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**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TEAMS UP WITH COUNTY ASSESSOR
JEFF PRANG TO LAUNCH INNOVATIVE CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM**

Five-course Certificate of Achievement Program at West Los Angeles College begins this fall

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District ([LACCD](http://laccd.edu)) has partnered with Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang to create a first-of-its-kind program in real estate appraisal that provides the groundwork for good-paying public sector jobs in one of California’s most important and impacted government sectors.

The five-course *Real Estate Appraiser III Certificate of Achievement Program*, based at West Los Angeles College, will augment the current in-house training used by the Assessor’s Office, providing mutual benefit to the County and the community.

“The Los Angeles Community College District continues to look for innovative and inclusive ways to provide opportunity to the diverse students we serve,” LACCD Board of Trustees President Steve Veres said. “This program is an accessible way to provide valuable and durable skills that will create lifelong employment opportunities in a high-growth market sector.”

With this new program, LACCD, the nation’s largest community college district, adds another unique discipline to its diverse range of workforce offerings. The LACCD Board of Trustees approved adding the new pathway program at its July 7, 2021 meeting.

The five courses, designed in conjunction with the Assessor’s Office, are comprised of: Real Estate Foundations, Assessment Practice, Residential Cost Approach, Sales Comparison Approach and Income Approach.

“I have been a longtime admirer of the Los Angeles Community College District, and it was a natural partner for this innovative arrangement,” Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang said. “I am confident the next generation of property appraisers will receive the highest quality education from this new program preparing them for a career of public service.”

As the County needs more trained real estate appraisers as the pace of economic activity increases, this program will provide a pathway to good, long-term jobs.

“Providing equitable access to training and educational opportunities is vital to empowering future leaders with the tools they need to succeed,” shared Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair, Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, who leads the Board’s efforts on its workforce development initiatives. “Through sustained leadership and coordination among our County departments and local community colleges, we continue to find innovative ways to advance careers and prepare a skilled workforce that is reflective of the diverse County we serve.”

The first cohort of 52 Assessor employees will begin this fall, with a second cohort expected in spring 2022. The Certificate of Achievement Program is designed to bolster and provide additional career training for the Career Technical Education (CTE) portion of [West Los Angeles College](http://WestLosAngelesCollege.edu), a proven pathway to good careers for students from a wide range of backgrounds.

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“We are looking forward to beginning this partnership with the Assessor’s Office, and are proud to have been selected as one of its educational partners in developing this program that is responsive to the needs of our local employers,” LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., said. “We are excited to welcome the first cohort to West Los Angeles College. Real estate appraisal is a high-earning, in-demand skill, and these courses will prepare these cohorts of students to excel in the field and serve our region.”

As this partnership continues to develop and evolve, it is LACCD’s intention that it can serve as a blueprint for future creative workforce partnerships with government agencies.

“Our community colleges have long been a pathway to fulfilling careers in the public and private sectors,” LACCD Trustee David Vela said. “I am proud of this program, and I look forward to many cohorts of successful public servants graduating in the years ahead.”

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About the Office of Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang

[Assessor Prang](#) was first elected in 2014 and is the 27th Assessor for Los Angeles County. He runs the largest office of its kind in the nation, employing 1,200 people with an annual budget cresting near \$200 million. The 2020 assessment roll topped out near \$1.77 trillion and provides about \$17 billion in vital public services. For more information, please visit us online at [Assessor.LACounty.gov](#), on Facebook at Facebook.com/LACAssessor, Twitter at @LACAssessor, and Instagram at @LACAssessor

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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