

Fall Enrollment for Career Education Classes Now Open for All San Diego and Imperial County Community Colleges

Education and training programs for in-demand careers now accepting new students including those affected by COVID-19 and recent high school graduates who want to continue their education close to home

SAN DIEGO, CA (August 10, 2020)—Fall enrollment is now open at all 10 of the region’s community colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties. Career Education programs, which prepare students in just two years for the growing number of competitive middle-skill jobs, are accepting new students at every campus.

“Community colleges are the most cost-effective choice for recent graduates who want to continue their education close to home and workers who need to upgrade skills or train for a new career,” said Lynn Neault, Chair of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA). “In the midst of so much uncertainty, you can never go wrong getting more education. With more than 200 programs to choose from, there’s something for every interest and skill level.”

Growth Careers Above the Median Wage

Despite the impact of COVID-19 on the local job market, employer demand for workers with middle-skills job training remains high. Middle skills jobs require less education than a four-year degree. Many programs can be completed in as little as two years and [71 percent of graduates are employed](#) within a year of program completion.

Wages and growth potential in these jobs are typically [well above the area’s median wage](#). Some examples of programs enrolling now and entry-level salaries include:

Program	Median Entry Level Salary
Machining	\$49,332
Biotech and Biomanufacturing	\$42,022 and \$52,638
Electronics Assembly Technical	\$42,485

“The recent pandemic has increased interest in first responder careers. We have programs focused on nursing, home care aides, fire technology, emergency medical technicians, and administration of justice but they are filling up quickly and we advise interested students to reach out the schools and counselors now to ensure they get signed up quickly,” said Neault.

Community college and continuing education centers are located across San Diego and Imperial Counties. The campuses 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, and Southwestern College.

Students curious about degrees, available programs and career paths can learn more at [CareerEd.org](https://www.careered.org). The website also contains information about financial aid available to Career Education students at California community colleges.

About Career Education in San Diego and Imperial Counties

San Diego and Imperial Counties' community colleges and continuing education campuses have united to fill the growing regional middle-skill labor gap by promoting Career Education programs to target these well-paying, in-demand jobs. Whether learning new skills, completing short-term free career training, or earning a certificate or an associate degree, Career Education students gain real-world experience that prepare them for in-demand, well-paying jobs. With more than 200 programs to choose from, students learn by exploring, collaborating and doing, with hands-on training taught by instructors and professionals who have worked in their field of study. To learn more, visit [CareerEd.org](https://www.careered.org)

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