

# WESTSIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## General Description

The Westside Center is a Workforce Training Complex with major components that address a region emerging into a service economy. Victor Valley College's proposed Westside Center - Phase I would include a Health Sciences Academy, a Business Academy, an expanded Hospitality program with culinary components, and a Logistical Transportation program to support the SCLA with elements that could include a variety of aviation related programs and logistics technology programs. Each component would feature state of the art training, facilities, and equipment as well as short-term training opportunities and programs that provide degrees and certificates.

Phase I of the Westside Center would include 5000 ASF of Lecture, 12,000 ASF of Laboratory, 5,000 ASF of Office, and 5,500 ASF of instructional and academic support spaces.

Phase II consists of a total of 19,000 ASF ( 26,000 GSF) and will include 3,000 ASF of Lecture, 10,000 ASF of Laboratory, 2000 ASF of Office, 1000 ASF of Library, 500 ASF of AV/TV and 2,500 ASF of additional instructional support spaces. The new building will further implement the Westside Center vision of a Workforce Training Complex to houses programs that address a region emerging into a service economy. Victor Valley College's proposed Westside Center - Phase II will include lecture and laboratory spaces to accommodate the growth of the Health Sciences, Business and Hospitality programs. This facility will feature state of the art facilities and equipment to meet the instructional delivery demands of the programs. The proposed building will also support general education to provide full academic opportunities to the students at the Westside Workforce Development Center.

## Mission

The mission of Victor Valley Community College is three-fold:

- To enable students to succeed and to develop competence through academic and vocational instruction at the lower division College level. This instruction will lead to the granting of certificates and degrees as well as transfer to other institutions;
- To contribute to community and state-wide economic growth and competitiveness through vocational and technical instruction leading to employment, continuing education, student support services, adult non-credit instruction, and instruction in basic skills and English as a Second Language;
- To foster personal development and life-long learning through culturally enriching programs and activities for the expanding learning community.

## Goals

- Bring education closer to students in Adelanto, Hesperia, Phelan and Victorville.
- Expand training for healthcare professionals such as registered nurses, certified nursing assistants, respiratory therapists, lab technicians, medical transcriptionists and pharmacy technicians.
- Support new training programs for jobs with logistics, transportation and warehousing businesses.
- Enhance training for careers in the growing business, hospitality, hotel management, food service, and tourism industries.

- Offer more general education classes in math, science, English and technology for high demand university transfer programs.

## Community Relationship

Victor Valley Community College District is in a unique position to assist industries and various sectors in developing a high-skilled, high-performance workforce. The proposed Westside Workforce Development Center will provide a wide range of programs which will feed the local economy with prepared workers.

Efforts will be made to improve collaborations between Victor Valley Community College District and neighboring educational institutions, businesses, community organizations, labor and governmental agencies to leverage college resources and provide highest response to the needs of the community. Instructional program development at the Westside Workforce Development Center will focus on developing new or revitalizing curricula that would be transferrable and articulated with four year institutions in the area.

## Divisions/Programs

### Health Science

**Program Description:** The programs and services offered in the Health Sciences Division provide students and the community with a wide variety of learning opportunities and experiences in the exciting and rewarding Health Sectors. Curriculum within this division includes programs in the Health, Allied Health, Nursing, and Respiratory Therapy areas of study.

### Business Administration

**Program Description:** The Business Administration Department offers a variety of courses in business which allows a student to comply with the lower-division requirements for transfer to university level programs. Courses are also offered which allow the student to prepare for career entry-level positions and for upgrading of job skills for the already career-oriented student.

In addition to the certificates, students may also earn an Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration. Many of the Business Administration Department courses are offered online via the Internet, allowing a student to earn the Management Certificate and/or the AS Degree through distance education. See the current Schedule of Classes for a listing of online classes.

### Hospitality Management

**Program Description:** The Hospitality Management program prepares individuals to serve as general managers and directors of hospitality operations on a system-wide basis, including both travel arrangements and promotion and the provision of traveler facilities. Includes instruction in principles of operations in the travel and tourism, hotel and lodging facilities, food services, and recreation facilities industries; hospitality marketing strategies; hospitality planning; management and coordination of franchise and unit operations; business management; accounting and financial management; hospitality transportation and logistics; and hospitality industry policies and regulations.