



Introducing Santa Monica College's

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING ED.

Understanding How Noncredit works and the value
it brings to the Student Experience

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Website

www.smc.edu/SOCE

SOCE: ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY

Free noncredit learning. Adults 18+ living in California can build skills without earning credit units.

Low-risk exploration. Repeatable classes build confidence for college and work.

A welcoming entry point. For first-generation, returning and other nontraditional adult learners.

24 certificate programs. Career and college preparation, with more in development.

Student support. Access to ASB member benefits and hours that may help with AB 540 eligibility.



CATEGORIES OF NONCREDIT

- 1. English as a Second Language (ESL)***
- 2. Workforce Preparation***
- 3. Short-term Vocational and Pre-Apprenticeship***
- 4. Courses for Older Adults (Emeritus)**
5. Elementary and Secondary Basic Education (ABE, ASE)*
6. Immigrant Education (Citizenship)
7. Health and Safety
8. Home Economics
9. Parenting
10. Persons with Substantial Disabilities

*** Indicates Career Development, College Prep (CDCP)**



SOCE'S VALUE TO SMC

To the District

A yellow diamond-shaped sign with a blue border and the text "College Ahead" in bold black letters. The sign is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the blue geometric background.

College Ahead

Mission and access. Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) supports SMC's mission.

Enrollment and persistence. Noncredit provides entry points to credit and a supportive way for students to stay at SMC.

CDCP funding. Enhanced apportionment rate

Five grant sources. CAEP, WIOA, Student Equity & Achievement, Strong Workforce, and Dorothy N. Rupe.

PATHWAYS TO CREDIT



Mirrored courses. Introductory credit courses taken as noncredit: free, with no GPA impact.

Support to stay enrolled. Open Entry/Open Exit and connections to resources help students build skills and return to credit when ready.

Clear next steps. Pathway maps connect noncredit learning with credit programs and careers.

Transitions to credit. 408 students in 2023–24 and 369 in 2024–25.



NONCREDIT TO CREDIT PATHWAY MAP

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

BUSINESS NONCREDIT PATHWAYS

Start Here

Business Essentials, Level 1
Customer Service & Receptionist
Noncredit Certificate of Completion

Office Clerk \$25,550
Customer Service Representative \$27,012
Receptionist \$29,545

Choose Your Path

Business Information Worker 1
Certificate of Achievement (21 units)
Business Information Worker 1
Associate Degree (21 units + GE)
Business Information Worker 2
Certificate of Achievement (18 units)
Business Information Worker 2
Associate Degree (18 units + GE)
Computer Business Applications
Certificate of Achievement (30 units)
Computer Business Applications
Associate Degree (30 units + GE)

Office Worker

Receptionists & Information Clerks \$33,060
Office Clerks \$33,841
Customer Service Assistant \$38,930
Human Resources Assistant \$43,350
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing \$46,188

General Office
Certificate of Achievement 1 (27 units)
General Office
Associate Degree 1 (27 units + GE)
Legal Administrative Assistant
Certificate of Achievement (27 units)
Legal Administrative Assistant
Associate Degree 1 (27 units + GE)

Medical Administrative Assistant
Certificate of Achievement (33 units)
Medical Administrative Assistant
Associate Degree (33 units + GE)
Medical Coding & Billing Specialist
Certificate of Achievement (36 units)
Medical Coding & Billing Specialist
Certificate of Achievement (36 units + GE)

Logistics & Supply Chain Management
Certificate of Achievement (24 units)
Logistics & Supply Chain Management
Associate Degree (24 units + GE)

Insurance Professional
Certificate of Achievement (26-28 units)
Insurance Professional
Associate Degree (26-28 units + GE)

Legal

Receptionists \$29,545
File Clerks \$30,959
Data Entry Keyers \$31,403
Administrative Assistants \$39,817
Legal Secretaries \$49,818

Medical

Medical Secretaries \$35,866
Medical Records and Health Information
Technicians \$40,565

Logistics

Supply Chain Manager \$68,404
Transportation Manager \$88,932
Storage & Distribution Manager \$88,932
Procurement Manager \$93,062
Logistics Manager \$96,330

Insurance

Insurance Claims Clerk \$41,256
Insurance Policy Processing Clerk \$41,256
Insurance Appraisers, Auto Damage \$56,108

CAREER ED. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

ART

- 3-D Design Output
- Digital Fabric Tools
- Laser Cutting and Engraving
- Print Shop Tools
- Wood Shop

BUSINESS

- Business Essentials
- Receptionist
- Customer Service
- Bicycle Maintenance

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Introduction to Early Care and Education

EARTH SCIENCE

- Sustainability in Organics Aide
- Sustainability Assistant
- Sustainability Services Technician

COUNSELING

- Transition to College and Career

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

- ESL for College and Career Pathways

HEALTH SCIENCES

- Introduction to Working with Older Adults
- Rehabilitation Therapy Aide
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Home Health Aide
- Acute Nurse Assistant

SMC EMERITUS: OVERVIEW



Free lifelong learning. Noncredit classes for active adults, with open enrollment for anyone with a California residence.

Note the evolution away from marketing any specific age for this program.

Serving the community since 1974–75. Founded for those “Retired with Honor.” About 27% of California community colleges have an Emeritus program.

Enrollment. Students initially enroll in four classes in fall/spring.

Limit is lifted 2 weeks prior to the start of term

Faculty. More than 60 part-time faculty and no full-time faculty.

Staff. One Administrative Assistant II, one Program Coordinator and one Student Services Clerk. The Associate Dean position was abolished in June 2025.



SMC EMERITUS: CLASSES

Flexible learning. Classes meet in-person (ideal), hybrid, or fully online.

Disciplines.

- Arts
- Health
- Music
- Computers
- English, Literature
- Political Science and Theater Arts.
- Pathfinders for those with an Acquired Brain Injury

Campus life. Several journals, six to eight art shows each year, and other events.



SMC EMERITUS: STUDENTS & NEW CLASSES

Student participation. Unlimited repeatability and an average enrollment duration of 7.7 years. About 60% register through Corsair Connect with assistance.

Previously reported student profile. 50% live in Santa Monica, 77% are female, and 69% reported a bachelor's degree or higher.

New in the past 3 years. Improv, Magic and Music/Politics. Aqua Yoga returned after a hiatus. American History through Cooking, Pilates, Screenwriting, Technopolitics and more. Pathfinders - Art

Expected in the coming year. Screenwriting, plus a handful in development



SMC EMERITUS: WESTSIDE GUIDE AD



EMERITUS
A Program of
Santa Monica College

SMC Emeritus, a program of Santa Monica College for adults, offers **over 160 FREE classes** at the Emeritus Campus and convenient locations throughout the community, including Malibu. Come acquire new skills, learn healthy living strategies, express your artistic side, and meet others who share your interests. We are currently offering **in-person, online, and hybrid classes**.

FREE classes for anyone with a California address.
Tell your friends, families, and neighbors!

- Computer
- Health and Wellness
- Home Economics
- Music
- Political Science
- Studio Arts
- Theater Arts
- and much more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Phone: **310-434-4306**
Website: smc.edu/emmeritus
Office: **1227 Second St., Santa Monica**

Scan for website

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

We also offer 8 art gallery exhibits, 4 concert band performances, 2 theater troupe performances, 2 journals, and much more every year!

SMC Emeritus is a free noncredit program, and does not earn you academic credit toward a college degree.
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Other Emeritus Marketing

College App Social Media Marketing (along with SOCE, CommEd, and, of course, Credit.

Literature for Medical Offices

Handbills, Business Cards and Brochures for Word-of-Mouth marketing

Spectrum TV ad spot forthcoming

Malibu Moves (10/24-25), YMCA Health Aging Fair (11/16) & Other Community Events

Establishing collaboration with AARP for all of their CA members



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Santa Monica College Ad

Be a mensch...enrolling all Zeydes and Bubbes and anyone else with an appreciation for Yiddishkeit...Enroll in our FREE Yiddish Literature course and other options in our adult learning program and keep your mind and body active!

[Learn more](#)

EDUCATION

Yiddish Literature

EMERITUS

Free Lifelong Learning Classes! In-person and Online!

[Learn more](#)

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SMC EMERITUS: STUDENT SNAPSHOT

DEMOGRAPHICS & EDUCATION

3,333 students in each report (FY 2526)

77.14% Female students

75.22% Bachelor's degree or higher

57.91% Ages 71–85

GEOGRAPHIC REACH

Fall 2026 ZIP-code report

2,943 Total count in ZIP-code report

1,034 ZIP codes 90401–90406 combined

82 ZIP code 90265

Report totals differ. The demographic and education screenshots do not show a term.

DIAGRAM OF NONCREDIT

CREDIT

Certificates
AA/ADT
Transfer Prep
Career Prep
Not Free

Continuing Ed.

24 programs in ESL &
Short-Term Vocational
Workforce Prep
FREE

EMERITUS

Noncredit/FREE
specifically 55+
Non-vocational
No certificates

COMM ED

Fee-Based



FOUR WAYS TO LEARN AT SMC

	CREDIT	NONCREDIT		NOT-FOR-CREDIT
PROGRAM	Credit	School of Continuing Education (SOCE)	Emeritus (a Noncredit program operating separately from SOCE)	Community Education
COST	Tuition / fees	Free	Free	Class fees (Market Rate)
COLLEGE UNITS	Earns college credit	No college credit	No college credit	No college credit
MAIN PURPOSE	Degree and transfer preparation Career preparation	English language skills Career preparation College preparation Pathway into Credit	Lifelong learning and enrichment for older adults	Personal enrichment Some professional Development Some Career prep
WHO IT SERVES	Students pursuing college or career goals	Open to all Californians' 18+ Open Entry/Open Exit	Designed for Active Adults, Open to all Californians' 18+ Open Entry/Open Exit	Anyone who pays No residency restriction
AWARDS	Degrees and credit certificates	Certificates of Completion Certificates of Competency	No certificates	Not-for-credit classes A la carte add-on options PLUS – potential to recruit former CommEd students into SOCE & Credit
DUAL ENROLLMENT	YES	YES. 53620, 76001(a)		
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT	YES	YES	YES	
CAREER EDUCATION	YES	YES	N/A	

Explore learning opportunities for every stage of life.

Your goals may be academic, career, personal, or still developing. Wherever you are starting from, Santa Monica College has a path for you without breaking the bank. Low-fee and free options are available. Choose from over **200+ Associate degrees, certificates, and transfer programs.**

Credit Programs:

HIGH SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

- Students in **grades 9-12**
- Earn college credit with **tuition-free classes** at SMC

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Students in **grades 9-12**
- Take college-level classes at your high school

CAREER EDUCATION

- **100+** career-focused programs
- Complete in as few as **1-4 semesters**

BACHELOR'S DEGREES AT SMC

- Earn a Bachelor's degree at a much lower cost
- Programs include **Interaction Design (IxD)** and **Cloud Computing** (application opens in fall)

Other Programs:

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

- **Free** certificate programs and courses
- Adults **18 and older**
- Focused on career readiness, college preparation, and ESL

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

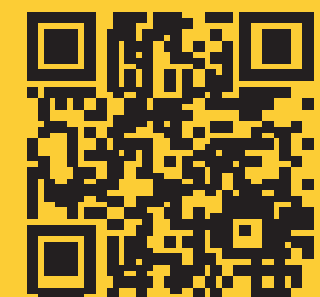
- **Fee-based** classes for enrichment and personal growth
- Online, hands-on, and self-paced learning

EMERITUS PROGRAM

- Designed for adults **50+** (open to anyone 18+)
- **Free** lifelong learning courses

Learn more at:

smc.edu/ForEveryone



MALIBU MOVES 2026

OCTOBER 24–25

Zuma Beach, Malibu

A weekend of walking, running and community activities for people of different experience levels.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Expo and community programming

1 Mile Zuma Dash and 1K Kids Run

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

6 a.m.–1 p.m.

Half Marathon, 10K and 5K

Post-race beach festival

SMC Emeritus is fielding a team and exhibiting.

[2026 Malibu Moves Signup – SMC Emeritus – Fill out form](#)

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/v5CrUNQXDu>

Sources: Malibu Moves 2026 Sponsorship, pp. 4, 16; Exhibitor & Vendor, pp. 2, 6.

THE CASE FOR EMERITUS PARTICIPATION

EMERITUS

Free lifelong learning for older adults

Health and human development sit alongside the arts and other subjects. Classes and campus activities offer ways to stay engaged.

Longtime Emeritus footprint within Malibu

**Participation extends the spirit of lifelong learning beyond the classroom.
Great way for SMC to be seen within the Malibu community**

MALIBU MOVES

Inclusive movement with a community purpose

The event welcomes walkers and runners of all levels and supports local nonprofits serving schools and community recovery.

WHY FIELD AN EMERITUS TEAM?

**A shared experience gives students
a way to connect outside class.**

MOVEMENT WITH PEERS

A common event can encourage participation and strengthen friendships without making speed the focus.

A VISIBLE EMERITUS COMMUNITY

Students can represent lifelong learning in public and share what Emeritus means to them.

Suggested approach: choose suitable distances and welcome supporters as well as walkers and runners.

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