252-2411

Chaffey College

A pioneer in creating clear pathways for college graduates to meet workforce demands, Chaffey College has laid a broad foundation for work-ready education, offering an InTech Center for state-of-the-art training. The college also maintains numerous “career pipeline” relationships with local governments, utilities, and industries, providing registered apprenticeship programs with on-the-job training to advance careers.

Ready to be a Panther?

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College of the Desert

With a wide variety of program offerings and an award-winning Career Education faculty, COD is the Coachella Valley’s top choice for career-ready education and training. College of the Desert is also the number one source of transfer students to California State University at San Bernardino.

Ready to be a Roadrunner?

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Copper Mountain College

CMC has long been instrumental in providing in-demand career education and workforce training for evolving high desert industries such as wastewater, manufacturing, logistics, and more. The region’s affordable cost of living and relatively low cost of doing business is expected to create historically high demand for well-educated, well-trained industry professionals over the next decade.

Ready to be a Fighting Cactus?

Visit cmccd.edu, or call (760) 366-3791

Crafton Hills College

CHC is committed to strengthening the regional workforce through comprehensive, hands-on career training in high-demand fields such as Respiratory Care, Fire Technology, Radiologic Technology, Child Development and Education, and more. Crafton Hills is home to a renowned local Radiology program (operated cooperatively with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center), as well as a California State Fire Training Academy.

Ready to be a Roadrunner?

Visit craftonhills.edu, or call (909) 794-2161

Moreno Valley College

As part of the Riverside Community College District, MVC is one of the Inland Empire's premier sources of career education and workforce development training. MVC students have access to the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center, a high-tech facility that houses the college's well-regarded Law Enforcement, Fire Tech, and EMT career programs.

Ready to be a Lion?

Visit mvc.edu, or call (951) 571-6100

Mt. San Jacinto College

MSJC is a top destination for career education due to its high-quality faculty, facilities, and employment pipeline. Through its Work Experience Education (WEE) program, MSJC maintains partnerships with regional businesses and industries, leading to a wide range of internship and work experience opportunities.

Ready to be an Eagle?

Visit msjc.edu, or call (951) 487-6752

Norco College

A reliable and proactive champion of Inland Empire career education, Norco College is constantly working to identify and fill the most pressing workforce needs. Through its industry advisory board, Norco connects local public and private sector employers to ensure the most up-to-date, innovative, and contemporary professional instruction for its career education students.

Ready to be a Mustang?

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Palo Verde College

Offering more than 80 degrees and certificates in healthcare, IT, business, emergency services, and beyond, PVC delivers career-ready instruction leading directly to high-paying Desert-area jobs in manufacturing, processing, infrastructure, and more. PVC is the leading provider of postsecondary career education in the region.

Ready to be a Pirate?

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Riverside City College

RCC hosts one of California's best-regarded career education programs, with more than 80 degree and certificate options serving one of the state's fastest-growing industrial regions. From its state-of-the-art RCC Culinary Academy, to the high-tech, off-site Ben Clark Training Center and beyond, RCC is known throughout the Inland region for facilitating fast, focused career outcomes.

Ready to be a Tiger?

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San Bernardino Valley College

As one of the region's career education pace-setters, SBVC is dedicated to developing the professionals of tomorrow. SBVC's high-tech Applied Technology Building is home to the college's venerable Culinary, Applied Technology, and Transportation programs. SBVC offers more than 200 degrees and certificates within six career and academic pathways.

Ready to be a Wolverine?

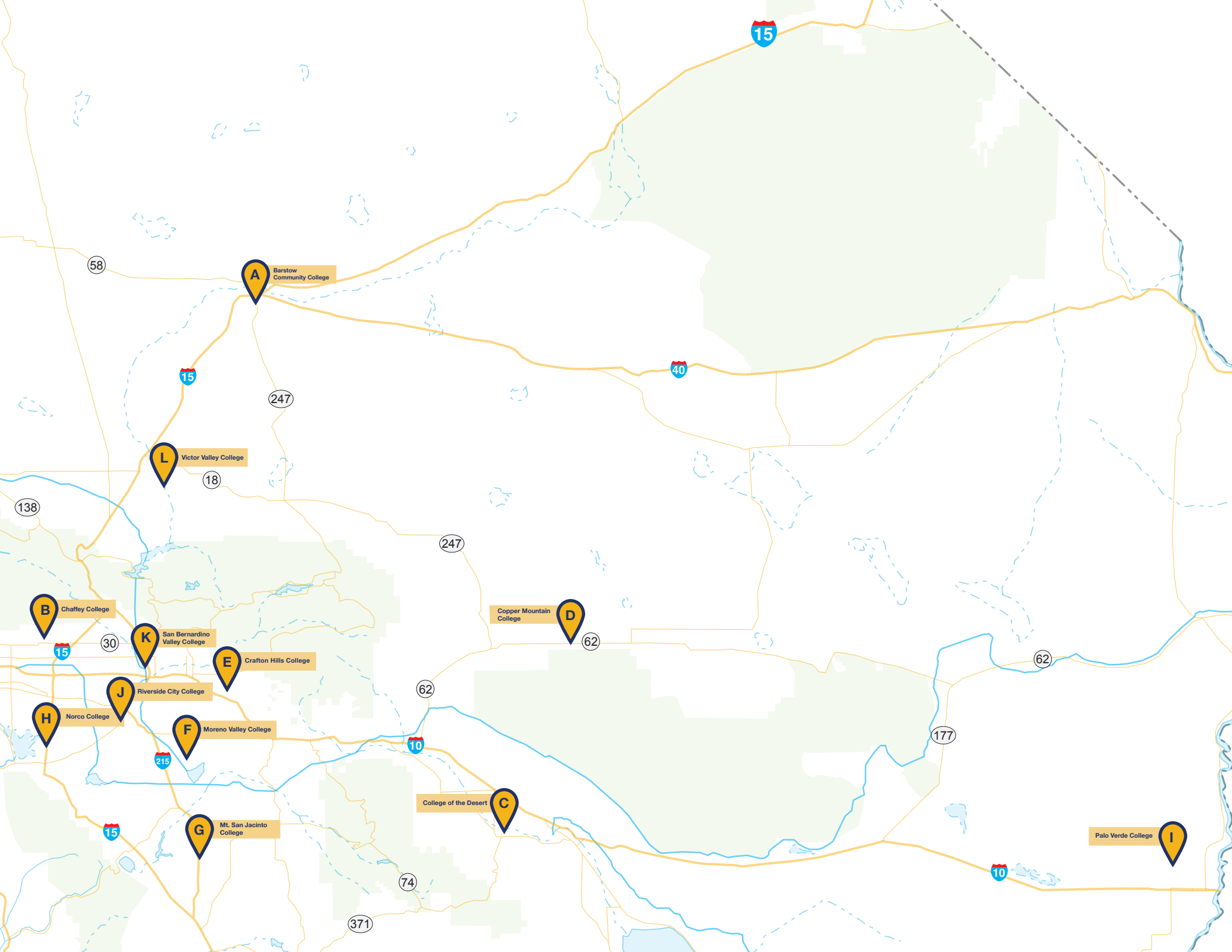
Visit valleycollege.edu, or call (909) 384-4401

Victor Valley College

As the California high desert's population continues to grow, so does the demand for educated and experienced professionals in crucial local industries such as healthcare, water management, manufacturing, transportation, safety infrastructure, and more. Through partnerships with some of the high desert's biggest employers, VVC's career education grads are helping to ensure that the region sustains its economic success, with an eye toward the future.

Ready to be a Desert Ram?

Visit vvc.edu, or call (760) 245-4271



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