

Adult Education Program

Continuing Education classes, also known as “noncredit,” are financially supported by the state of California and are offered tuition-free. Continuing Education classes are designed to provide students with a high-quality learning experience. Tuition-free classes include ESL (English as a Second Language), Elementary and Secondary Basic Skills Math & English, Short Term Vocational and Workforce Preparation. Some courses may require a materials fee or the purchase of a textbook. These classes do not earn college credit.

Honors Transfer Program

The Honors Transfer Program is designed to provide highly-motivated students with academic challenges that encourage independent thinking and creative learning. Members of the Honors Transfer Program (HTP) have the option to participate in honors academic activities, including honors courses and individual honors contracts. Honors courses and completed contracts receive an “Honors Course” designation on the student’s transcript. Students who complete the program and graduate from Las Positas receive special recognition and an honors seal affixed to their diploma. Those students who graduate as honors scholars have access to transfer agreements with a number of universities. For eligibility requirements and further information, go to the Honors Transfer Program Website at: www.laspositascollege.edu/honors

Independent Study

Independent study courses are open to all students. Independent study must be contracted through an instructor for research, field experience or skill development. Check with the Counseling Department concerning transferability of these courses to four year institutions.

Work-Based Learning Program

Las Positas College provides clear academic pathways to improve the workforce and economy of our community. To support this mission, we have established a Work-Based Learning Program—a collaboration with local business and industry to develop career and work experience opportunities, internships and mentoring programs, and community work and study placements directly related to a vocational field of training. This partnership benefits both employers and students, ensuring a talent pipeline of skilled workers from our college to the workplace and reinforcing and expanding students’ classroom learning. As part of the Work-Based Learning Program, Las Positas College offers courses as well as an internship and job board. Students can choose from two courses that link the classroom with the workplace and focus on 21st century work skills: General Work Experience, for students with any type of employment or volunteer work, and Occupational Work Experience/Internship, for students who work in positions related to their major field of study. The Las Positas College Internship and Job Board connects our students and alumni with area employers. Employers can post positions and search résumés. Students and alumni can search positions, post their résumés, and sign up to get notifications about our college job and internship fairs, newly posted positions, and career tips. This free service is linked on our homepage and can be accessed at <http://laspositascollege.edu/internship-job-board/>. For more information about our Work-Based Learning Program, please visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/careercenter/work-based.php> or

email WBL@laspositascollege.edu. For information about our Work Experience courses, please visit <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/workexperience/>.

Community Education

Community Education classes are designed to provide personal development, cultural enrichment, and job training to people of all ages. These classes are fee-based and not for college credit. At present, Community Education offers classes in fitness and health, human development, home and garden, computer and workplace skills, business, arts and letters, personal and small business finance, and college preparatory skills. The program also offers contracted training for small businesses (catered to meet business needs) in workplace skill-building. Some classes offered through Community Education do provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professions such as for Nursing. For information regarding Community Education classes at Las Positas College or to suggest a Community Education class, call (925) 424-1467.

Contract Education

Las Positas College contract education classes are offered through the District Office through contracts for educational services with public or private agencies, corporations, associations, or individuals. An active outreach program in contract education is conducted by the District to help business, industrial and public organizations develop training programs tailored to meet their needs. Examples include Business Communications, Supervision, CPR and First Aid, English as a Second Language, Commercial Law, Word Processing and Computer Skills, Pre-Retirement Planning, Radiation Technology, Technical Writing, and certificate or degree programs in technical and general education. Courses can be offered “on-site” (at the employer facility) or on campus. Organizations or persons desiring information on how the District can provide educational training programs to meet specific training needs can view the contract education website at tdsolutions.org or telephone us at (925) 249-9372.

High School/ROP/Adult School Articulation

High School/ROP/Adult School articulation provides a legal process to align the course curriculum from these schools to community college and university courses. Articulation is the alignment and comparability of coursework between two levels of education, such as high school and community college. It is established through discipline specific faculty-to-faculty collaboration. Las Positas College (LPC) has many articulated courses. These articulation agreements create sequences of progressive, non-duplicated education leading to technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate, and/or a degree in a wide range of fields and careers. Students benefit from developing high-demand career skills that support their success in the workforce and give them a competitive edge. Rigorous Career Pathway programs also provide college prep students with opportunities to apply academic content in real-world applications. Students successfully completing the articulated courses may be eligible for advanced placement in the LPC program, and, in most cases, opportunities to earn college credit. To learn which classes are currently under articulation agreements visit: <http://laspositascollege.edu/articulation/courses.php>

Career Education