



Career Options through Academic Support and Training Programs



Animal Care



Art



Culinary



Drama



Guest Services



Horticulture



Music



Porter



Creative Arts

What is COAST?

COAST stands for Career Options through Academic Support and Training. The COAST Program at Coastline College consists of several different vocational certificate programs. The purpose of the program is to provide job training (in a specific field with demonstrated demand) as well as employability skills training. The COAST Program, at Coastline's Newport Beach campus, was launched in 2018, made possible through the California Adult Education Program Grant. Since 1977, Coastline College, a public community college, has provided hundreds of classes for students with disabilities in its department of Special Programs and Services for the Disabled.

Animal Care Program

Students will learn basic care for a variety of common and exotic animals found throughout Orange County. Students will have the opportunity to take part in Animal First Aid training, basic grooming and training skills, exotic animal care and animal advocacy/conservancy skills. Classes will be held both at the Coastline College campus in Newport Beach and locally throughout Orange County at appropriate animal training sites including zoos, farms, wetlands, equestrian centers, and beachside.

Art Program

Students will learn the basics of two and three-dimensional artistic practices, stagecraft, and gallery exhibition. Classes are held at the Coastline Community College campus in Newport Beach and utilize the state-of-the-arts lab classrooms and prestigious Coastline Gallery.

Culinary Basics Program

Students will develop basic assessment, knowledge, and techniques required in the modern food industry. Integrated kitchen experience includes aspects of food handling with an emphasis in safety and hygiene. Students will also train for the California Food Handlers Certification.

Drama Program

Students will learn acting basics, technical theater basics, and how to succeed in the industry. Classes will be held at the Coastline College campus in Newport Beach and locally throughout Orange County at appropriate theater training sites, including professional and community theaters. In addition to learning the basics of the theater industry, students will have the opportunity to take headshots, identify appropriate casting calls, volunteer as stage crew for a production, develop an audition piece, and engage in a capstone performance.

Guest Services Program

Students will learn basic guest services skills. Students will learn entry-level skills and responsibilities required to work in the expansive hotel and resort environments throughout Orange County.

Horticulture Program

Students learn to grow and care for drought tolerant, ornamental, and edible plants as well as basic grounds keeping skills for a variety of career options such as residential and commercial gardening, grounds keeping or landscaping.

Music Basics Program

Students will enroll in a series of courses which will include participation in a final collaborative performance. Some students may come into the program with performance experience and may develop some performing skills during this coursework, but it is not the emphasis of this program. Talent in performing is not a prerequisite for this vocational program. The program will be most suited to students who have a passion for music, who want to work amongst musicians, and who want a career supporting music-making in the community.

Porter Program

Students will develop basic assessment, knowledge, and techniques of residential and commercial custodial caretaking. Integrated field experience includes an exploratory survey of typical hands-on and mechanized job tools and duties.

Creative Arts

Students who complete the Certificates of Completion in Art, Drama, and Music will be awarded the Certificate of Completion in Creative Arts.