

# Noncredit Education: What, Who and Why?

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# What is the Purpose of Noncredit in Higher Education?

Noncredit fulfills part of the general educational mission for California.

66010.2. (a) Access to education, and the opportunity for educational success, for all qualified Californians. **Particular efforts should be made with regard to those who are historically and currently underrepresented in both their graduation rates from secondary institutions and in their attendance at California higher educational institutions.**

66010.4. (2)(B) **The provision of adult noncredit education curricula in areas defined as being in the state's interest is an essential and important function of the community colleges.**





# What Constitutes Noncredit Education?

## Credit

- Degrees and Certificates of Achievement
- Generates apportionment; student fees apply
- Degree applicable and non-degree applicable
- Unit bearing
- Not repeatable (with exceptions)
- Approval: Curriculum Committee and Governing Board

## Noncredit

- Certificates of completion and competency
- Generates two levels of apportionment (noncredit and enhanced noncredit); no student fees
- Enhanced noncredit = Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP)
- No units
- Repeatable
- Limited to 10 different categories
- Approval: Curriculum Committee, Governing Board, Chancellor's Office

## 10 Noncredit Categories

1. English as a Second Language (ESL)
2. Immigrant Education (including citizenship)
3. Elementary and Secondary Basic Skills (including supervised tutoring)
4. Health and Safety
5. Courses for Adults with Substantial Disabilities
6. Parenting
7. Home Economics
8. Courses for Older Adults
9. Short-Term Vocational (including apprenticeship)
10. Workforce Preparation



# What is North Orange Continuing Education?

- Fifth largest community college based noncredit provider of adult education in program
- Program Offered:
  - Career Technical Education
  - Disability Support Services
  - English as a Second Language
  - High School Diploma/ GED-HiSet preparation
  - Lifeskills Education Advancement Program

**150**  
Offsite  
Locations



Anaheim



Cypress



Wilshire





# Who Does NOCE Serve?



**29,331** 2017/18 Unduplicated Headcount

## Gender

**65%** Female

**30%** Male

## Race/Ethnicity

**36%** Hispanic

**23%** White

**19%** Asian/Pacific-Islander

**2%** Black/African American

## Age

**5%** 0-17

**25%** 18-34

**24%** 35-54

**46%** 55+

## Top 3 Education Goals

1. Basic Skills
2. Educational Enrichment
3. Transfer Seeking



# Why do Students Participate in Noncredit Education?

- Improve skills in English for non-native speakers
- For immigrants, to learn the pathways to U.S. citizenship
- Learn basic adult literacy skills in Math and English
- Obtain a high school diploma, prepare for the GED/HiSET exam
- Build skills for a new job or promotion
- Prepare for community college or university education
- Build self-sufficiency and independence
- Personal Enrichment



***Through noncredit education, students transform themselves, their families, their communities, and their futures***





# Thank you



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