The Past, Present, and Future of Noncredit Education in California Community Colleges

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE NONCREDIT OFFERINGS 2016

Building Bridges and Programs: Developing and Sustaining a Culture of Noncredit

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Agenda

• California Community Colleges
• History of California Noncredit Education
• Noncredit Offerings Survey and Findings
• Recommendations
• Questions and Closing
The California Community College System and Noncredit History
California Community College Mission

- Open Access to Higher Education
- Transfer Education
- Career Technical Education
- Adult/Continuing Education
- Basic Skills/Remedial Education
- Support Services
- Economic Development
- Bachelor’s Degree Pilot Program

72 Districts
113 Colleges
Timeline of Noncredit Education
1850 – 1980s

• Birth of adult education in California – 1850s
• Establishment of localized community college and K-12 districts both offering adult education – 1910s
• Federal intervention into adult education = Golden Age Of Adult Education – 1960s
• Development of a two-tiered credit/noncredit funding model – 1980s
Noncredit Categories 2006

- Elementary and secondary basic skills [CDCP]
- English as a second language [CDCP]
- Immigrant education (which includes citizenship and workforce preparation) [CDCP]
- Parenting
- Short-term career technical education [CDCP]
- Older adult programs (designed for residents over 55 years of age)
- Programs for adults with disabilities
- Health and safety
- Home economics
Noncredit Funding and Equalization

- Prop. 13, Behr Commission (1978-2006):
  - Disparate funding was established.
  - Community College noncredit reimbursements were reduced and categories for state support revised.

- Senate Bill 361 (2006-2014):
  - Enhances funding for CDCP noncredit courses.
  - FTES rates:
    - Credit: $4,367
    - CDCP enhanced noncredit: $3,092
    - Other noncredit: $2,626

- Senate Bill 860 (2014):
  - Equalizes CDCP noncredit and credit FTES funding.
  - FTES rates:
    - Credit and CDCP noncredit: $5,004
    - Other noncredit: $3,009
  - FTES formulas remain unaligned:
    - Credit → census date
    - Noncredit → attendance hours

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Platinum Age of Adult Education

• Student success and support program (SSSP)
• Student equity (SE)
• Adult education block grant (AEBG)/consortia with K-12 adult schools
• CTE enhancement funding
• Strong workforce
California Community College Noncredit Offerings Survey
California Community Colleges Noncredit Offering Survey

Purpose:
- Current Offerings
- Current Operational Processes
- Planned Offerings

Data Collection:

Population:

Survey Methodology
Current Offerings and Programming

97% Offer Distance Education (credit/noncredit)

26% Offer Noncredit Distance Education

5% Offer Hybrid/Blended Noncredit CTE

70% of institutions offer noncredit courses

The top CTE Pathways are included as priority sectors for the State of California

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## Current Noncredit Operational Processes

### Funding

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<th>Courses funded via</th>
<th>59% Combination</th>
<th>32% Regular Only</th>
<th>9% CDCP Only</th>
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<td>Students do not pay for</td>
<td>43% Textbooks</td>
<td>69% Course Materials</td>
<td>85% Labs</td>
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### Admissions & Enrollment Management

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<th>Use of CCC Apply for admissions</th>
<th>59% Use CCC Apply</th>
<th>41% Other/Unknown</th>
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<td>Enrollment is managed via</td>
<td>54% Combination</td>
<td>25% Open Entry/Exit</td>
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### Grading Processes

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<th>Grades awarded in noncredit courses</th>
<th>14% All Graded</th>
<th>23% Other Combo</th>
<th>57% Not Graded</th>
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Among 81 institutions with noncredit programming:

**Minimum Qualifications for Credit and Noncredit**
- Same: 49%
- Different: 47%
- Unsure/No Response: 4%

**Salary Table for Credit and Noncredit**
- Same: 48%
- Different: 42%
- Unsure/No Response: 10%

**Full-Time Noncredit Teaching Load**
- 15 or below: 30%
- 18-20: 5%
- 21-24: 9%
- 25: 22%
- Unsure/No Response: 35%

Note: Percentages do not total 100% due to rounding error.

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31 institutions are not currently offering noncredit, but some plan to offer within two years.

- 15 to offer noncredit
- 14 to offer noncredit ESL/ESOL
- 12 to offer noncredit CTE

81 institutions are currently offering noncredit, and some plan to increase the scope of noncredit.

- 37 to offer CTE
- 16 to offer ABE/ASE
- 15 to offer Emeritus
- 13 to offer DSPS
Recommendations for the Future of Noncredit

• Expand Research
• Commitment to Equity and Social Justice
• Modernize Curriculum and Instruction
• Strengthen Noncredit Student Services
• Noncredit Marriage with Workforce Development
• Champion Faculty
• Support for Institutional Effectiveness
• Statewide Marketing and Branding
The New World of Noncredit
Conference on Building and Expanding Programs in Community Colleges
Save the Dates
October 6 & 7
San Diego, California

https://sdce.edu/conference
Closing and Questions

Please submit feedback/suggestions to Debi King at dking002@sdccd.edu

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