Popular and Distinctive Programs

Valley College has many career programs, but among them, the most popular and distinctive areas of study include:

- Business Administration & Accounting
- Child Development & Early Childhood Education
- Nursing
- Biology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Mathematics
- Administration of Justice & Fire Technology
- English as a Second Language

Valley's most distinct programs include:

- Bachelor of Science and Respiratory Therapy
- Media Arts Programs in virtual production, motion capture and advanced visual effects, animation production, cinema production, visual effects, sound design, cinematography, screenwriting and directing
- Commercial Music and Music Tech
- Firefighter & EMT Preparation Program (FEPP)
- Police Orientation & Preparation Program (POPP)

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Confidence for Career Built on College Foundation

Adena Amalian, 35, is an LA Valley College graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in child development. She is presently the director of Infant/Toddler and Preschool Programs at ONEgeneration in Van Nuys.



I started at Valley College straight out of high school. My sister, my uncle and other family members also came to Valley College. And I do not regret it a single bit, honestly.

I think I came in wanting to be an optometrist. I realized that's not for me. [There were] family pressures to become a doctor of some sort. But I quickly found that I should stick to what makes me happy and what I'm able to do my best at, and that was definitely working with children.

The people here at Valley College — specifically, the Child Development Center and the Child Development Department — have made such an impact in my life. I'm a person who's very big on human interaction. Having people here like Dr. [Elmida] Bagdasarian and Prof. [Tracey] Baca was huge for me. They were big influencers, showing me that it's not just about the end result of getting your degree, but rather the process of how you get there.

And then, of course, coming into the child development department as a practicum student. Terry Teplin was the center director at the time. She made such a big impact with her kindness and understanding, and really just believing in me. I came in here as a practicum student to work at Valley at the Child Development Center and was offered a position. So, I didn't think I was ready to take that on, but she obviously saw something in me that maybe I wasn't quite seeing yet.

My experience here as an assistant teacher really was the foundation for me feeling confident enough to move on and kind of pursue the path further. So I always knew I was going to transfer [to CSUN]; it was just a matter of when.

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You can't go wrong with a community college. You come in, and you're kind of at your own pace. There's a lot of flexibility. Online courses are offered. I personally prefer in-person classes, and that's obviously offered as well. And that interaction that you get specifically here at Valley with the instructors that I had. I felt like, at the time when I was here, the class sizes were developed in a way where you felt that one-on-one when you needed it. That's probably one of my biggest things — class size and that personal interaction with the instructors.

Words of Wisdom

Do what you love. If you do what you love with passion, there's almost really no way of doing it wrong, right? Success to me may look a little bit different from someone else's. But at the end of the day, make sure you're filling your cup, because that's really the only way that you're gonna feel like you've accomplished to the best of your ability.

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