The PACE Program at Diablo Valley College is designed to support working adults with demanding jobs and family obligations in pursuing an associate degree or transfer to a four-year college/university. Whether you are changing careers, seeking a promotion or returning to school after starting a family, the PACE Program can help you get started on your journey toward a college education today.

**Degree tracks**
- **Administration of Justice** - Associate Degree for Transfer
- **Business Administration** - Associate Degree for Transfer
- **General Education** - Certificate of Achievement/Preparation for Transfer
- **Psychology** - Associate Degree for Transfer
- **Social Justice** - Associate Degree for Transfer
- **Sociology** - Associate Degree for Transfer

**Benefits**
- Reserved seating in courses with dedicated PACE instructors
- Assigned counselors
- Focused curriculum to help students stay on track
- Mid-term success reports to help students track their academic progress
- PACE mentorship support
- Additional graduation ceremony for PACE students
- Evening and weekend tutoring
- Access to transfer partner universities that also have programs for busy adults: CSU East Bay, CSU Stanislaus, Saint Mary’s College, Southern New Hampshire University, Touro University Worldwide, University of Massachusetts Global, Western Governors University, and more.

**Applying to PACE takes FOUR easy steps:**

1. **Apply to DVC** If you are a current DVC student, skip this step.

2. **Apply to PACE** This takes just a few minutes.

3. **Meet with a PACE counselor** We’ll reach out to you after you submit your application to discuss your goals, including transferring to a university, and will help you build an educational plan.
   - **Important**: Make sure to send all official transcripts from other colleges to DVC prior to scheduling your counseling appointment so we can plan around your previous coursework.

4. **Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
   - Yes! You may qualify for a need-based tuition waiver or our program for first-time, full-time students. [www.dvc.edu/financialaid](http://www.dvc.edu/financialaid)

Learn more about PACE at an upcoming info session. For dates and registration, visit: [www.dvc.edu/pace](http://www.dvc.edu/pace)

For more information contact: DVC-pace@dvc.edu

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**What is an Associate Degree for Transfer?**
A transfer degree can guarantee admission to the CSU system, and comes with other perks, like junior standing if you transfer into a similar program, and sometimes even a GPA boost if you are applying to a competitive school.

**How much does PACE cost?**
DVC is very affordable at only $46 per unit for California residents (about $1,380 per year for a full-time, 12-unit course load).

**Are PACE students eligible for DVC’s free tuition program?**
Yes! You may qualify for a need-based tuition waiver or our program for first-time, full-time students. [www.dvc.edu/financialaid](http://www.dvc.edu/financialaid)

This program is designed specifically to support degree seeking adult students, not students seeking to take a few courses.
Are you planning to transfer to a four-year college or university? One of the requirements for transfer include completion of a lower division general education breadth pattern of courses. As you complete these courses in preparation for transfer, you can also earn a Certificate of Achievement along with an associate degree for transfer. This pattern of courses will work for most majors but may not be suitable for high-unit majors such as Engineering or Computer Science. (Please consult with a counselor for more information.)

### SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE

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<td>Career and Major Exploration (Optional; beneficial for the undecided)</td>
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**Total transferable units required for degree or transfer (GE/Major/Electives):** 60 UNITS

Note: Course sequence above may vary depending on individual student’s goals. PACE counselor will work with individual students to adjust their sequence accordingly.