StUDENT SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Athletics

Learning Outcomes

- Recognize the application of life skills learned as a competitive intercollegiate student athlete
- Demonstrate pride in the team and/or individual athletic performance
- Identify and apply the registration and transfer process required for intercollegiate student athletes
- Identify and utilize student support services on campus

Mt. San Jacinto College Eagles field intercollegiate teams in men’s football, basketball, baseball, golf and tennis; and women’s volleyball, soccer, basketball, tennis, golf and softball. The college is a member of the Foothill Conference, which is governed by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

To participate in athletics, a student must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 units. To be eligible for a second season of participation, a student must complete 24 units with a 2.0 (C) grade-point average between seasons of participation. Eligibility must be carefully verified based upon high school graduation date, residence and academic success. Additional information concerning athletic eligibility regulations is available from the Director of Student Services: Athletics. Students must enroll in the appropriate section of physical education to receive 2 or 3 units of credit for the sport.

Career/Transfer Center

Career Services

Learning Outcomes

- Interpret and assess current and accurate information related to career, employment and assessment to meet their needs
- Develop skills, strategies and resources (i.e., internship, career checklist, portfolio, etc.) to make effective transitions to the workforce

The Career/Transfer Centers on the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses help individuals with their career development through career assessment, career education and employment-related services.

The career planning process normally begins with scheduling an appointment to talk with a counselor about future goals and options. The Career/Transfer Centers offer career testing for identifying interests, values, abilities and personality preferences. The results from these assessments are used as a basis for career exploration and counseling. Career planning courses are also offered on a regular basis. Refer to the Guidance section of the catalog under Course Descriptions.

Career resources in several forms are available for career planning, exploring career possibilities and researching employers. These resources include the computer-based system EUREKA, and Internet.

An audio-visual library gives successful techniques for personal growth and career development. The career resource library has a collection of books, materials, aids, pamphlets and brochures for career planning, exploration, decision-making and motivation and for conducting an effective job search. Resume writing instruction and critique is provided.

The Career/Transfer Centers post current full and part-time job announcements and coordinate on-campus employer visits to recruit students.

Transfer Services

Learning Outcomes

- Receive, interpret and assess current and accurate information related to transfer institutions
- Be more equipped with skills to differentiate and prioritize strategies and resources to make effective transitions to 4-year universities through comparison of current transfer information
- Develop an educational goal
- Receive referrals for specific resources, activities and events in the Transfer Center

The Career/Transfer Centers also provide support services for student’s interested in transferring to 4-year colleges. These services include individual counseling appointments with university representatives, transfer workshops on various colleges’ costs, admission requirements, financial aid, academic programs, transfer process, transfer admission guarantee programs, housing, etc. In addition, the Centers sponsor an annual fall college fair on each campus which hosts 70+ college recruiters and monthly visits by local area college representatives. The Centers have computers for Internet access, a library of college catalogues and brochures, UC/CSU documents, video library, information on specific majors and programs, articulation agreements with 4-year college curriculum, the EUREKA computer software which provides education and training information and full printing capabilities for students.

Child Development and Education Centers

The Mt. San Jacinto Child Development and Education Centers, now available on both the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses, provides an education and care program for children (ages 18 months to 5 years) of MSJC students, staff and parents in the community.

The program meets all State Department of Education Exemplary Program Standards and provides a model of early childhood education for the training of teachers in the Child Development and Education program. Because student teachers complete their training at the Centers, we are able
to provide a high ratio of adults to children. Lead teachers at the Centers have Master Teacher Child Development Permits from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The Centers are open when the college is in session (Fall and Spring terms and Summer session) from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and are open to the community. The 1/2 day pre-school program is offered from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and again from 1:00-4 p.m. daily. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided. Fees for the program are dependent on family needs and income.

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is a service provided through Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S) to provide educational support services and activities for the academically underprepared, welfare-dependent, single head of household student population. CARE specifically assists EOP&S students who are 18 years of age or older and single head of household, current recipients of assistance from CalWORKS/TANF/Tribal TANF for themselves or their dependents, have one child under 14 years old, and are enrolled as full-time community college students.

CARE functions in cooperation with the Department of Public Social Services, Employment Development Department, and Mt. San Jacinto College. CARE students are eligible for EOP&S services plus special self-esteem counseling sessions, assistance with childcare and a number of other support services.

Counseling

Learning Outcomes

• Make an informed decision regarding their educational planning and student development through a collaborative process of research, dialogue, and implementation
• Demonstrate the ability to inquire and comprehend college processes through technology, face-to-face contact, and publications
• Demonstrate academic success by taking personal ownership in the educational planning and student development
• Demonstrate the ability to comprehend and utilize technology by navigating through educational resources
• Develop an awareness of academically and culturally diverse programs on campus through dialogue and publications provided by Student Services

Mt. San Jacinto College offers comprehensive counseling services to assist students in meeting educational, vocational and personal goals. The counseling program further seeks to contribute to the development and maintenance of a college environment.

The counseling program provides assistance and information to individual students regarding academic, personal, transfer and career guidance concerns. Students who would like help with any of these issues are encouraged to contact the counseling center.

Additional services provided by the counseling staff include: 1) assistance to adults returning to school; 2) interpretation of aptitude and career assessments; 3) information and guidance for transfer to other colleges and universities; 4) information regarding completion of MSJC certificates and associate degrees; 5) personal and crisis counseling; 6) New Student Counseling Sessions; 7) assistance with development of a student educational plan; and 8) counseling for students who are on academic and/or progress probation.

The counseling staff utilizes the expertise of and can refer students to the Career/Transfer Center, Child Development and Teacher Training Centers, Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S), Financial Aid, and Learning Resource Center.

Cultural Events

As part of the educational and community service offerings, MSJC provides a wide range of cultural events. Representative programs include: plays, musicals, musical concerts of a variety of forms, art festivals, art gallery displays, dance concerts and other activities that add to the intellectual and cultural life of the college community. These events include both day and evening programs and are open to students and the general public.

Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S)

Learning Outcomes

• Make and keep counseling appointments; plan their semester schedules effectively and problem solve when changes are needed
• Communicate their needs with their instructors; meet regularly with DSP&S counselor to update progress and needs
• Demonstrate improvement in both their ability to communicate their academic/disability needs and problem solve with their instructor/counselor through the obstacles that impact their progress
• Complete coursework using the adaptive hardware/software they have been trained in High Tech Center

Mt. San Jacinto College provides equal opportunities and access to students with physical, visual, hearing, speech, psychological or learning disabilities, acquired brain injuries, developmentally delayed learners, and other disabling conditions, who pursue course work at the college.
Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) is a student services program that assists students with disabilities in gaining maximum access to college curriculum and programs while attaining their academic, vocational and personal goals in a mainstreamed setting.

Students may be referred to DSP&S by instructors, counselors, community agencies, high schools, a parent, or by self-referral. Students are eligible for appropriate and reasonable accommodations and support services upon completion of an application, verification of the disability, and an intake interview in DSP&S.

Once eligible for specific services, requesting services as needed for each semester is the responsibility of the student.

Examples of support services provided by DSP&S includes: disability-related counseling; priority registration; registration assistance; campus orientation; instructor contact; adapted equipment; visual aids; assistive devices (such as the Assistive Listening Device for students who are hard of hearing); specialized equipment loans; interpreting services, note takers, classroom aides; test facilitation and proctoring; assisted computer technologies and workshops; and other services by request.

DSP&S assists instructors and students by providing access to alternate medial formats to meet a variety of student needs. These can include: large print, Braille, and electronic texts and course materials, captioned videos, books on tape, reader services, and tactile graphics.

DSP&S counselors work as liaisons for students to both on-campus learning resources and community agencies, such as the State Department of Rehabilitation and other allied health professionals. DSP&S counselors are available at both the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses.

A student may be referred by DSP&S counselors for testing services on campus with Learning Skills specialists wherein a series of diagnostic evaluations assessing individual strengths and weaknesses in cognitive abilities, academic achievement and processing skills are given to determine the presence of specific learning disabilities. A Learning Disabilities Specialist is available at both the Menifee Valley and San Jacinto campuses.

Students with diagnosed disabilities should contact the DSP&S department regarding information on reasonable accommodations related to policies affecting academic completion.

Eagle Access Center

The Eagle Access Center, accessible to all MSJC students and prospective students, is available at all campuses. Friendly staff and college mentors (students especially trained to offer “student-to-student” assistance) are available to assist in using the online admissions application, orientation and registration process. In addition, help is available in accessing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and searching for scholarship information online. Learn how to login and utilize the online portal www.my.msjc.edu.

Enrollment Services

Learning Outcomes

- Identify and utilize departmental online services thereby demonstrating independence and responsibility pertaining to admissions and registration
- Recognize procedure related documents connected to services, i.e., transcript request, petition submission, prerequisite evaluation, application for graduation, etc.
- Develop an awareness of the important date calendar via information in the online schedule of classes

The Enrollment Services Office provides numerous services to students and members of the community. General information about the college is provided. Petitions to enter class late, transcripts, credit by examination and enrollment verification are all initiated in this office. Student academic records, courses taken, units attempted, units earned, grades, grade points, graduation date and other data are maintained in this office.

Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S)

Learning Outcomes

- Students will comprehend, execute, and complete their personal goals
- Students will comprehend, execute, and complete their academic goals
- Students will comprehend, execute, and complete their vocational goals
- Students will complete their mandated requirements

The Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOP&S) was established as a result of Assembly Bill 164 passed by the California Legislature in 1969 to increase the enrollment of educationally disadvantaged and low-income students on community college campuses.

The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is a program under EOP&S that was established in 1982 as a means of providing supplemental educational support services for EOP&S students who are single head-of-household welfare recipients and who desire job-relevant education to break the dependency cycle.

Who is Eligible?

To be considered for eligibility in the EOP&S program, a student must:

- Be a resident of California
- Be enrolled full-time (12 units) when accepted by the EOP&S program
- Qualify to receive a Board of Governor’s Grant A or B and apply for financial aid by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Student Services

- Be educationally disadvantaged as determined by the EOP&S program
- Not have completed more than 70 units (or 6 consecutive semesters) of college level course work
- CARE has separate eligibility requirements to include:
  - Current recipient of TANF/CalWorks
  - Receive cash aid for themselves or their children
  - Single head of household with dependent children under the age of 14 years of age

The following are special services that may be offered to qualified students based on availability of funds: priority registration, assessment (Myers-Briggs and Strong Interest), academic/vocational/personal counseling, textbooks, SGA and parking fees, starter kits, transportation vouchers, referrals and graduation packs.

How can I apply for EOP&S?

EOP&S and CARE applications are available in the EOP&S/CARE office in room 1113 on the San Jacinto Campus or at the Counseling office in the 100 building at the Menifee Valley Campus. Students can submit EOP&S applications for the 2012-13 academic year until June 30, 2013, or when we reach our program enrollment capacity, whichever comes first.

Depending on program capacity EOP&S may be able to admit eligible CARE students beyond the EOP&S application deadline. In previous years, EOP&S reached our program enrollment capacity in August and our CARE program enrollment capacity later in the academic year.

The EOP&S/CARE office at the San Jacinto Campus will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Additional information on the EOP&S program will be posted on our website during the 2012-13 academic year at http://www.msjc.edu/eop/. You may also contact the EOP&S/CARE staff by calling the San Jacinto office at (951) 487-3295.

Financial Aid

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to inquire and comprehend financial aid processes through technology, face-to-face contact, and publications
- Demonstrate academic success by taking personal ownership in their educational planning and knowledge of financial aid requirements, policies and procedures
- Identify inhibiting factors (i.e., job skills, financial needs, etc.) by utilizing college and community resources
- Manage their schedule, be responsible, and communicate effectively with their employers, co-workers and the public when participating in the Work Study Program

While Mt. San Jacinto College subscribes to and supports the philosophy that primary responsibility for funding college expenses rests with students and their families, the college recognizes that some students and/or their families have limited financial resources and are unable to meet all of the expenses associated with higher education without supplemental assistance.

To help accommodate these supplemental student needs, the college provides a variety of financial assistance through the Financial Aid Office in the Student Center on the San Jacinto Campus or the Financial Aid Office in building 100 on the Menifee Valley Campus.

Available services range from: 1) administration of various Federal Financial Aid programs, including Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and Federal Work Study; 2) State of California aid programs, including enrollment fee waivers through the Board of Governor’s Waiver (BOGW), and Cal Grants; 3) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Grants; 4) application for locally administered scholarships; and 5) Veterans Educational Benefits.

Application

Financial aid funds come from appropriations made by the federal and state governments and through scholarship awards made by individuals and other public and private agencies and organizations. Hence, each of these funds must be administered according to different sets of policies, regulations, and/or specific requirements.

To apply for financial aid from Mt. San Jacinto College, students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is a multi-purpose form that is used to apply for federal aid as well as California Grants from the California Student Aid Commission. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.gov. Students are also required to file a grade-point average verification form with the California Student Aid Commission for a Cal Grant by March 2. Check with the Financial Aid Office for priority deadlines for the FAFSA.

Separate scholarship applications for a number of locally administered scholarships are also available in the Financial Aid offices on both campuses.

Student Eligibility

Policies relating to federal admission and academic progress of the college are described in this edition of the college catalog. Financial aid administered or approved by Mt. San Jacinto College under Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work Study (FWS) or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) is based on the student meeting the following conditions:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required)
- Be working toward a degree or certificate
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Not owe a refund on a Federal grant or be in default on a Federal educational loan
To be eligible for California grants, you must:
- Be a resident of California
- Have “financial need” based on the criteria for the Board of Governor’s Waiver or Cal Grant Program

Additional information about financial aid is available on the Mt. San Jacinto College Financial Aid website at [www.msjc.edu](http://www.msjc.edu) and in the Financial Aid office on both campuses.

### MSJC Standards of Satisfactory Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility

This policy has been developed for students receiving Federal Financial Aid to assist in academic planning and success. Federal regulations require a student to move toward the completion of a degree or certificate when receiving financial aid.

Federal regulations state that Academic Progress Standards must include a review of periods of enrollment in which the student did not receive aid as well as the semesters they did receive aid. All students receiving Financial Aid will be expected to meet annual standards for academic progress and complete a degree or certificate program within 120% of the published unit requirements for the chosen program of study.

At Mt. San Jacinto College, the limit is 72 units for most programs. Information regarding the standards the student must maintain to be making satisfactory academic progress at Mt. San Jacinto College is available in the Financial Aid Office on the San Jacinto or Menifee Valley campuses or on the Mt. San Jacinto College website.

### Financial Aid Refund/Repayment Policy

Federal Law requires students who receive federal Title IV aid and leave school before completing 60% of the term will be required to pay back some or all of the aid received. Information regarding any return of federal Title IV financial aid funds as required by regulations is available from the Financial Aid Offices at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses and on the MSJC Financial Aid website.

Federal Law also requires that students who received federal Title IV aid and drop classes will be required to pay back some of the aid received. Information regarding reduced enrollment as required by regulations is also available at the Financial Aid Offices at the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses and on the Mt. San Jacinto College Financial Aid website at [www.msjc.edu](http://www.msjc.edu).

### Housing

No housing facilities are available at the college and the college assumes no legal responsibility for providing or supervising housing facilities.

### Learning Skills Program (LSP)

#### Learning Outcomes
- Analyze and critically evaluate functional limitations, select appropriate compensatory learning strategies, and evaluate use adaptive technologies appropriate for their individual remediation needs
- Communicate effectively with instructors, staff and fellow students using appropriate methods of technology and select appropriate learning and compensatory strategies
- Demonstrate personal responsibility, identify personal needs and goals, and select appropriate resources necessary to meet them
- Practice active learning and demonstrate measurable progress of course level learning outcomes defined in their educational study plan

The Learning Skills Program (LSP) is an academic and instructional support program that offers specialized classes and services to students who are identified as having specific learning disabilities under the California Community College Learning Disability (LD) Eligibility Model.

The LSP offers an assessment workshop designed to assess learning strengths and weaknesses, provide instruction in learning strategies, determine educational limitations, and develop an educational plan based on diagnostic assessment. Specialized classes and tutoring in mathematics, adaptive computer technology, reading, written and oral expression, and study skills teach compensatory strategies designed to help LD students maximize their success in college classes. Services include test facilitation and proctoring, assisted computer technologies, specialized tutoring, and educational advisement. A Learning Disability Specialist is available on both the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses. Students with a prior history of learning disabilities, or students who are experiencing extreme difficulty in classes may request LD assessment by contacting the LD Specialist or the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) office.

### Library Services

#### Learning Outcomes
- Articulate an information need by stating a research question problem or issue
- Analyze an information need and determine the type, amount, and depth of information required
Student Services

- Identify, locate, and effectively utilize various types of information sources (books, periodicals (print and electronic), media, indexes, Internet resources etc.)
- Formulate search strategies in library catalogs, electronic databases, and the Internet using appropriate subject headings, keyword searches, and Boolean operators to retrieve relevant information
- Evaluate information sources in any format to determine type, relevancy to topic, bias, currency, and accuracy
- Organize information resources by preparing a bibliography using correct citation formats
- Assess the legal, ethical and privacy issues surrounding information and information technology

Mt. San Jacinto Community College is a single college, multi-campus district with library facilities at both locations. The library at the Menifee Valley Campus is located in the Learning Resource Center, building 800. The Milo P. Johnson Library at the San Jacinto Campus is located in building 300.

The libraries provide a large variety of resources and services in an advanced electronic environment. The services offered include reference and research assistance, bibliographic instruction on specific class subjects, general library orientations, and reserve materials.

The libraries’ collections include circulating and reference books, printed periodicals, eBooks, online databases and full-text periodicals, and audio-visual media.

Databases, full-text periodicals, and the library catalog are accessible on-line 24/7. The library has computers for research and Internet access. In addition, Microsoft Office Suite is available on some of the computers.

The current student picture ID may be used as a library card at both libraries.

Library hours and contact information are posted on each library webpage.

Menifee Valley Campus Library:
http://www.msjc.edu/mvclibrary/
San Jacinto Campus Library:
http://www.msjc.edu/sjclibrary/

Puente Program

Learning Outcomes
- Acquire and assess relevant information that will help design an educational plan that focuses on attaining an AA/AS and/or transfer requirements
- Analyze social and cultural issues that inform their understanding of civic responsibility to prepare them to be more involved in the college and/or local community as mentors or leaders
- Develop academic skills (reading, writing, oral, and study) that will demonstrate their ability to be successful in a higher education environment

The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors to future generations.

Puente is designed to help students adjust to college life and prepare for transfer to four-year universities. The program is unique in that it explores the Latino/a experience. However, Puente is open to, and welcomes, all MSJC students. The program has three major components: Writing instruction, personal growth instruction and counseling, and mentoring. Puente’s goal is to provide students with a strong academic foundation and the support needed in order to be successful at MSJC.

For more information about the Puente Project contact:
Alma Ramirez – Puente English Instructor
(951) 487-3645 or alramirez@msjc.edu
Miranda Angeles – Puente Guidance Counselor
(951) 487-3259 or mangeles@msjc.edu

Scholarships

A number of different scholarships are awarded each year to qualified Mt. San Jacinto College students based upon academic merit and promise, major or vocational objectives, activities or other skills or affiliations, and sometimes, financial need as specified by the various donors. Both continuing and transferring students are eligible for these awards, dependent on specific eligibility criteria.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office on the San Jacinto and Menifee Valley campuses in mid-January of each year and must be submitted by the March deadline. (Please contact the Financial Aid Office for the specific dates.)

Mt. San Jacinto College is fortunate to assist in the coordination and delivery of a number of outside or private scholarship awards from various civic groups, clubs and agencies. Potential donors are encouraged to contact the MSJC Foundation Office if assistance is needed in establishing or implementing a scholarship program.

Student Equity

Every student attending Mt. San Jacinto College has the right to expect fair and equal access to all educational programs and services at the college. The college is committed to providing high quality educational experiences, supported by excellent services to enable every student to pursue an educational goal and be successful.

Mt. San Jacinto College continues to monitor student equity issues, and invites students to let the college know about their personal experiences. We want to know when we’ve been successful in meeting our equity goals, as well
as those areas that can be the focus of improvement efforts. Students may submit their comments to the Vice President of Student Services office at any time.

**Student Government Association (SGA)**

The Student Government Association is an important part of the educational experience at Mt. San Jacinto College. This body, through the legislative, executive and judicial branches, establishes curricular activities with the sponsorship and advisement of the college administration and faculty.

The Student Government Association is designed to provide opportunities for the development of the social and cultural interests of students, to develop leadership and responsibility, and to promote college spirit and student morale. All students are encouraged to join and take an active part in some phase of the Student Government Association. Membership qualifies a student to vote on campus elections, to hold office on student organizations, to participate in intercollegiate activities and other student activities.

In accordance with §10701 of the Education Code of the State of California, the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Jacinto Community College district has ruled that secret fraternities or sororities may not be formed. Similarly, §1085–3 of the Education Code forbids the practice of hazing by organizations or individuals, either on or off campus. All rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct and the student grievance procedure are included in this publication.

**Study Abroad**

Mt. San Jacinto College students have the opportunity to study in Europe. Mt. San Jacinto College is a member of the study abroad consortium group which is led by Citrus College and the Southern California Foothills Consortium for Study Abroad. Students can participate in our study abroad programs as long as they meet eligibility requirements.

Semester length programs are offered in London, England (fall) and Salamanca, Spain (spring). Student can earn 12 units of college credit. Most courses are CSU/UC transferable and meet general education requirements. For more information, please contact the Counseling Department at (951) 639-5255.

**Talent Search**

**Learning Outcomes**

- Acquire skills in math, English and science through offered tutorial services to pass to the next school grade and graduate with a high school diploma
- Identify the key elements of becoming a college student, including: SAT/ACT Test Preparedness, A – G high school requirements, and college matriculation steps

- Apply for college admittance and financial aid and enroll the fall term after high school graduation
- Maintain community ties through community service and outreach

The Talent Search Program at Mt. San Jacinto College provides economically disadvantaged and first generation college-bound students with academic support, access and exposure to postsecondary education.

Talent Search is a team effort. This pre-college program, working in cooperation with four schools within the San Jacinto Unified School District, enables students to complete high school and enroll in a postsecondary educational program of their choice.

Talent Search is 100% federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education, and is part of the TRIO Program. Two-thirds of the applicants selected must be low-income and/or first generation college students. (This means that neither parent has graduated from a four-year university.)

**Qualifications – How can I participate?**

- Be a middle or high school student (Monte Vista and North Mountain Middle Schools, Mountain View and San Jacinto High Schools);
- Complete and submit an application
- Meet the Department of Education’s income guidelines and family educational requirements;
- Demonstrate commitment to complete middle school, attend high school and plan to enroll in college;
- Participate in activities, workshops, trips and events related to Talent Search;
- Enroll in appropriate college preparatory classes;
- Maintain a 2.0 (C) or better in all academic course.

Admission into the Mt. San Jacinto College Talent Search program is open to those who meet eligibility criteria, regardless of gender, race, national origin, color, age, religion or disability.

For more information about the Talent Search Program contact:

Robert Hill, Talent Search Director – (951) 487-3273 or rhill@msjc.edu

Eva Aceves, Talent Search Advisor – (951) 487-3272 or eaceves@msjc.edu

Paula Cabral, TRIO Office Manager – (951) 487-3274 or pcabral@msjc.edu

**Upward Bound**

**Learning Outcomes**

- Analyze and develop a 4-year plan to: Improve standardized test scores in reading, language arts, and math; graduate high school and enroll in higher learning institution the fall term following graduation
Student Services

- Understand pre-college preparation by attending a series of informational and interactive workshops covering: College entrance test preparedness, financial aid, A – G high school requirements
- Maintain community ties with service area schools through community service and referrals to programs available at MSJC

Upward Bound Mission Statement

The purpose of the Upward Bound Project (UB) is to identify eligible youths who are from low-income and potential first-generation college students. UB will encourage project participants to remain and complete high school while setting higher standards for a college education. Furthermore, UB will provide the necessary tools to prepare students to enroll and succeed in college.

Students in Upward Bound at Mt. San Jacinto College will be encouraged to:

- Develop and improve academic skills
- Successfully graduate from high school and enroll in postsecondary education
- Explore and develop career choices
- Be motivated to reach their educational goals

History of Upward Bound

Upward Bound Projects began in 1964 and have been funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Federal TRIO programs. About 872,032 low income Americans have been served through TRIO programs nationwide.

The first Upward Bound 5-Year Grant Cycle was awarded to MSJC on 9/01/2003 and ended on 8/31/2008 with $250,000 in funds annually.

Currently we are on our second grant cycle. MSJC was initially awarded on 9/01/2008 and will continue through 8/31/2012.

We submitted a new grant proposal to continue the grant on January 2012 and will be notified by June 2012 if funded.

Upward Bound maintains and recruits 50 participants in the San Jacinto High School only.

We at Upward Bound are dedicated to help students reach their educational goals and together we will make them a reality!

Qualifications:

- Students must be a 9th or 10th grade student at San Jacinto High School
- Be the first individual in the family to attend college
- Show low-income verification
- Obtain four letters of recommendation from the following individuals: Teachers/counselors (math, science, English or foreign languages)
- At least a 2.50 grade point average

Admission into the Mt. San Jacinto College Upward Bound program is open to those who meet eligibility criteria, regardless of gender, race, national origin, color, age, religion or disability.

For more information about the Upward Bound Program contact:
Marisa V. Mendoza, Upward Bound Director – (951) 487-3270 or mmendoza@msjc.edu
Marisa V. Mendoza, Upward Bound Advisor – (951) 487-3271 or mmendoza@msjc.edu
Paula Cabral, TRIO Office Manager – (951) 487-3274 or pcabral@msjc.edu

Veterans Educational Benefits

Mt. San Jacinto College is fully approved for the training of students under the various government educational programs for veterans and eligible dependents of deceased or disabled veterans.

After completing an application for admission, a veteran wishing to attend on one of the VA assistance bills should complete all necessary forms in the Veterans Services Office located within the campus Financial Aid Offices.

Veterans are required to choose a major and enroll in classes required of that major. Failure to take proper classes may lead to reduction or termination of benefits. Official transcripts from all previous schools, colleges and CLEP test must be submitted to Mt. San Jacinto College for evaluation before the end of the student’s second term of attendance.

The load requirements (fall and spring) for Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill), Chapter 31 (Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation), Chapter 32 (Veterans 1966 Federal Veterans Education Act), Chapter 33 (Post 9–11 GI Bill), Chapter 35 (Dependents’ Educational Assistance), Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve), and Chapter 1606/1607 (Montgomery GE Bill Selected Reserve) are:

- Full-time: 12 units or more
- ¾ time: 9–11½ units
- ½ time: 6–8½ units
- ¼ time: 3–5½ units

Summer Session: Full-time is considered 4 units in a six-week course or 6 units in an eight-week course.

Veterans taking a course that lasts less than a semester will be paid only for the actual enrollment period. If the veteran receives an “F” or “W” grade for non-attendance, he or she will be liable to repay the VA from the date he or she stopped participation in the class. Continuing and returning students who were previously enrolled for VA assistance and wish to continue to receive benefits must submit a Veteran’s Statement of Responsibility Form to the Veteran Services Office each semester. It is the veteran’s responsibility to promptly notify the Veterans Services Office of any change of program, which would affect his or her VA assistance.
Veterans may be awarded 3 units of credit for the healthful living and physical education requirement of graduation by submitting an application for credit and a copy of their DD214, verifying 180 days active military duty, to the Enrollment Services Office. Students who are on active military duty and have completed boot camp may apply to receive the credit. This must be done upon admission to the college.

**Veterans Academic Progress**

Veterans who remain in a probationary status for more than two terms without improvement in their academic/progress standing will be required to remain out of college one semester, excluding the summer term, and not be certified for their benefits until returning on probationary status after one semester’s absence.

**For further information, contact:**
Veterans Services – Menifee Valley Campus  
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