

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is ROP?

Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is a career and technical education program that prepares students for successful careers through classroom instruction, hands-on training, on-the-job internships, job placement assistance and career guidance.

Who can take ROP classes?

ROP prepares high school-aged youth and adults of all economic levels for careers in Orange County's high demand occupations. CCROP serves the areas of Garden Grove, Orange, and Santa Ana. Enrollment priority is as follows:

1. Continuing ROP students (teens and adults)
2. High school aged students
3. Adults living within CCROP's service area.
4. Adults living outside CCROP's service area.

It is the policy of CCROP that no person shall be excluded from the participation in career technical education programs on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability.

Why enroll in an ROP class?

- To develop skills for employment
- To explore and prepare for new careers
- To prepare for higher education
- To earn high school credits (*high school students only*) and for some courses, community college credit
- To upgrade existing skills for job stability or a promotion
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When and where are ROP classes held?

ROP classes are offered during summer, fall and spring semesters and differ in length. Weekday, evening and Saturday classes are available (*see page 1 for start and end dates*). Classes are held at ROP Centers, on high school campuses and in local businesses (*see locations/map on pages 4-5 of Class Schedule*).

What is unique about ROP?

- ROP course outlines are reviewed by business leaders.
- ROP teachers are industry-experienced and credentialed.
- ROP teaches students how to seek and retain jobs.
- An ROP Certificate, listing competencies achieved, is awarded to students who successfully complete ROP training.
- ROP training is hands-on.
- ROP classrooms have up-to-date equipment and materials.
- Some ROP courses are articulated with local community colleges.

How do I register for ROP?

(*See page 1 of Class Schedule for specific dates.*)

High school students register at their high school Career Center or counseling office. Adults register at the ROP Center offering the class. Locations are listed next to the course in this Class Schedule. In most cases, registration takes place a week or more before classes begin. Registration is on a walk-in only basis.

What is the cost?

ROP is a tuition-free training program funded by the State of California. Some classes have minimal costs for industry-specific supplies, tests and uniforms which is indicated in the course description.

Why should I take ROP if I'm going to college?

Whether a student plans to go to a university, college, or directly into the workforce, effective job skills and experience are an asset. ROP courses may give students an edge in obtaining entrance into a variety of related college and university majors. Some of our courses are UC approved.

Does ROP offer on-the-job training?

Many ROP classes include Community Classroom site (*unpaid on-the-job internship*) opportunities. Additionally, Cooperative Career Technical Education (CCTE) can combine paid employment with weekly classroom instruction.

What type of job placement assistance does ROP provide?

Students learn how to develop a resumé, dress professionally, interview and seek employment. Each ROP campus has a Career Center for current and former ROP students. A Job Placement Office is located at the Lincoln Education Center in Garden Grove (714) 663-6201.

Are there any limitations/restrictions on adult participation?

Current state regulations limit/restrict adult participation in ROP courses taught on high school campuses during the school day.

Central County ROP cannot guarantee that any class primarily serving adults will operate beyond the current term.