



## **Career Education at San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges (SDICCC) FACT SHEET**

- The ten colleges that make up the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges (SDICCC) are:

Cuyamaca College	San Diego City College
Grossmont College	San Diego Continuing Education
Imperial Valley College	San Diego Mesa College
MiraCosta College	San Diego Miramar College
Palomar College	Southwestern College
- SDICCC is dedicated to providing the highest quality education to more than 100,000 Career Education students each year, and offers more than 200 programs.
- Career Education students in San Diego and Imperial Counties have enormous career opportunities in good-paying, high-demand “middle-skill” jobs that require more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree.
  - In 2017, 38% of the 1,583,115 jobs in San Diego County were middle-skill jobs, and this number is projected to increase by 41,450 jobs, or 6.9%, in 2022.\*
  - In 2017, 36% of the 69,859 jobs in Imperial County were middle-skill jobs, and this number is projected to increase by 2,409 jobs, or 10%, in 2022.\*
- The majority of the region’s top 100 middle-skill job categories have labor supply gaps in need of qualified workers.
  - In San Diego County, 88 of the top 100 middle-skill job categories currently have supply gaps.\*
  - In Imperial County, 91 of the top 100 middle-skill job categories currently have supply gaps.\*
- The region’s top nine job sectors with the greatest need for workers are:
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Advanced Transportation and Logistics
  - Agriculture, Water, and Environmental Technologies
  - Energy, Construction, and Utilities
  - Health Care
  - Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Digital Media
  - Life Sciences and Biotechnology
  - Business and Entrepreneurship
  - Global Trade



- Middle-skill positions are good-paying jobs.
  - Workers in the top 100 middle-skill job categories in San Diego County earn a median hourly rate of \$26.70, or \$55,536 annually. The median hourly for all middle-skill jobs in San Diego County is \$22.10, or \$45,968 annually, versus the median for all jobs which is \$19.30, or \$40,144 annually.\*
  - Workers in the top 100 middle-skill job categories in Imperial County earn a median hourly rate of \$23.96, or \$49,836 annually. The median hourly for all middle-skill jobs in Imperial County is \$19.25, or \$40,040 annually, versus the median for all jobs which is \$14.42, or \$29,993 annually.\*
- 71% of SDICCC Career Education students who complete a program are employed one year after finishing, according to the 2016/17 Cal-PASS Plus LaunchBoard, a statewide data system supported by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- At \$46 per credit, Career Education at a San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College offers the best value for students.
  - Students in the region pay an average of \$1,104 in fees per year, compared to \$5,472 at a California State University, \$12,192 at a University of California school or \$34,740 at a private institution.

\* According to the 2018 report, *Opportunities for Career Education to Close the Middle-Skills Jobs Gap in San Diego County* and *Opportunities for Career Education to Close the Middle-Skill Jobs Gap in Imperial County*, by the San Diego-Imperial Center of Excellence for Labor Market Research.

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