



Misrepresentation Disclosure Statement

Valley College commits all students, faculty, staff and administrators to uphold the highest standards of integrity. In fact, the first value listed in Valley College's Values, as printed in the Valley College Student Catalog and Valley College Employee Handbook, is Integrity. We are committed to honest practices, communications and relationships that honor each other and our students.

This statement addresses the U.S. Department regulatory citation: 34 CFR § 668.71 through 668.75, Federal Register Pages: 66913, 66958-66960 Regarding the Prohibition of Misrepresentation to Students and Others at Valley College. Valley College is prohibited under federal regulations from making any false, erroneous, or misleading statements directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, member of the public, accrediting agency, state agency, or to the Department of Education. Misleading statements include any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. A statement is any communication made in writing, visually, orally, or through other means. This includes student testimonials given under duress or because such testimonial was required to participate in a program.

Federal regulations further provide that substantial misrepresentation is any misrepresentation on which the person to whom it was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, to that person's detriment.

The regulations regarding misrepresentation describe misrepresentation with respect to:

- Nature of the education program
- Nature of financial charges
- Employability of graduates
- Relationship with the Department of Education. A Title IV eligible school may not describe its participation in a way that suggests approval or endorsement by the Department of Education of the quality of its educational programs.

Valley College Practices and Student Guidance

- Valley College supports training for employees to ensure compliance with this standard.
- Students and prospective students are encouraged to rely on officially published College information and to contact the College with any questions about programs, costs, or outcomes.
- Concerns about potential misrepresentation may be reported to the College.