

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
Grossmont College
Imperial Valley College
MiraCosta College
Palomar College

San Diego City College
San Diego Continuing Education
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego Miramar 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

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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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