Career Development

See also Counseling - COUNS

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Possible career opportunities
Diablo Valley College’s career development courses are designed to provide students with opportunities to explore career fields and become familiar with the skills needed to successfully obtain and maintain employment.

CARER-100 College and Career Readiness I
1.5 units SC
- 27 hours lecture per term
- Note: Credit by examination option available.
This course introduces career exploration and is designed to assist students in making career and post-secondary decisions. Topics will include self-exploration, career and life planning, job search skills, and decision-making strategies. CSU, UC (Credit limitations may apply to UC - see counselor.)

CARER-101 College and Career Readiness II
1.5 units SC
- 27 hours lecture per term
- Note: Credit by examination option available.
This course introduces college readiness and success skills. In addition, students will explore post-secondary education and career options, budget management, and job search basics. CSU, UC (Credit limitations may apply to UC, see counselor.)

CARER-110 Career and Life Planning
3 units SC
- CSU GE: E
- 54 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL-122 or equivalent
This course presents research strategies for effective career and major choice selection. Students will use a variety of techniques to find, retrieve, and evaluate career planning information as well as career assessments to identify their preferred work values, interests, skills and personality traits. Focus is placed on the exploration of labor market needs, educational and employment requirements, and career ladders within given professions resulting in an effective educational and job search plan. Employability and interpersonal skills such as communication, critical thinking, creative problem solving, time management, self-esteem and professional confidence, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and effective collaboration are also addressed. CSU, UC (credit limits may apply to UC - see counselor.)

CARER-120 Career Assessment
1 unit P/NP
- 18 hours lecture per term
- Note: Testing fee required. Not intended for students who have completed CARER-110
In this course, students will utilize self-assessment inventories to identify individual interests, values, skills and personality types as they relate to college/career and major options. Career development software and related technologies to develop skills to enhance the career exploration process will be utilized. CSU

CARER-130 Career and Major Exploration
1 unit P/NP
- 18 hours lecture per term
- Recommended: CARER-120 or equivalent
This course introduces basic career planning and electronic resources that aid in the research of career and college major options. This course is intended for students who are undecided about their career and/or educational goals. CSU

CARER-140 Job Search Strategies
1 unit P/NP
- 18 hours lecture per term
This course is designed to prepare students for the employment search process. Identification of goals and job skills, how to complete an application, traditional and electronic cover letters and resumes, interviewing techniques, job market research and overview of employee and employer rights will be covered. Students will also identify and discuss the employability skills most commonly sought by employers. CSU

CARER-150 Topics in Careers
.3-.4 units SC
- Variable hours
This course is designed to address topics in career and job search related subjects. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU