

Common Trends for Noncredit

It is clear that a significant portion of all CDCP certificates that have been developed by colleges focus on short term vocational programs with high employment potential. An analysis of this largest single category of certificates indicates that they cover a wide range of areas including but not limited to the broad occupational areas identified below:

1. Business and Management — 99 certificates in such areas as Accounting Assistants, Administrative Assistance, General Office Clerks, Small Business Management, Financial Office Applications, Business Accounting, Customer Service Representative and Retail Sales.

2. Engineering and Industrial Technologies — 62 certificates in areas such as Welding Technologies, Manufacturing Technology, Parametric Solid Modeling, Electronic Cabling and Wiring Technology, Construction Laborer, Electronic Technology, Marine Service and Repair.

3. Nursing and Allied Health Fields — 30 certificates in Medical and Dental Assisting (front and back office), Certified Nursing and Acute Care Nursing Assistant, Health Care Interpreting, Pharmacy Technicians, Personal Care Attendant and Restorative Nurse Assistant Training.

4. Agriculture and Natural Resources — 23 certificates in areas including Horse Ranch Management, Interior Landscaping, Landscape and Park Maintenance, Livestock Management, Landscape Design and Construction, Sports Turf Management and Floral Design.

5. Media Communication and Information Technology — 17 certificates in Desktop Publishing, Computer and Networking Technology, Computer Graphic and Design and Computer System Technology.