

SCE Backgrounder

Established in 1930, the North Orange County Community College District's School of Continuing Education (SCE) is the fourth largest community college-based comprehensive continuing and community education program in California. Students enroll in SCE's noncredit programs to enhance basic skills, gain employable skills, prepare for credit courses, for self-sufficiency or to enhance civic participation. Noncredit programs offered at SCE include adult basic skills (High School Diploma and Literacy Programs), English as a Second Language (ESL), U.S. citizenship, parenting, older adults, short-term vocation, and programs for adults with disabilities. In addition, SCE offers a wide selection of community education courses such as Kids' College and Teen Program, fitness, home decorative arts, business skills and financial planning.

Hosted by SCE, the Training, Development and Innovation (TDI) business resource center serves as the economic development arm for the District. TDI is a single point of contact for local companies seeking technical services or training for their employees.

Over 800 courses are taught each quarterly term at three education centers in Anaheim, Cypress, and Fullerton and at 151 off-campus facilities in partnership with local education agencies and municipalities.

In 2015/16, SCE served 33,742 North Orange County community members and graduated a class of 254 high school diplomas and 409 short-term, vocational career certificates. SCE students, staff and faculty represent more than 24 different ethnic groups.

Prior to the creation of the present North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD), adult education classes were administered by the Fullerton Junior College District. Forty-eight students were enrolled in 1930 which, based on attendance records housed at the SCE Student Records Office, included classes in gymnasium, swimming, machine shop, engineering, art/metal working, Spanish, wood turning, typing, bookkeeping, commercial French, commercial Spanish, accounting, welding, commercial law, lip reading, and college shorthand.

NOCCCD was created in the mid-1960's and included adult education. Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) also had an adult education program and for a number of years the two programs operated simultaneously. In 1972/73, NOCCCD absorbed the AUHSD program. Since then, noncredit enrollments have continued to grow, thus proving that there is a need for noncredit education in North Orange County. In 1998, the NOCCCD Board of Trustees renamed adult education to its current NOCCCD School of Continuing Education (SCE).

SCE is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. (Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Commission for Schools, 533 Airport Blvd., Suite 200, Burlingame, CA 94010, 650-696-1060). More information on SCE programs can be found at www.sce.edu.

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