



NOCE Backgrounder

Established in 1930, the North Orange County Community College District's North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) is the fourth largest community college-based comprehensive continuing and community education program in California. Students enroll in NOCE'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 NOCE 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, NOCE offers a wide selection of community education courses such as Kids' College and Teen Program, fitness, home decorative arts, business skills and financial planning.

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 2018/19, NOCE served 28,493 North Orange County community members and graduated a class of 222 high school diplomas and 417 short-term, vocational career certificates.

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 NOCE 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 North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE).

NOCE 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 NOCE programs can be found at www.noce.edu.

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