



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations August 2023 Update

San Diego City College

Two (2) new programs were submitted for regional recommendation. One (1) was pulled by the college and removed from discussion. One (1) program was submitted for regional recommendation and endorsed by the Deans Council. The endorsement included a discussion of concerns, including: 1) Caution against creating new programs that could be noncredit (student equity issue) and 2) one college shared that San Diego Continuing Education has a similar program already. Based on submitted labor market information, the Centers of Excellence (COE) recommended proceeding with caution. COE comments are noted below. Additional comments were made emphasizing concerns regarding:

- **Office Administration Assistant, CoA - New**
 - COE Comments: San Diego City College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. The COE recommends proceeding with caution when developing a new program because 1) there is a significant number of similar programs that exist in the region; 2) entry-level wages are below the living wage; but 3) there is a high number of annual job openings. The region should note that employers typically only require a high school diploma or equivalent as the minimum requirement for Office Assistant occupations.

San Diego Mesa College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations September 2023 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations October 2023 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations November 2023 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

Mesa submitted one (1) new Baccalaureate program in Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA). Faculty Member, Amanda Johnson provided an overview of the program. The regional approval platform provided by the Chancellor's Office still is not updated to allow for the formal submission of baccalaureate programs. However, the program was fully endorsed by the regional Deans Council.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations February 2024 Update

San Diego City College

City submitted one (1) new Certification of Achievement. The program was endorsed by the Deans Council. The endorsement included a discussion of regarding title concerns. Based on submitted labor market information, the Centers of Excellence (COE) endorsed the new program. COE comments are noted below.

- Office Administration Assistant, CoA – New
 - COE Comments: This COE recommends that the colleges proceed with developing a new program and supports a program modification because 1) there is a supply gap in San Diego County; 2) entry-level wages are above the living wage; and 3) there is a high number of annual job postings. The labor market information (LMI) indicates that workers in Engineering Technician positions typically have an associate degree as their highest level of education; however, employers request at least a high school diploma + additional training/experience in online job postings. There is an opportunity for the colleges to collaborate with employers to provide continuing education to workers who only have a HS diploma. Additionally, according to LaunchBoard, the percentage of students who earned a living wage and the percentage of students who found a job related to their field of study are higher than all CTE/CE programs in general. While there is a strong labor market need, the annual completion numbers for Manufacturing and Industrial Technology (095600) are generally low, suggesting enrollment (marketing and outreach) and retention challenges.

San Diego Mesa College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations March 2024 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations April 2024 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

Mesa submitted one (1) new Certification of Achievement. The program was endorsed by the Deans Council. Based on submitted labor market information, the Centers of Excellence (COE) recommended proceeding with caution. COE comments are noted below.

- **Office Administration Assistant, CoA – New**
 - COE Comments: Mesa College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. The COE recommends proceeding with caution when developing a new program because 1) the estimated number of annual job openings (or supply gap) is low and 2) existing programs could meet labor market demand, but few awards have been supplied in the past three years. Colleges should also note that employers require a minimum of a high school diploma for these occupations.

San Diego Miramar College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.



Regional Consortium Program Recommendations May 2024 Update

San Diego City College

No programs submitted for regional recommendation.

San Diego Mesa College

Mesa submitted one (1) new Certification of Achievement. The program was endorsed by the Deans Council. Based on submitted labor market information, the Centers of Excellence (COE) recommended proceeding with caution. COE comments are noted below.

- **Instructional Design**, CoA – New
 - COE Comments: Mesa College submitted the appropriate LMI from the COE. The COE recommends proceeding with caution when developing a new program because 1) the expected level of education for this occupation is a master's degree; but 2) entry-level wages pay above the living wage; and 3) a supply gap exists for this occupation.

San Diego Miramar College

Miramar submitted one (1) new B.S program. The program was endorsed by the Deans Council. Based on submitted labor market information, the Centers of Excellence (COE) did not endorse the program due to the specific occupations listed and shared recommendations for clearly distinguishing the management program from other programs. COE comments are noted below.

- **Public Safety Management**, B.S. – New
 - COE Comments: Miramar College submitted LMI from the COE from January 2023, but the occupations in the report include Emergency Medical Technicians, Fire Inspectors and Investigators, Firefighters, and First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers. These four occupations only require a postsecondary non-degree award. Additionally, there is an oversupply for these positions and a large number of institutions that train for these occupations. The COE does not recommend developing a new program for these occupations but supports program modification for these reasons. The program description states that the program is intended to training Emergency Management Directors, which is the only occupation in the report that requires a bachelor's degree. To avoid confusing students, the COE recommends that Miramar College clearly distinguishes this management program from other programs by not advertising that it also trains for Emergency Medical Technicians, Fire Inspectors and Investigators, Firefighters, and First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers.