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WLAC ASSISTING EMPLOYERS THROUGH OFFERING APPRENTICESHIPS



West Los Angeles College is supporting local businesses with developing talent pipelines, implementing extensive training for new hires, and building employee development programs for existing employees interested in elevating their skills through apprenticeship programs.

“West has found that a structured approach works best, since it outlines tangible benchmarks for on-the-job learning and related training,” said Tiffany Miller, WLAC Dean overseeing apprentice programs. “It’s a new and innovative model for apprenticeships, where employers completely craft an individualized program based on their own needs.”

Currently, West has four registered apprenticeship programs with the Department of Labor and California Division of Apprenticeship Standards in the essential industries of Advanced Manufacturing and Allied Health, including mental health. The occupations include Dental Assistant, Aircraft Structures Mechanic, Calibration Technician, and Industrial Manufacturing Technician. The college is in the process of registering additional occupations in these sectors.

West partners with employers on these customized organization-centric employee development programs and takes care of all the apprenticeship registration and paperwork for both the companies and employees to participate.

Employers interested in creating an apprenticeship program for their organization or prospective students interested in being part of an apprenticeship can email Apprenticeship Dean Tiffany Miller at millerts@wla.edu

West Los Angeles College is an ACCJC accredited community college offering career certificates and degrees, university transfer, and professional advancement courses. Awarded for its online degree programs prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, West will continue to conduct classes online in Spring 2021. Students can find more information or enroll at [WLAC.edu/IAmReady](https://wla.edu/IAmReady).

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