

Countdown to WASC: What Every STUDENT

Should Know in Preparation for SCE's WASC Visit

SIDE ONE: School Questions

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1. What is the name of your school? What is the District's name that the school is a member?

ANSWER: The School of Continuing Education (SCE). SCE is a member of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD).

2. What is accreditation? Why is accreditation important?

ANSWER: Accreditation is a formal recognition that a school meets high educational standards. Accreditation is important because it ensures a high quality education for students.

3. Who are we accredited by? Which division?

ANSWER: SCE is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges under the Accrediting Commission for Schools.

4. What is the purpose of the visit on March 14-16, 2011?

ANSWER: Accreditation is granted for a maximum of six years at which time a self-study is conducted, followed by a WASC accreditation visit. SCE was granted initial accreditation in July 2008. The WASC team will visit on March 14-16, 2011 in preparation for accreditation renewal.

5. What are the basic facts about the District?

ANSWER:

- NOCCCD district has a population of about one million community members.
- NOCCCD has three schools:
 - Cypress College served 16,444 students in Fall 2010; credit college granting degrees
 - Fullerton College served 22,844 students in Fall 2010; credit college granting degrees
 - SCE served 25,664 students in Fall 2010; noncredit school offering skills, enrichment and certificate programs
- The district serves 19 cities and 15 different elementary and secondary school districts.

6. What is the difference between credit, noncredit and community education courses? Which type of course are you enrolled in?

ANSWER:

- **Credit:** Students earn credits toward the completion of a degree or certificate program or for transfer to higher education/university programs.
- **Noncredit:** Each course provides training and education to enrich general knowledge, new or upgraded skills, or development of personal interests. Courses may provide a certificate or lead to career advancement, but do not earn transfer credits.
- **Community Education Courses:** Community Education classes offer self-improvement, new skills to advance in the workplace or activities for enrichment. Courses include a small fee and do not offer transfer credits.

7. Do your instructors meet state minimum requirements to teach at SCE?

ANSWER: Yes! All SCE instructors must meet state minimum requirements to teach at SCE.

8. What courses or programs does SCE offer?

ANSWER: Basic Skills & High School Diploma, Career Technical Education, Computers and Business Education, Disabled Student Programs and Services, English-as-a-Second Language, Fitness/Dance/Martial Arts, Foreign Language/Communication, Home Decorative Arts, Kids' College & Teen Program, Music, Older Adults Program, Online Classes, and Parenting.

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SIDE TWO: Student Questions

9. What courses are you enrolled in at SCE?

10. What are your future educational plans?

11. How does your course work assist you in your future educational plans?

12. Are you or were you able to enroll in all the classes you wanted?

13. Do you utilize any of the student services on campus? If so, which one(s)? If not, do you know the types of student services that are available to students?

14. How do you obtain your information about events, classes, services, policies, rules, procedures, etc. about SCE?

15. What instructional pathways does your program have in place or promote transition to other SCE programs or to credit programs, like Cypress College or Fullerton College?

16. Is there anything that you would change about your school or program? If so, what would it be?