

Career Services Newsletter



Welcome to Fall 2026!

Left to Right: Deija Dawson, TEDs student receiving a handshake from VP of Instruction, Dr. Jeremy Brown at the Honor Roll ceremony

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Academic Year!

Career Services & Experiential Learning is excited to welcome students, faculty, staff, employers, and community partners to the 2026–2027 academic year! We are committed to empowering students through career readiness, experiential learning, internships, and meaningful employer connections. We encourage all students to take advantage of our Career Services appointments, career readiness workshops, Handshake job and internship platform, and other resources designed to help you prepare for career success.

This fall, we invite you to connect with employers through networking opportunities and participate in our signature MSJC Fall 2026 Virtual Job Fair on October 21, 2026. Whether you are exploring career options, preparing your resume, searching for an internship or job, or getting ready to launch your career, Career Services & Experiential Learning is here to support you every step of the way. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year as you achieve your academic and career goals.

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Career Connections, Real-World Readiness, and Apprenticeship Opportunities

Career Services & Experiential Learning (CSEL) is Mt. San Jacinto College's hub for career development, workforce readiness, and industry engagement. Through the Career Center, CSEL connects students, alumni, and employers in a space designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world careers.

Whether you're exploring your career path, preparing for interviews, or looking for internship and apprenticeship opportunities, CSEL is here to support your journey. We offer one-on-one career coaching, professional development workshops, and industry-informed resources to help you launch confidently into your future.

What We Offer:

- Career coaching and job search support
- Resume and LinkedIn reviews
- Professional development workshops
- Employer interview rooms
- Industry networking and recruitment events
- Hands-on training and research spaces
- Access to virtual and in-person career services

Transforming Tuesdays & Thursdays

Come join us for these exciting employment-prep workshops! Polish your resume for your future career, gain confidence while interviewing, networking, and personal branding, or learn how to create a successful cover letter.

Our Workshops

- Resume and Cover Letter
- Mastering the Interview
- Networking Workshop
- LinkedIn and Personal Branding Workshop
- Employment-Prep Workshops

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Upcoming Career Events - Fall 2026

MSJC Fall 2026 Welcome Week

August 10, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Menifee Valley Campus | 28237 La Piedra Road, Menifee, CA

Visit the Career Services & Experiential Learning (CSEL) table during Welcome Week! Learn about Career Services appointments, career readiness workshops, internships, Handshake, Work Experience Education (WEE), student employment opportunities, and upcoming career events. Meet the CSEL team, ask questions, and discover the resources available to help you succeed in your academic and career journey. Stop by to connect with us and pick up Career Services giveaways while supplies last!



Career Connection Lab Drop-In

August 10, August 19, and August 26

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM | Eagles Launch Career Center

Drop by the Eagles Launch Career Center in Building 700, office 707 for quick support with Handshake, interview prep, express resume reviews, and general career questions.



Fall Internship Enrollment Deadline

September 1, 2026

Complete Online - Work Experience Education

Students must be placed and enrolled in the Work Experience Education (WEE) course by this date to earn credit for internships.



Upcoming Career Events - Fall 2026



MSJC + Employer Connection

September 9, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

MVC-707 Building

For All Students – Connect with MSJC Career Services & Experiential Learning (CSEL) and an employer partner during this in-person networking opportunity at the Career Center. Learn how to build your professional network, strengthen your social capital, ask career-related questions, and make meaningful connections that can lead to internships, employment, and future career opportunities.



Career Readiness Workshops

August-December | Various Dates & Times

Virtual, RSVP via Handshake!

Build the skills employers are looking for by attending Career Readiness Workshops! Gain practical strategies for resume writing, interviewing, networking, LinkedIn, job search techniques, professional communication, and workplace success. Whether you're preparing for your first job, an internship, or launching your career, our workshops will help you develop the confidence and skills needed to succeed.



Career Readiness Week

October 5-8, 2026 | Various Dates & Times

Virtual, register via Handshake!

A week of skill-building workshops covering resume writing, job search strategies, LinkedIn branding, and interview preparation.

Career Services & Classroom Support

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Handshake



The #1 way college students find jobs

Get started at msjc.joinhandshake.com/login

Handshake is here!

Students can now access job postings, internships, and events in one central place.

Website: msjc.joinhandshake.com

Available Support Services

Schedule 1:1 appointments or request class presentations on:

- Resume and Cover Letter Writing
- LinkedIn & Personal Branding
- Interviewing Skills
- Job Search Strategies

October Virtual Job Fair

October 21, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us this October on Handshake to connect with employers hiring for automotive, internships, and job opportunities. Build your network and apply—all in one place!

Watch your email for updates and registration instructions.



Handshake Highlights & Tips

- Keep your Handshake profile updated and visible to employers
- Apply early and tailor each resume
- Attend job fairs and employer sessions prepared
- Dress professionally for potential job opportunities
- Use Handshake resources to build your confidence and skills!

Handshake



MSJC Leads Regional Youth Apprenticeship Initiative



Here's What's New!

Mt. San Jacinto College is proud to be the first community college in the Inland Empire to join the inaugural IE Youth Apprenticeship Initiative, a regional collaboration led by the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education and the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

The initiative connects recent high school graduates who have completed pre-apprenticeship programs with community colleges, employers, and registered apprenticeships, creating seamless pathways from education to high-demand careers. As a founding partner, MSJC has already welcomed five registered youth apprentices, expanding access to paid work-based learning while helping strengthen the region's future workforce.



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Apprenticeship Programs

Building Career Pathways Through Earn-and-Learn Opportunities

Mt. San Jacinto College (MSJC) continues to expand its commitment to workforce development by launching and strengthening apprenticeship programs designed to connect students with high-demand careers while earning a paycheck.



Through partnerships with local employers, industry leaders, and workforce development organizations, MSJC is creating new opportunities that allow students to gain valuable hands-on experience, industry-recognized credentials, and mentorship as they progress toward their educational and career goals.

Information Technology (IT) Networking Apprenticeship Program

- Help Desk and Technical Support
- Network Administration
- Cloud Technologies
- Systems Management

The program combines classroom instruction with paid on-the-job training, preparing participants for careers in one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy.



New This Fall: LVN to RN Registered Apprenticeship

Career Services & Experiential Learning is proud to launch MSJC's Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Registered Nurse (RN) Registered Apprenticeship beginning Fall 2026. This innovative earn-and-learn pathway supports incumbent LVNs as they advance their education while remaining employed, helping address regional nursing workforce needs and expand opportunities for career advancement. Developed through collaboration with healthcare employers and campus partners, the apprenticeship reflects MSJC's ongoing commitment to strengthening workforce pathways that benefit both students and the communities we serve.

Program benefits include:

- Paid work-based learning
- Industry mentorship
- Academic credit toward certificates and degrees
- Career advancement opportunities



Apprenticeship Programs

Coming soon Digital Media Apprenticeship Program!

MSJC is excited to expand career opportunities in the creative and digital economy through a new Digital Media Apprenticeship Program. This innovative pathway allows students to gain hands-on experience while developing technical and creative skills in:

- Digital Content Creation
- Graphic Design
- Social Media Marketing
- Video Production and Editing
- Web Design and User Experience (UX)
- Digital Storytelling and Branding

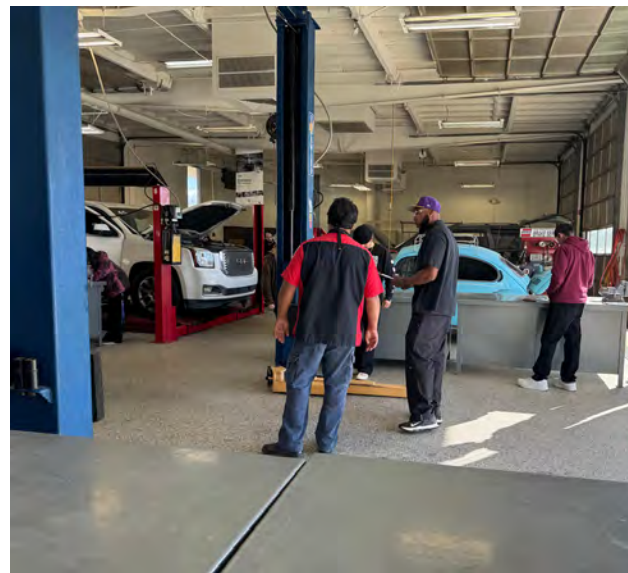


Apprentices will work with local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and media professionals to build portfolios, gain industry exposure, and prepare for careers in digital communications, marketing, multimedia production, and creative technologies.

Supporting Student Success

- MSJC's apprenticeship initiatives are designed to support students throughout their educational journey by providing:
- Academic guidance and advising
- Employer connections
- Career readiness support
- Industry-recognized training
- Pathways to full-time employment

By integrating education and workforce experience, MSJC is helping students transition seamlessly from the classroom into rewarding careers.



Want to Learn More and Get Involved?

Students interested in apprenticeship opportunities are encouraged to connect with MSJC's Career Education and Workforce Development teams to learn about eligibility requirements, upcoming cohorts, employer partnerships, and application timelines.

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Together, MSJC and its employer partners are creating opportunities that strengthen our workforce, support economic growth, and empower students to achieve their career goals.



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Contract & Community Education

Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT1), Drone Pilot (FAA Part 107 Test Prep) & FAA TRUST training

MSJC Contract and Community Education sits at the intersection of education, workforce, economic, and community development. By delivering not-for-credit, fee-based, training programs we are able to fill knowledge and skill gaps on a plethora of subjects year-round.

We especially treasure our relationship with California Family Life Center's Empower Youth and Planet Youth Centers. Together we transformed lives to "empower" youth to succeed through our Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT1) and Drone Pilot (FAA Part 107 Test Prep) and FAA TRUST training. Each program iteration provided didactic and hands-on training to launch career pathways in healthcare and geospatial information professions.

The Drone Pilot Experiential Learning program was a first for this department. It was delivered by MSJC alum, Desiree Ekstein, known as Drone Diva Desi. She is an industry educator, speaker, author, and FAA-recognized expert who happens to be a proud MSJC alum.

Look at these amazing Eagles soar!

Want to Learn More?

Interested in learning more about the Contract & Community Education Department at MSJC? Please contact the Director of Contract & Community Education for information about available programs, eligibility requirements, and the application process.

Let's build your future—together!



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Important Reminders

Check your email weekly!

Career Services sends event invites, employer spotlights, and job opportunities directly to your inbox. Don't miss out!



Faculty: Let's Partner!

Want to bring a guest speaker, host a career panel, or integrate career readiness into your class? Let us know—custom classroom support is available!

Activate HANDSHAKE!

Students — Activate Your Handshake Account Today!
Your Handshake account is your gateway to career success at MSJC! By activating your account, you can explore internships and job opportunities, connect with employers, register for Career Services workshops and events, schedule career appointments, and discover resources to help you prepare for your future career.

Don't miss out on valuable opportunities designed to support your academic and career journey. Activate your Handshake account today and take the next step toward your career goals!

Whether you're preparing for your first job, looking for an internship, networking with employers, or taking advantage of Career Services resources, Handshake helps you stay connected to opportunities that support your academic and career success.



Handshake



Stay tuned to learn more about Career Services events !

Connect with Us

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LinkedIn: [MSJC Career Education](#)



Locations

Menifee Valley Campus - Room 707

Temecula Valley Campus - TA-239

San Jacinto Campus - Virtual Only