

## LITHIUM INDUSTRY FORCE TRAINING (LIFT) AT IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE "Developing Tomorrow's Workforce, Today!"

## WHAT IS LIFT THE VALLEY?

LIFT the Valley is an industry-aligned, Department of Energy-funded certificate training initiative that prepares local residents for careers in lithium extraction, geothermal energy, and advanced manufacturing. Programs are designed with input from regional employers and emphasize real-world skills for highdemand roles in the evolving Lithium Valley economy.

## **PROGRAMS NOW ENROLLING - ALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 11, 2025**

#### PLANT OPERATOR

Learn to operate and monitor systems in geothermal and mineral extraction facilities.

#### CHEMICAL LAB TECHNICIAN

Train in laboratory testing and analysis for lithium extraction and quality control.

#### INSTRUMENTATION TECHNICIAN

Gain expertise in calibrating and maintaining industrial instrumentation.

• One-year (two-semester) certificate pathways

Practical lab and equipment-based training

• Curriculum co-developed with lithium and geothermal industry leaders

# PROGRAM FEATURES

- Industry-recognized certifications:
  - SACA: Smart Automation Certification Alliance
  - NC3: National Coalition of Certification Centers
  - OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (30-hour card)

### WHY JOIN THE LIFT PROGRAM?

- Fast-Track Your Career: Complete your certificate in just one year (two semesters) and be ready to join the workforce quickly.
- Hands-On Learning: Our program emphasizes practical skills through state-of-the-art equipment, lab exercises, and internship opportunities.
- Industry-Recognized Credentials: Earn certifications aligned with industry standards, such as SACA and NC3, making you a highly competitive candidate.
- **Experienced Faculty:** Learn from our dedicated instructors with expertise in geothermal and mineral extraction technologies.
- Local Focus, Global Impact: LIFT prepares you for rewarding careers in Imperial County's thriving Lithium Valley project, while also equipping you with transferable skills for broader opportunities.

## GET INVOLVED BY CONTACTING

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