



D.E.E.P “Dedicated Engagement to Empower Part- timers”

Mission: San Bernardino Valley College’s Dedicated Engagement to Empower Part-timers (D.E.E.P) program is committed to successfully transitioning part-time, first-year and returning students into college. It is the aim of the program to assist in removing barriers through various support services to effectively promote college integration, retention, graduation, and transfer for underserved students.

Vision: Through the offering of dedicated counseling, workshops, financial assistance, and classroom curriculum, we strive to create a holistic environment where students feel welcomed and supported at Valley College. Through participating in DEEP, students will be prepared to navigate the college process and have a clear understanding of how to proceed toward their intended goals while at Valley College and beyond.

Values: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism: We welcome and embrace diversity at Valley College and continue to do so with the students served in the D.E.E.P program. Our students bring with them varying skills and a wealth of life experiences that contribute and enhance the culture and learning environment at the college. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and engage in helping students gain autonomy to make decisions that are best for themselves, their families, and community at large.

Further information based on Institutional Research

D.E.E.P is a program that aims to address the needs of part-time and re-entry students (online and in-person). This program will address four of the eight Strategic Directions from the SBVC Master Plan:

- *Create college-going culture through intention community outreach and clear communication of pathways*
- *Innovate curriculum and course offerings to support student equity and completion*
- *Utilize quantitative and qualitative data to understand our students’ lived experiences and better support them towards their goals*
- *Create and sustain sense of belonging for all college and community stakeholders*

It is also the focus of this program to find ways to support students who would likely stop-out of Valley College or not enroll. The D.E.E.P program will serve as a part-time student information and resource hub for students with under 12 units. There will also be a component of the program that will directly service students who are returning to college and starting off part-time for two academic years. The program breakdown overview is below:



Student Eligibility Requirements

- 11 units or less, and
- Returning to college after 1 or more years, prior college coursework.

Objectives/Student Outcomes

- Students participating in the DEEP program will be able to increase their knowledge and understanding of academic and vocational programs and student services along with having a comprehensive educational plan that outlines courses necessary for the students' academic goals.
- Students will develop tools to assist them in navigating their first two years at Valley College through meetings with program counselors and workshops.
- Students will integrate themselves into San Bernardino Valley College and enhance their engagement through orientation, workshops, fostering self-sufficiency in their academic journey.

Onboarding/application process for program

- Students apply via starfish → application review → intake meeting → meet with counselor → orientation

Support Services/Benefits

- Course required materials
- Priority Registration B
- Orientation
- Specialized counseling
- Graduation sash/plaque
- Special events
- Financial assistance based on need and availability
- Specialized workshops
- Parking permit covered

Student Requirements/Commitments

- 3 Counseling appointments a semester (virtual, in-person, telephone)
- Orientation
- Must complete FAFSA or CA Dream Act application
- Must maintain a 2.5 GPA while in program



DEEP Program Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. "I am a part-time student; I qualify for DEEP right?"**
 - Not necessarily. DEEP serves as a first-year program now. If you are not within your first year at the time of applying, you will not qualify. (Example: students who started in the 2024-2025 academic year, fall and spring semester starts would be eligible. 2024 Summer starts will also be eligible. A summer 2025 start would be eligible for 2025-2026 academic year eligibility)
- 2. "I just joined your program, but I already paid for my books/parking permit/balance. It shows your program covers these things, do you provide refund?"**
 - No. DEEP nor does the college provide any refunds or reimbursements to students.
- 3. Can a counselor do intake meetings for new DEEP students?**
 - The intake appointments should be done by the coordinator as that is the time when students are coded and added to the canvas. If a student has contacted a counselor about intake, please refer them back to the coordinator.
- 4. Can I be in multiple programs?**
 - Yes. We encourage students to be in multiple special programs. If they may qualify, we encourage them to apply.
- 5. Do I only have to see DEEP counselor and other counselors as well?**
 - Students can meet with other counselors. As long as they complete 3 counseling appointments. (Example: SAS and EOPS students)