

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND VENTURA COLLEGE EAST CAMPUS

## Civic Center (Facility Rentals)

The Civic Center Office coordinates the use of college facilities by off-campus organizations as authorized by the Civic Center Act and in accordance with the provisions of the Education Code §82537-82548. For information about facility usage, please call (805) 289-6105. Email to [vcviccenter@vcccd.edu](mailto:vcviccenter@vcccd.edu). The Civic Center Office is located on the Ventura College campus in the ADM building.

## Dual Enrollment

Ventura College has partnered with local K-12 school districts to offer dual enrollment opportunities in which college classes are offered at local high schools, enabling students to receive both high school and college credits. The goal is to develop pathways from high school to community college for Career Technical Education (CTE), preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, and helping high school students achieve college and career readiness. High School students interested in registering for dual enrollment classes should contact the Counseling Office at their local high school. For additional information about the Ventura College Dual Enrollment Program, please call (805) 289-6457 or email [VCDualEnrollment@vcccd.edu](mailto:VCDualEnrollment@vcccd.edu).

## El Camino High School

El Camino High School (ECHS) at Ventura College joined the College campus in 2008. A unique high school in the state of California, ECHS is an accredited independent-study high school that offers Advanced Placement and college prep courses, a Middle College Academy, and is a school of choice in the Ventura Unified School District. Many students attend El Camino High School at Ventura College on "inter-district" transfers, attending from all over Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles Counties. Virtually all the ECHS students are enrolled in Ventura College courses, providing them the opportunity to take college and high school courses simultaneously, and to accumulate college credits in a supportive environment.

The goal of El Camino High School is that every student be provided with a learning environment that best suits their academic abilities, learning style, and personal interests. The High School provides a competency-based college prep high school program in an independent study delivery system. A unique educational plan is designed for each student. For more information on El Camino High School at Ventura College, please visit <https://elcamino.venturausd.org/> or contact Hector Guerrero, Principal, at (805) 289-7955.

## MESA

Established over 20 years ago, the California Community College Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program helps undeserved and under represented students majoring in calculus-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields who seek to successfully transfer to four-year universities in science, engineering and math (STEM) majors. This support is especially crucial to first-generation, low-income, historically-underserved community

college students. The Ventura College MESA Program is funded by the the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Call us at (805) 289-6538 or visit the MESA office in SCI-224 for information.

Eligibility:

1. Declare a calculus based (minimum of one semester required) major in math, science, or engineering field.
2. Planning to transfer to a four-year institution.
3. Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
4. Demonstrated financial need by receiving federal and/or state financial aid (California Promise Grant, PELL Grant, Cal Grant, etc.).
5. First-generation college student.

Main components include:

- **Academic Excellence Workshops:** Is a small community of students working collaboratively to master course material with the guidance of a faculty. The AEW is designed to give students the opportunity to enhance their learning experience for a particular course.
- **Intro to Engineering course:** New students majoring in Engineering are encourage to enroll in this course to explore the branches of engineering, the functions of an engineer, and the industries in which engineers work.
- **Academic advising/counseling:** Students are referred to our STEM Counselors to receive individualized academic guidance and develop multi-year plans so they can take courses in the most effective sequence and transfer in a timely manner.
- **Study center:** This dedicated multipurpose space is the hub for studying, workshops, special activities and information sharing. It is a key element in building a close learning community.
- **Assistance in the transfer process:** MESA coordinates transfer workshops, shares Transfer Center events, and plans visits to four-year universities.
- **Career development:** Students learn specifics about various STEM majors and job experiences. Industry mentors, job shadowing opportunities, career fairs, internships, scholarships and field trips to companies are also offered.
- **Links with student and professional organizations:** These resources provide mentors, guest speakers and tours of companies.
- **Professional development:** Through workshops, conferences, and mock job fairs, students learn soft skills, corporate culture, resume writing and interviewing skills.
- **Industry Advisory partnerships:** Local boards offer valuable connections between students and industry leaders. Corporate representatives, including MESA alumni, participate on boards and provide scholarships, strategic planning, summer internships, field trips, scholarships, employment opportunities and other resources.

## State of California Department of Rehabilitation Assistance

The State of California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) provides assistance for the vocational training and placement of individuals with disabilities. Emphasis is on serving individuals with the most severe disabilities.

## What Assistance is Provided?

The DOR may provide financial assistance for tuition, books, supplies and transportation relating to vocational training. There is no fee for services provided.

## Who Can Receive Assistance?

Eligibility for DOR services is determined by the DOR office and is based on the existence of a disability that results in a substantial impediment to employment. Apply to the:

State of California Department of Rehabilitation  
1701 Pacific Avenue, Suite 120  
Oxnard, CA 93033

or

101 Hodencamp Rd., Suite 212  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

A Department of Rehabilitation counselor is also available for appointments on campus in the Educational Assistance Center for Ventura College students only. Call (805) 289-6300 for information.

## Ventura College East Campus

957 Faulkner Road, Suite 106, Santa Paula  
Phone: (805) 289-6100  
Fax: (805) 933-1972  
From main campus, dial extension 6100

### Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Library and Learning Resource Center Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

<https://www.venturacollege.edu/eastcampus>  
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For almost 50 years, Ventura College has been committed to providing educational access to the Santa Clara River Valley communities of Fillmore, Piru and Santa Paula (1970s: Bilingual Vocational Education Program; 1980s: Bilingual Vocational Arts; 1990s: Santa Paula Vocational Center, and 2000s: Ventura College East Campus). Since it was established, the East Campus has met the needs of the community by providing quality career technical education programs, academic programs, and access to highly qualified faculty and student support staff that are committed to the success of our students.

VCEC currently offers three associate degrees (Arts and Humanities, Behavioral and Social Sciences and our newest degree in Veterinary Science). Along with these degrees, students can obtain various Certificates of Achievement in Administrative Assistance, Medical Assistance, and Veterinary Assistance. Students are also able to take general education transfer courses, other career technical education courses and English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

VCEC offers student services to all Ventura College students and prospective students. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff, including full-time Academic Counselors and Student Services Assistant are on site to assist students with educational planning, admissions, and registration. Additional services include financial aid assistance, MyVCCCD student portal support, payments, Career Center advising, and Student Health Center resources.

Our Library and Learning Resource Center is open to all Ventura College students and is a place for students to do research, write and print class papers, check out books via inter-library loan and the Lending Library, access online classes, and work with software programs for their specific classes. Math tutoring and Wi-Fi are available.

VCEC is a model on how institutions of higher learning can combine innovative programs, student support, and instruction technologies to provide outstanding learning opportunities and community services. The East Campus also serves as the center of operations for Ventura College Off-Campus Programs, including Dual Enrollment.