



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations February 2021 Update

San Diego City College

Four (4) new programs and five (5) program modifications were submitted. All but one program was recommended by the Deans Council. The vote to recommend the Nutrition and Community Wellness program was postponed to the March Deans Council agenda. Comments are noted below. Based on submitted Labor Market Information, two of the new programs received cautionary comments by the Centers of Excellence (COE). All five of the modified programs received cautionary comments from the COE.

- Computer Programming - New Program- Certificate of Achievement
- Computer Programming - New Program - Associate of Science
- **Nutrition and Community Wellness** - New Program - Certificate of Achievement
 - Deans Council Comments/Discussion: This new program will be replacing the existing fitness program and consists of existing courses (no new courses). Program submission missing quorum within program recommendation website. Concerns expressed regarding lack on employer representation on program advisory committee. Vote to recommend postponed to March Deans Council Meeting.
 - COE: Cautionary comments: *There is a supply gap (711 annual job openings), entry-level wages range between \$13.08 per hour (Fitness Trainers), which is below the living wage, and \$18.98 per hour (Nutrition and Community Wellness Occupations). Based on available LMI, the COE cautions the region in developing a new program because 1) a significant number of programs exist; 2) not all entry-level earnings are at or above the living wage; and 3) the percentage of students who obtained a living wage after completing related programs is below the state average for students who complete Career Education programs in general.*
- **Studio Arts Entrepreneur** – New Program - Certificate of Achievement
 - COE: Cautionary comments: *City College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. There is a supply gap (95 annual job openings), entry-level wages average \$13.70 per hour, which is below the living wage. Based on available LMI, the COE recommends that the region proceed with *caution* because entry-level earnings are below the living wage and the supply gap is relatively low. Because the program includes an entrepreneurial component, the COE has limited data. However, the limited LMI also suggests that self-employed persons in these occupations earn below the living wage.*
- **Freelance Photography** - Modification - Certificate of Achievement
 - COE: Cautionary comments: *City College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. There is a supply gap (110 annual job openings), entry-level wages average \$12.19 per hour, which is below the living wage. Additionally, 38% of students statewide who completed a related program earned a living wage, compared to 52% of students who completed*

Career Education programs in general. Based on available LMI, the COE cautions against creating a new program, but supports the program modification.

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- **Photography** - Modification- Associate of Arts
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- **Alcohol and Other Drug Studies** - Modification-Associate of Science
 - COE: Cautionary comments: *City College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. There is a supply gap (314 annual job openings), entry-level wages average \$15.63 per hour, which is below the living wage. The colleges should note that there is a significant number and institutions that provide training for these occupations and the percentage of students who completed related programs and earned a living wage is lower than students who complete Career Education programs in general. The COE cautions against a *new* program, but supports the program modification.*
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San Diego Mesa College

Two (2) modified programs submitted and endorsed by the Deans Council. Based on submitted Labor Market Information, both programs were endorsed by the Centers of Excellence (COE).

- Neurodiagnostic Technology – Modification – Associate of Science

- Neurodiagnostic Technology – Modification – Certificate of Achievement

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.