Los Angeles Trade-Technical College
A Leader in Workforce Development

An 80+ Year Legacy of Workforce Development

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College has an 80+ year history of educating and preparing the Los Angeles workforce for careers in industries that fuel the regional economy. The college began in 1925 by offering a course in power sewing at a manufacturing plant—hence the roots of the college are firmly grounded in workforce education and economic development.

Today...Trade-Tech is a substantial provider of career-technical, workforce education in Los Angeles. In the last five years alone over 75,000 individuals have participated in career-technical education and training programs at the college.

Unsurpassed Provider of Career-Technical Education

Trade-Tech offers certificate and degree programs in 65 career-technical disciplines. 75% of Trade-Tech’s educational programs are career-technical. 53% of students coming to Trade-Tech are here to achieve two-year or shorter, career-related goals—a rate that is 19% higher than other community colleges in Los Angeles and 17% higher than the national average for community colleges.

#1 Community College for Awarding Degrees and Certificates

LATTC programs ranked at the top in the state for conferring degrees and certificates in 2005-06. Overall, LATTC is the #1 community college in California for awarding AA/AS degrees in the Family and Consumer Sciences discipline. Additionally, 21 LATTC sub-disciplines and fields rank #1 and 53 rank in the top 10 (44 in the top 5) in the number of degrees and certificates conferred. Below are highlights of the rankings.

Local, State, and Nationally-Recognized Programs

Trade-Tech programs have received regional, state, and national recognition. The Community and Economic Development programs have recently been recognized by California Tomorrow and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as exemplary in “addressing some of the State’s economic and community development challenges”.

Trade-Tech has career-technical programs that are unique not only in the region, the state, but in the entire country. Trade-Tech is the only community college in the nation that offers certificate and AA degrees dedicated to the emerging field of community development. Trade-Tech is the only community college west of the Mississippi to offer a certificate and AA degree in Mortgage Finance. Trade-Tech is the only community college in the city of LA to offer Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, HVAC, and Water Technology certificate and degree programs.

Providing the Workforce for LA’s High Demand and Emerging Industries and Occupations

Trade-Tech’s career-technical programs are crucial for providing the workforce for LA’s high-growth, high-demand industries and occupations such as Construction, Hospitality, and Logistics.

Construction - 15,200 new construction jobs in the LA Basin are projected by 2012, an 11.3 % job growth. 2 out of 10 (19.8%) construction employers in LA County are in Trade-Tech’s service area. Trade-Tech’s Construction, Design, and Manufacturing department is the largest in the state and ranks #1 for conferring degrees and certificates in Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, and Machining and Machine Tools.
Logistics - 15,500 new logistics jobs in the LA Basin are projected by 2012, a 10% job growth. One-third (32.8%) of all logistics employers in LA County are in Trade-Tech’s service area. Trade-Tech’s transportation-related disciplines enroll 2,800 individuals each year and the Diesel Technology program ranks #1 in the state for conferring AA/AS degrees.

Hospitality - 61,700 new accommodation and food service jobs in the LA Basin are projected by 2012, a 21.3% job growth. Trade-Tech’s Culinary Arts program is one of the oldest community college programs in the country and is the #1 program in the state for conferring AA/AS degrees. There are over 1,000 enrollees each year in the Culinary Arts program.

Green Industries - Trade-Tech is the only college in LA with career-technical programs that align with all 17 industries in LA City’s Green Technology Sector with the “highest output” and that “add the greatest value”.

Occupations with Most Job Openings - Of the top 50 occupations in LA Basin with the most job openings to the year 2012, only 9 require post-secondary education degrees. Trade-Tech offers 60 short-term, career-technical skills certificate programs that are essential for addressing a rapidly changing and dynamic world of work.

Featured Trade-Tech Workforce Development Initiatives

The Regional Economic Development Institute (REDI) - A career and technical education applied research, training, and technical assistance center based at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. REDI’s mission is to strengthen the regional economy through the design, delivery, and dissemination of state-of-the-art workforce development, vocational, and basic skills education and training programs. The Institute specifically endeavors to re-engineer public education (K-16) to seamlessly and effectively connect high demand industries and jobs to California’s workforce, with a special emphasis on unemployed and underemployed populations.

Workplace Readiness Certificate Program – A tuition-free, 72 hour program that provides participants with the hard and soft skills necessary to successfully search for, obtain, and maintain employment.

The Access to Careers and College Exploration for Student Success (ACCESS) Project - The ACCESS Project’s goal is to assist 500 7th and 8th graders with developing a Student Career PASS (Portfolio for Achieving Student Success), which will consist of the following components: (a) Career Interest Inventory Report, (b) Career Exploration Report, and (c) ACCESS Project Career Plan, which identifies the student’s career goal, optimal high school courses to enroll in as preparation for transfer to a community college or 4-year university in their quest to attain the knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in their career pathway of choice.

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