

THE HISTORY OF SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COLLEGE

San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) was founded in April 1977 as a private, for profit, Career College dedicated to providing high quality occupational training. Founders Robert and Shirley Perry established the first campus in Visalia, California, training health care professionals. Today, the College offers Associate of Science Degrees and Certificates of Completion in the areas of medical, business, and technology at its campuses in Bakersfield, Fresno, Hanford, Hesperia, Lancaster, Modesto, Rancho Cordova, Ontario, San Diego, Temecula, Madera, Visalia, and the Aviation Campus at the Fresno Yosemite International Airport. The College also offers several online education programs.



San Joaquin Valley College founders
Robert & Shirley Perry

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PURPOSE

SJVC is committed to the personal, academic, and professional success of its students. The College provides opportunities for developing career skills, critical thinking, professionalism, and an excellent learning experience for the classroom, workplace, and life. It incorporates hands-on, kinetically-inspired assignments and projects which are vital for the vocational-based program offerings. Faculty are expected to be facilitators of the classroom by engaging students in interpersonal, two-way dialogue. Individualized and personalized instruction is encouraged.

SJVC's mission strongly emphasizes education directed toward career development and advancement. Real world education is paramount. Therefore, a plethora of resources are available to faculty members to assist in the delivery of real work instruction, such as mock medical, technical, and business settings within the classrooms, industry-specific equipment, interactive software with true-to-life scenarios, and field trips to businesses and medical settings. Most programs also include an externship or clinical experience.

The College is also responsive to the needs of each community where one of its campuses exists. These communities provide an ideal setting for the medical, business, and technical programs of **SJVC**.

MISSION STATEMENT

SJVC prepares graduates for professional success by offering Baccalaureate and Associate of Science Degrees and Certificates of Completion in business, medical, and technical career fields. The College serves a diverse student population with a common interest in professional development through career-focused higher education. The College is committed to student development through the achievement of measurable learning outcomes, emphasizing a balance of hands-on training and academic instruction. The College identifies and responds to the educational and employment needs of the communities it serves. *The College is committed to the success of every student.*

Adopted by the Board of Governors, July 2008

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CORE VALUES STATEMENT

As a premier leader in career-focused education, **SJVC** values an education and employment environment which promotes:

Success – The College Community is committed to the personal, academic, and professional success of its students, employees, and graduates by providing high-quality education programs, instruction, professional development opportunities, support services, and guidance.

Integrity – The College Community expects personal and professional integrity in the fulfillment of its mission.

Excellence – The College Community sets excellence as a standard in all areas of operation.

Diversity – The College Community celebrates and embraces diversity; emphasizing inclusion and open dialogue.

Community Involvement – The College Community encourages and supports student and employee involvement in their respective communities to mutually enhance civic, personal, and intellectual development.

Lifelong Learning – The College Community fosters an environment where students and employees actively pursue lifelong learning.

Adopted by the Board of Directors, September 2009



The first **SJVC** Campus in Visalia, CA