Start Your College Degree
Program for Adult College Education (PACE)

“PACE helped us to build a community with many classmates who were like us in the sense that they had to work and raise children at home. Education is a journey; if you want to succeed, you make a commitment, then follow your vision with passion and heart.”
—Lilia Chavez, PACE Alumna and Berkeley City College Counselor

“I like the family atmosphere of PACE. I’ve got three classmates in my study group and we help each other get through. The support network and structure makes it do-able, especially for people like me who are working two or three jobs.”
—Josh Paulos, Second-Year PACE Student

“I wanted something that was challenging. PACE challenged me, but it also was very supportive. Faculty and staff were always there for us, and were very helpful. It’s ideal for working adults.”
—Diana English, PACE Alumna and Analyst UCSF Institute on Health and Aging

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(Formerly Vista Community College)
What is the Program for Adult College Education (PACE)?

PACE is a liberal arts university transfer program designed for working adults and others who have busy schedules. PACE allows people who wish to enroll in college as full time students to earn an Associate in Arts degree in the Liberal Arts. The program offers accredited and fully transferable general education courses. Approximately 90% of Berkeley City College’s PACE graduates transfer to four-year universities, including the University of California and California State University systems, private colleges such as Holy Names, Mills, St. Mary’s, the University of San Francisco, Harvard, and Cornell universities.

How can I benefit from PACE?

PACE offers you a comprehensive and rewarding educational experience. When you graduate, you are fully equipped to achieve your goals. Whether your objective is educational advancement, professional development, or personal growth, PACE will help you reach it.

How does PACE work?

As a Berkeley City College PACE student, you enroll for 12 units each semester for five to six semesters. Each term includes:

• Two classes that meet once a week on the same night.
• An instructional television course which you view on your own. You then analyze, evaluate and discuss it at a regularly scheduled class.
• Participation in a conference class that meets six Saturdays each semester.

Admission to PACE requires you to complete an assessment test and an orientation session. Both are provided by Berkeley City College at no cost to you. We use these tools to place you in the proper course sequences, and to provide you with strong academic support. Our experienced faculty members work together to plan your courses. They listen to what you have to say, and coordinate assignments across classes so that you can study your subjects from different perspectives. For example, you may read a novel for an English class and be asked to write about its literary merits. But in a history class, your assignment may be to do a paper on what the novel says about life in America.

What type of support is available to me?

PACE’s strong support system is a cornerstone of your success. We assign you a counselor to help you with academic planning. By the time you arrive for your first PACE class, we make sure that you are prepared. Tutoring is available to all PACE students. Other services and resources include:

• A Career/Transfer Center
• A Learning Resources Center
• A Library
• Evening Office Hours and Counseling
• Financial Aid
• Services for Disabled Students
• Study Groups

How can PACE fit into my busy schedule?

PACE was designed to fit your schedule. You attend class only six evenings a month and six Saturdays each semester. Evening classes usually begin at 5 p.m.

As a PACE graduate, what types of careers can I choose?

PACE students build a strong foundation to start or continue careers in many occupations, including:

• Counseling
• Education and Teaching
• Government
• Humanities
• Human Resources and Management
• Law
• Management
• Organizational Development
• Public Administration
• Social Sciences

What will my tuition cost?

Berkeley City College’s PACE Program is one of the most affordable ways for you to start a college degree. As California residents, PACE students pay only a $20 per unit enrollment fee. Financial aid also is available for those who qualify. Ask our financial aid office about fee waivers.

Where can I find more information about PACE?

There are a number of ways to find out more about PACE at Berkeley City College:

Via phone—
Call (510) 981-2880 or (510) 981-2864 to speak with one of our PACE representatives, or leave a message and we’ll return your call within 24 hours.

On the World Wide Web—
Access www.peralta.edu.

At Work—
Many PACE students and alumni hold jobs in Bay Area public and private sector organizations. They often conduct information sessions for staff where they work; place announcements about the program on office e-mail or in cafeterias and staff lounges; and arrange to invite Berkeley City College PACE representatives to college and career fairs. Contact us to arrange an information session with one of our PACE representatives.

At Berkeley City College—
2050 Center St., 2nd Floor, between Shattuck Ave. & Milvia St. in Berkeley. The college is located one-half block from AC Transit and the downtown Berkeley BART station.