CHAPTER 6: Educational Program
BOARD POLICY NO. 6.90 (BP 4400)

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San Mateo County Community College District

Subject: 6.90 Community Education Classes
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1. The Board of Trustees authorizes the offering of fee-based community education courses and programs in a "not for credit" mode to respond to community and institutional needs through the Community, Continuing and Corporate Education Department.

2. The Colleges of the District may offer community, continuing and corporate education or personal enrichment classes in subject matter areas that, in content or depth of treatment, are appropriate to supplement not appropriate for college credit but are appropriate to the functions and mission of the Colleges and District, and have broad community appeal or fulfill a specific and significant community educational or service need.

3. A community continuing and corporate education class may qualify for continuing education units (CEUs) upon certification of a specified minimum number of hours of instruction approved or accepted by State licensing or regulatory agencies and/or professional associations.

4. Community, continuing and corporate education classes, programs, and activities shall be adapted to the needs, interests and desires of various segments of the community served by the District and shall draw upon the various resources represented in the total academic community of each College. Close liaison and cooperation shall be maintained with interested community groups in the planning, organization and implementation of these programs.

4. A list of new community, continuing and corporate Education classes and programs will be provided to the District Academic Senate president by the Executive Director or their designee via email.

5. Community, continuing and Corporate Education offerings shall be closely coordinated with the College President to avoid unnecessary duplication and to prevent problems relating to the use of facilities. Potential conflicts between the programs that cannot be resolved by the College President and the Vice Chancellor of Auxiliary Services and Enterprise Operations will be referred to the Chancellor.

5-6. Criteria for community, continuing and corporate education classes:

a. The community education program determines that the instructor of record has demonstrated expertise in the subject.

b. The class shall not require an official student performance evaluation although student evaluations are often conducted at the conclusion of each class, program or activity.

c. The class shall be coordinated with appropriate College administrators.
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d. The class shall not unnecessarily duplicate local adult education and recreational programs.

e.g. The class shall require formal registration.

6.7. Classes and programs Community education may be offered at various locations in the county to achieve geographical balance in program offerings.

7. Fee-based community education classes, programs and activities shall be self-supporting. Students involved in community education classes shall be charged a fee(s) for the class, program or activity not to exceed the cost of maintaining the classes, to ensure the overall viability of the program. Classes may also be offered for remuneration by contract or with contributions or donations of individuals or groups.

Registration fees and instructor remuneration shall be calculated based upon total direct and indirect costs of the program involved and the anticipated enrollment.

8. Instructor compensation, class fees and any materials fees will be negotiated with the instructor and established by Community, Continuing and Corporate Education.

9. Community education offerings shall be closely coordinated with appropriate College administrators to avoid unnecessary duplication and to prevent problems relating to the use of facilities.

Community, Continuing and Corporate Education may provide customized training to companies, organizations or cohorts. The process may involve creation of new courses, revision of existing course outlines, special assistance with registration and assessment, or consultation to define specific training needs. In recognition of these special activities, the College may contract with the company or organization to deliver specified services. These contract education activities are generally closed to the public.

10. Community, Continuing and Corporate Education will offer not-for-credit, customized programs to support workforce development efforts at the colleges including the creation of programs working with college staff that begin as not-for-credit programs and development into credit programs offered by the college.

10.11 The Board shall approve community education offerings each semester. The Board shall approve Community, Continuing and Corporate Education offerings. Additionally, the Chancellor or his/her designee shall establish procedures to provide guidance on the day to day operational guidelines for the program.