WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

PARK MANAGEMENT

ASPIRE, EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE!

The Park Management program at West Valley College will train you in the **conservation, natural science, park management, and geospatial skills** sought by local and government agencies. With today's emphasis on the green movement and **sustaining our natural environment,** there is increased demand for individuals who can effectively manage parks, forests and open space preserve lands.

An important goal of our program is that graduates are well-rounded, flexible professionals who are qualified to fill positions at the national, state, county and city level, across the country.

UNIQUE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

These are some park management jobs you may want to consider

- **Resource Protection Ranger**
- **Interpreter-Naturalist**
- **Maintenance**
- **Resource Management**
- **Administration**
- **GIS Analyst**
- **Research**
- **Unmanned Aircraft (Drone)**

LEARN THESE SPECIALIZED SKILLS

As a park management student, you will gain **hands-on experience in park operations** from qualified professionals and through park internships. The course work in the program will provide a wide variety of experiences in field maintenance, resource management, and interpretation.

Learning how to apply field skills such as technical rescue techniques and emergency medical response can help you to effectively and safely manage public land and resources. You will learn how to perform analyses using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) software. These specialized skills will help you solve problems by using spatial and quantitative data for analysis. Remote Sensing can be used for detection of land cover changes.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE

You have always been quick to respond. People rely on your **excellent instincts** in challenging and emergency situations. Not only are you capable, competent, and reliable, but you also care a great deal about **helping others**. You **love the outdoors** and you have a keen appreciation for wildlife and nature. You feel compelled to **help preserve** the beauty and lushness of our **natural environment** and animal habitats for current and future enjoyment. If this characterization reminds you of yourself, **be a part of our park management program, achieve your goals.**

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR CAREER SUCCESS

This is what motivates our dedicated faculty and staff. Our students say that what distinguishes West Valley College Career Programs from the rest of the "crowd" is the way we customize our courses to meet specialized career needs, market place, and industry demands. Our class environment is warm and inviting, and you'll receive personalized, expert attention from caring and knowledgeable faculty. **Learn, grow, and succeed with West Valley College Career Programs.**

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF CLASSES

Subject Num.	*Course Title*	*Units*
FIRST SEMESTER (FALL)		
PMGT 10	Intro to Park Management	3
PMGT 14	Conservation of Natural Resources	2
PMGT 12A, or 12B	Basic/Intermediate Outdoor Skills	2/3
PMGT 13 (Winter)	Wildland Fire Suppression	2
SECOND SEMESTER		
PMGT 11	Park Communications	2
PMGT 19	Wilderness First Responder	5
PMGT 15C	Intro to Park Maintenance	3
THIRD SEMESTER		
PMGT 15B	Natural & Cultural Resource Interpretation	3
PMGT 15A	Duties of the Park Professional	3
PMGT 21	Park Operations Lab	1
FOURTH SEMESTER		
PMGT 17	Basic Horticulture for Parks	2
GIST 16A	Intro to Geospatial Tech	3
PMGT 18	Park Planning and Design	2
PMGT 20A	PMGT Employment Prep	1
PMGT 20B	Internship	2
ALL SEMESTERS	General Education Courses	
RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES		
PMGT 12C	Advanced Outdoor Skills	1
PMGT 19B	WFR Refresher	2
PMGT 23	Powersaws	1
PMGT 24	Wilderness Navigation	1
BIOL 012	Intro to Ecology & Wildlife	4
BIOL 013	Natural History of CA (Fall)	3
BIOL 014	CA Plants & Animals	4

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