WHY SHOULD
I CONSIDER
A CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM?

Think a high school degree opens the door to a good job? Think again!

By 2020, 65% of all jobs in the U.S. will require training beyond high school.

Career Education is the smart, affordable way to get the practical skills you need to compete in today's fast-changing job market.

Our classes are taught by industry experts who have worked in their fields. You won't just be sitting in lectures — you will be gaining hands-on experience.

Career Education is a smart investment in your future.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS CURRENTLY PAY

$46 **PER UNIT**

FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES

Some career fields with the highest median annual salary five years after graduating from Career Education programs include:*

WATER TECHNOLOGY	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS & POWER TRANSMISSION	AERONAUTICAL & AVIATION TECHNOLOGY
$86,391	**$110,829**	**$76,187**

*Based on wage data available through salarysurfer.cccco.edu

WHAT IS
CAREER EDUCATION?

Career Education gives you the hands-on, practical training needed to earn a certificate, open the door to a rewarding career, or get you started on your path toward a bachelor's degree.

The California Community Colleges is the nation's largest provider of career training programs.

We prepare students for rewarding jobs in high-demand programs that can lead to immediate employment.

Choose from more than 200 career programs that can prepare you for jobs in fields such as Advanced Manufacturing, Digital Media, Automotive Technology, Architecture, and many more.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CAREER EDUCATION

CHOOSE FROM MORE THAN
200 DIFFERENT CAREER PROGRAMS

to get the hands-on training and skills you need for the new-collar jobs that need you.

Visit CaliforniaCareerEducation.com to get started on your path to a rewarding, good-paying career today!

OTHER HELPFUL TOOLS

SalarySurfer.cccco.edu
Find salary information for different career fields.

Here To Career Mobile App
Take the quiz to find your career path.

Stepforward.cccco.edu
Learn about qualifying for priority class registration.

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The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, with 114 colleges annually serving 2.1 million students. For more information, visit californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu

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FOR THE JOBS OF
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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CAREER EDUCATION

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS
WITH CAREER EDUCATION

With more than 200 programs, Career Education prepares students for a variety of careers such as:

- Animal Science
- Aviation Maintenance
- Biotechnology
- Business Finance
- Culinary Arts
- Cyber Security
- Entrepreneurship
- Fire & Emergency Response
- Landscape Architecture
- Web Programming
- Welding Technology

...and MORE!

HOW WILL I AFFORD IT?

Financial aid is available year-round to help cover the cost of fees, books, supplies, and sometimes even rent.

There are many different types of financial aid (see chart).

COMMON TYPES OF STATE AND FEDERAL AID	AWARD AMOUNT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
Federal Pell Grant	Up to **$5,920** per academic year *
Cal Grant B	Up to **$1,672** per academic year **
Fee Waiver	Waives enrollment fees *
Cal Grant C [1]	Up to **$1,094** per academic year (up to two years) ***
Full-Time Student Success Grant [2]	**Additional $1,000** per academic year (up to two years)
Completion Grant [3]	Up to **$1,500** per academic year

For a comprehensive list of different types of financial aid, visit **icanaffordcollege.com** or visit your local community college financial aid office.

* Apply year-round.

** Apply between October 1 and March 2 for Entitlement awards, or by September 2 for Competitive awards. Visit calgrants.org for more information.

*** To apply for a Cal Grant C award, students need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For those attending college now, the FAFSA deadline is June 30, 2017. For those attending college from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, the FAFSA deadline is June 30, 2018.

[1] To qualify, students must be enrolled in a vocational program that is at least four months long at a California community college.

[2] All full-time community college students receiving Cal Grant C awards will be offered this assistance. Only full-time students (those enrolled in at least 12 units per term) can receive this benefit. Funding is available for up to two years, depending on the length of the program.

[3] To qualify, students must receive the Full-Time Student Success Grant and enroll in 15 units per term—all units part of their comprehensive Ed Plan.

The first step in accessing these resources is to apply, even if you aren't sure you'll qualify.

Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** – which opens the door to most types of financial aid – at **icanaffordcollege.com.**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available every year on October 1. It's best to apply as soon as you can, so you get the most financial aid possible.

You are a **California Dream Act (AB 540 eligible)** student, and exempt from paying non-resident enrollment fees, if you meet all of the following criteria:

- Attended a California high school for at least three years, OR attained the equivalent of at least three years of credits from a California high school and attended at least three full years at California K-12 schools;

AND

- Graduated from a California high school, got a GED or passed the California High School Proficiency Exam;

AND

- Are registered or enrolled at a California community college;

AND

- If required, complete an affidavit saying you have filed (or will file when you are eligible to do so) for legal immigration status.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?

Visit **CaliforniaCareerEducation.com** to:

EXPLORE a variety of programs designed to get you fast-tracked to the career you want, with the skills you need.

LOCATE a college near you.

APPLY (at CCCApply.org).