

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Program Description

Non-Credit instruction provides students with access to a variety of courses at no cost to assist them in reaching their personal, academic and professional goals. MSJC offers noncredit programs of two or more courses to prepare students for employment or to be successful in college-level credit coursework. Career Development and College Preparation certificates are offered in several areas of study.

Adult Education offers high school equivalency courses or GED courses to obtain their high school equivalency certificate.

Non-Credit Certificates of Competency

- ABE-GED Preparation Certificate of Competency NC.GED
- ESL - Advanced Certificate of Competency NC.ESL.ADVANCED
- ESL - General Certificate of Competency NC.ESL.GEN
- ESL - Multi-Level Certificate of Competency NC.ESL.MULTI

Non-Credit Certificates of Completion

- Basic Principles and Occupational Skills for Early Childhood Educators Certificate of Completion NC.ECE
- Construction Technology Certificate of Completion NC.CT
- Culinary Arts Certificate of Completion NC.CA
- Digital Communication Certificate of Completion NC.DC
- Health Careers Certificate of Completion NC.HC
- Light Duty Automotive Services Certificate of Completion NC.AUME
- Truck Driver Training and Occupational Skills Certificate of Completion NC.TDT

Non-Credit Certificate of Competency

ABE-GED Preparation Certificate of Competency

The ABE-GED Preparation Certificate of Competency is designed to prepare students to take a high school equivalency exam, a battery of five comprehensive examinations that when passed, offer an HSE certificate. Instruction leads to a mastery of capacities necessary to effectively pass an HSE exam. Course emphasis is on developing algebraic reasoning and written fluency of the English language. Language functions and structures are integrated within academic topics ranging from vocational, civic, social and behavioral, and scientific areas.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ABE-930	Adult Basic Education (ABE) (formerly ABE-001X)	0
GED-931	General Educational Development	0

ESL - Advanced Certificate of Competency

The ESL - Advanced Certificate of Competency prepares advanced level ESL students with the English language and skills needed to function independently in English in a variety of life skills and academic situations. The program focuses on the acquisition of reading, writing and speaking skills needed to function independently at work, school and in the community. Foundation skills are emphasized through instructional methods, exercises and interactive activities that provide opportunities for students to develop a variety of competencies.

Course	Title	Credits
ESL-920	Non-Credit ESL Advanced 1 (formerly ESL-009X)	0
ESL-921	Non-Credit ESL Advanced 2 (formerly ESL-010X)	0

ESL - General Certificate of Competency

The ESL - General Certificate of Competency prepares beginning and intermediate level ESL students with the English language skills needed to function independently in a variety of life and academic situations. The program focuses on the acquisition of reading, writing, and speaking skills needed to function independently at work, school, and in the community. Foundational skills are emphasized through instructional methods, exercises, and interactive activities that provide opportunities for students to develop a variety of competencies.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ESL-903	Non-Credit ESL Beginning 3 (formerly ESL-006X)	0
ESL-904	Non-Credit ESL Intermediate 1 (formerly ESL-007X)	0
ESL-910	Non-Credit ESL Multi-level 1 (formerly ESL-011X)	0

ESL - Multi-Level Certificate of Competency

The ESL - Multi-Level Certificate of Competency prepares beginning, intermediate and advanced level ESL students with the English language and skills needed to function independently in English in a variety of life skills and academic situations. The program focuses on the acquisition of reading, writing and speaking skills needed to function independently at work, school and in the community. Foundation skills are emphasized through instructional methods, exercises and interactive activities that provide opportunities for students to develop a variety of competencies.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ESL-910	Non-Credit ESL Multi-level 1 (formerly ESL-011X)	0
ESL-911	Non-Credit ESL Multi-Level 2 (formerly ESL-012X)	0

Non-Credit Certificates of Completion

Basic Principles and Occupational Skills for Early Childhood Educators Certificate of Completion

The Basic Principles and Occupational Skills for Early Childhood Educators Certificate of Completion offers the foundational basic skills required of a career in the Early Care and Child Development field. It is required for students to complete both NC/CEP-971: Principals of Early Care and Child Development and NC/CEP-972: Occupational Skills for Early Childhood Educators. Topics include employer expectations, understand basic childcare facilities standards and work policies, identify basic development stages, technology skills, interview preparation, professionalism, effective verbal and written communication, self reflection of self and career awareness, computer skills, and employment communication. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals, develop action plans, identify places to volunteer, develop and demonstrate occupational skills and complete job searches. Program completers will be able to navigate the TEDS certificate requirements, move into TEDS credit courses and obtain access to entry level employment. Program completers will be able to access entry level employment as childcare employees, daycare teachers, preschool teachers, teacher assistants, paraeducators, paraprofessionals, educational assistants, instructional assistants, special education aides, special education paraprofessionals, special education teacher assistants, and teacher aides.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Develop career awareness in the field of Early Care and Child Development.
2. Develop occupational competencies related to early childhood development careers.
3. Exhibit employability skills such as communication, problem solving, leadership, teamwork, and technical skills needed for a diverse workforce.
4. Engage inclusive, respectful communication with others.
5. Assess personal interests, aptitudes, and abilities needed in the childcare profession.
Demonstrate effective communication skills for working with children and adults that are from diverse cultures, social, economic backgrounds, languages and abilities.
6. Formulate and support decisions based on ethical judgement in a childcare setting.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CEP-971	Principles of Early Care and Child Development	0
CEP-972	Occupational Skills for Early Childhood Educators	0

Construction Technology Certificate of Completion

The Construction Technology Certificate of Completion offers the foundational skills involved in both residential and commercial construction. Topics include safety, tools and materials, and applied mathematics for construction. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals and develop action plans, job search, and career skills. Attainment of this certificate will provide students access to entry level employment in various construction trades provided by an employment partnership with the Southwest Mountain States and the Regional Council of Carpenters.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CEP-954	Introduction to Construction	0
CEP-955	Residential Construction	0
CEP-956	Commercial Construction	0

Culinary Arts Certificate of Completion

The Culinary Arts Certificate of Completion offers the foundational skills required of cooks and food preparation workers in the restaurant industry. Topics include an introduction to various cooking methods and the development of knife/cooking skills. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals, develop action plans, and job search and career skills. Program completers will be able to access entry level employment as cooks and food preparation workers in the local community.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CEP-980	Introduction to Culinary Arts 1	0
CEP-981	Introduction to Culinary Arts 2	0

Digital Communication Certificate of Completion

The Digital Communication Certificate of Completion offers the foundational computer related skills involved in digital media. Topics include navigating files, using Photoshop, understanding copyright laws, writing for a digital audience, and communicating using digital imagery. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals, develop action plans, and job search and career skills.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CEP-965	Principles of Digital Communication 1	0
CEP-966	Principles of Digital Communication 2	0

Health Careers Certificate of Completion

The Health Careers Certificate of Completion offers the foundational skills required of workers in the health care industry. Topics include CPR techniques, diagnostic testing, vital signs, care regimens, disease prevention, workplace practices, health care communications, behaviors of medical teams, medical terminology, human anatomy, and functions of cells, microorganisms, and tissues. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals, develop action plans, and job search and career skills. Program completers will be able to access entry level employment as home care aides, medical assistants, medical secretaries, OT aides, patient service representatives, and medical scribes.

Course	Title	Credits
CEP-974	Introduction to Health Careers 1	0
CEP-975	Introduction to Health Careers 2	0

Light Duty Automotive Services Certificate of Completion

The Light Duty Automotive Services Certificate of Completion offers both theoretical and hands-on training options in the Automotive industry. Topics include: Lube & Oil, Brakes & Tires and Basic Tune-ups. This program prepares students to enter into the job market as technicians skilled in maintenance and light automotive repair. Participants will also learn to establish short and long term career goals, develop action plans, job search and career planning skills. In order to keep up with the technological advances and continued expansion of the automotive industry, students will learn basic computers skills. Program

completers should be able to find employment as a well-trained entry level technicians in the automotive industry

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
AUME-904	Light Duty Automobile Service Technician (formerly ABE-004X)	0
CEP-950	Career Enhancement Skills (formerly CEP-001X)	0
CEP-970	Basic Computer Skills for Business (formerly CEP-005X)	0

Truck Driver Training and Occupational Skills Certificate of Completion

This Certificate of Completion is tailored for noncredit students aspiring to enter the trucking industry. It combines two essential courses to provide a thorough preparation for a career in trucking. The first course focuses on developing foundational communication, organizational, and customer service skills critical for success in the trucking field. Students will gain a clear understanding of the requirements for obtaining a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) and will be equipped with the occupational skills necessary for a smooth transition into the workforce. The second course is designed to offer comprehensive training for obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) in order to drive a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). Students will receive practical experience in maneuvering and handling commercial vehicles, mastering the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), and performing routine vehicle maintenance. Upon completion of this certificate program, students will be well-prepared to pursue employment opportunities in the trucking industry, with both the foundational skills and practical expertise required to excel.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will develop occupational competencies related to the trucking industry.
2. Students will demonstrate effective communication skills for working with others from diverse cultures, social and economic backgrounds, languages and abilities.
3. Students will formulate and support decisions based on ethical judgement in emergency and non-emergency situations.
4. Students will demonstrate an understanding of federal and state regulations governing commercial trucking.
5. Students will develop and exhibit safe driving habits to ensure overall road safety.
6. Students will develop and implement communication strategies that embrace diversity and inclusion within the trucking industry.

Course	Title	Credits
CEP-990	Commercial Driver's License Training for Truck Drivers	0
CEP-991	Occupational Skills for Truck Drivers	0