



The 4-1-1 on Career Education in the Inland Empire/Desert Region

12 Colleges. Unlimited Career Opportunities.

Help your students be college- and career-ready by learning the latest skills in California's most in-demand industries.

Fast + Flexible: Facts on Average Program Completion Time

Many career education certificate programs can be completed in as little as one year (two to three semesters), with several short-term certificates that can be earned in just one semester. Associate degrees typically take about two years to complete (60 semester units) and provide a strong foundation for career advancement or further education. **Students can explore options at readysetcareer.org.**

Stackable Pathways & Seamless Transfer

Our certificates stack into full associate degrees, allowing students to start working sooner while continuing to build skills and earning potential. With transfer agreements in place with California State Universities (CSUs) and the Universities of California (UCs), transferring for a bachelor's degree is simple. Each college also has a robust transfer center to support students in their next steps.

Common Questions Students Ask

- **How can career education help me get a job?**
Our community colleges are closely connected with employers. We make sure our curricula align with the exact skills employers are looking for so they can hire local talent like you. Plus, many programs provide networking and work experience opportunities to connect you with potential careers.
- **Will I get financial aid for career ed classes?**
You bet! Not only do the community colleges offer low-cost programs, but plenty of financial aid support exists. Plus, first-time, full-time college students who live in California may be eligible for free tuition.
- **Do you have any tools to explore careers and college programs?**
 - Try our handy program and course finder at readysetcareer.org.
 - The community college Career Coach tool can help you match your interests to a career at ccc.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=California
 - And the community college Salary Surfer can help you check out how much you can earn with different careers at salarysurfer.cccco.edu/SalarySurfer.aspx

“Your community college will provide you the necessary training to be career ready ... and it doesn't have to cost you much at all.”

- Student George B



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