



Los Angeles Valley College – Puente Program Application

(Please print legibly)

STEP ONE: STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
Last Name First Name

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Attended: _____ GPA: _____ AP Tests: Yes No

College Major: _____ Career Goal: _____

University you wish to transfer to: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

English course you placed into: _____ Math course you placed into: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Contact Relation (*example: mother*): _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

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Are you currently working? Yes No If yes, how many hours? _____

STEP 2: ESSAY QUESTION

Directions: Choose one of the following three essay questions to answer in essay format. Your response must be typed and must be at least 250 words (one double-spaced page). Please do not exceed two pages.

Choose one of the following:

- What is your career goal and why are you interested in pursuing this career?
- Describe a time you overcame a personal barrier.
- Write about a person who has been an inspiration to you.

STEP 3: SUBMIT APPLICATION/ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

To be considered for the Puente program at Los Angeles Valley College, please submit this completed application along with the following attachments:

- High School Transcripts (unofficial copies are okay)
- Essay Question Response: 250 words or one page

Submit all to the front desk of the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex). You may also email this application, scanned copies of your high school transcripts and your essay response in a Word Document file or as a PDF to

Andres Cruzalegui, Puente Coordinator/Counselor: cruzala@lavc.edu

OR

Holly Batty, Puente Coordinator/Puente English Instructor: battyhk@lavc.edu

For more information, please contact either coordinator at the above email addresses. Thank you for your interest in Puente and we look forward to meeting you!

By signing this application, you are agreeing to fulfill the requirements as listed on the Puente Agreement Form (attached):

Student's Signature

Date

PUENTE AGREEMENT FORM

Thank you for your interest in the Puente program at Los Angeles Valley College. Puente is a transfer support program that follows the cohort model for the first two semesters and provides specialized counseling, cultural enrichment, university exposure and mentoring throughout 2-3 years of enrollment at LAVC. Each cohort consists of 25 to 35 students who all wish to transfer to a university to pursue a higher education. Specifically, Puente is intended to help bridge the gap of Latino students being admitted to UC schools, however, some Puente students prefer to transfer to a California State University, a private school, or an out-of-state university. Regardless of the university they wish to transfer to, Puente provides the support students needed to be academically successful and adequately prepared for university level coursework, graduate school, and eventually for their careers. Finally, participating in Puente is an excellent extra-curricular commitment highlighted on UC applications, while giving students a competitive edge when specifically applying to a UC. The program was started at UC Berkeley, where the headquarters remains and most UC schools give an automatic second reading of applications for all Puente students. The program does require students' time and effort, and may not be feasible for everyone to commit to. Please read the next section carefully to determine if you can fulfill the requirements of the program. The following list outlines all of the Puente trips/activities. Specific dates will be provided as soon as they are established:

- All incoming Puente students begin in the Fall semester and must take a designated Puente English 28 course and a designated Puente Counseling 1 course. *You must be eligible for English 28 to enter the program.
- In the Spring (second phase of the program), students take a designated Puente English 101 course and a designated Puente Counseling 20 course.
- During the third phase (third semester) of the program, Puente students are required to meet with their assigned mentor for at least five sessions.
- Meet with the Puente counselor in an individual appointment at least once a semester.
- Puente students are required to attend all major trips: one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Typically, we visit UC Berkeley and UC Davis in the Fall and UC Santa Cruz and another UC or CSU campuses in the Spring. These trips are mandatory in order to fully complete the Puente program and to be eligible for the Puente scholarship (specific dates for the trips to be determined).
- Participate in the Puente club (more information will be provided).
- Submit a "progress report" midway through each semester, signed by each instructor to verify academic standing.
- Participate in at least two tutoring sessions/workshops per semester.
- Attend other miscellaneous on-campus Puente events.