



# National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction *Bulletin*

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*“Translating noncollegiate learning into college credit recommendations while increasing access to Higher Education for working adults”*



## **“Finish What You Started”**

[California Coast University](http://www.californiacoast.edu)

(CCU) is a leader in

Distance Learning Education. The University was founded in 1973, and has since been committed to meeting the needs of qualified, highly motivated persons whose geographic, professional, or personal time constraints keep them from completing their education in traditional, on-campus programs.

CCU was founded to serve the needs of experienced men and women from all areas of business, industry, education and others who, for various reasons, never finished earning their degree, or whose degree was not balanced with their professional background and experience. In the early 1970s the founders of CCU interviewed hundreds of displaced business, engineering, and aerospace executives who were having great difficulty re-entering the job market because they did not hold appropriate academic degrees. Many of these people were highly qualified executives, managers, department heads, and engineers who, for one reason or another, were never able to complete college, and now, as adults, found it impossible to return to the traditional university system.

California Coast University’s programs are oriented toward mid-career adults and working professionals who are looking for a realistic method for completing their education without returning to the traditional classroom setting. The study programs offered at CCU provide students with all the necessary materials and guidance to assist them in organizing and focusing their efforts for optimum results. CCU awards appropriate recognition for prior occupational and educational achievements that help students meet their personal educational goals and objectives within a reasonable period of time.

The University offers undergraduate degree programs in Business Administration, Management, Psychology, Health Care Administration, and Criminal Justice, as well as graduate degree programs in Business Administration, Education, and Psychology. The University’s programs are self-paced and each provides students with the necessary tools, support and guidance to help them complete their degree programs.

Thirty-five years later, CCU now serves the educational needs of students in all fifty states and many foreign countries. The student body has over 8,000 actively enrolled students at any one time. CCU’s motto, ‘Finish What You Started,’ encompasses the University’s continual effort to help all students achieve their academic goals.

## Reach Out to Adult Learners



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## Check Out Our New Link



## On the Road Again...



### **Apex Technical School**

Revalidating college credit recommendations every five years for member organizations is a feature of the National PONSI evaluation process. In early March, National PONSI staff traveled to New York City to re-evaluate the Combination Welding Technology Program for

[Apex Technical School](#) in Manhattan. The objective of their welding program is to train students to acquire the skills and competencies in the use of gas and electric welding processes to weld, cut or braze various metals and in the reading of blueprints for metal design and fabrication. Upon satisfactory completion of training, students will be qualified to assume an entry-level position in the welding and metalworking industries.

The evaluators were Chris Mignier, Assistant Professor, Welding Program, SUNY Delhi and Joseph Kass, Welding Instructor, Department of Marine Engineering, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Representing Apex Technical School were several senior officials and administrators including: Department Head Herman Mc Rae; School Director David Coffey and School Dean Stuart Markowitz.



David Coffey, Herman Mc Rae, Prof. Mignier and Prof. Kass (l to r)



### **North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System Center for Emergency Medical Services Training Institute**



Established in 1988, the [North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System Center for Emergency Medical Services Training Institute](#) offers Paramedic

training, as well as Emergency Medical Technician Basic and refresher courses. Revalidation of credit recommendations previously established for five courses was conducted as part of National PONSI's five-year revalidation process.

To confirm that college credit recommendations should continue to apply, curriculum materials and student completed and graded examinations were reviewed over the day-and-a-half site visit to their facility in Syosset, Nassau County, New York.

Representing the organization were Glenn Schaefering, Course Sponsor Administrator; James Roth, Operations Officer; and Jeffrey DePrima, Paramedic Program Director.

Representing the National PONSI evaluation team were Robert Elling, Instructor, Paramedic Program, Hudson Valley Community College and Robert Rajsky, Paramedic Program Coordinator, Corning Community College.



Suffolk 911 First Response and the Communications Center at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System Center for Emergency Medical Services Training Institute

### **Did You Know...**

- After ravaging the real estate and financial markets, the subprime mortgage mess is about to collide with the student-loan industry. Experts have been nervously watching the growing credit crisis and now predict that parents and students will have more difficulty borrowing to pay for college this year. (<http://www.naicu.edu/>)

- To project how much college will cost, go to [http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/college\\_cost.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/college_cost.jsp) and use the "College Cost Calculator."

### **Quotes of the Month...**

*"Education comes from living life, following passions, accessing information, observing, reflecting, and being inspired by wise and courageous elders in the community."* Claire Aumonier

*"There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide."* Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."* B.B. King



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These Colleges and Universities have Profiles on our Website that Highlight the Special Degree Options and Services They Offer to Working Adults and Nontraditional Students

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[Arkansas State University](#)

State University, AR

[Bethel University](#)

St. Paul, MN

[Biola University](#)

La Mirada, CA

[Briarcliffe College](#)

Bethpage, NY

[California Coast University](#)

Santa Ana, CA

[Central Michigan University](#)

Mt. Pleasant, MI

[Charter Oak State College](#)

New Britain, CT

[Chestnut Hill College](#)

Philadelphia, PA

[Chicago State University](#)

Chicago, IL

[Cleveland Institute of Electronics](#)

Cleveland, OH

[Columbia Southern University](#)

Orange Beach, AL

[Delaware County Community College](#)

Media, PA

[Dowling College](#)

Oakdale, NY

[Empire State College](#)

[\(State University of New York\)](#)

Saratoga Springs, NY

[Excelsior College](#)

Albany, NY

[Golden Gate University](#)

San Francisco, CA

[Immaculata University](#)

Immaculata, PA

[Indiana University](#)

Bloomington, IN

[LaRoche College](#)

Pittsburgh, PA

[Manhattan College](#)

Riverdale, NY

[Marian College of Fond Du Lac](#)

Fond Du Lac, WI

[Marist College](#)

Poughkeepsie, NY

[Mercy College](#)

Dobbs Ferry, NY

[Molloy College](#)

Rockville Centre, NY

[Monmouth University](#)

West Long Branch, NJ

[Montana State University-Billings](#)

Billings, MT

[The New School for General Studies](#)

New York, NY

[Northeastern University School of Professional and Continuing Studies](#)

Boston, MA

[Nova Southeastern University](#)

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

[Nyack College](#)

Nyack, NY

[Oakland City University](#)

Oakland City, IN

[Saint Joseph's College of Maine](#)

Standish, ME

[Siena College](#)

Loudonville, NY

[Skidmore College - University Without Walls](#)

Saratoga Springs, NY

[Thomas Edison State College](#)

Trenton, NJ

[University of Baltimore](#)

Baltimore, MD

[University of New Orleans](#)

New Orleans, LA

[Upper Iowa University](#)

Fayette, IA

[Viterbo University](#)

La Crosse, WI

[Western International University](#)

Phoenix, AZ

[Western New England College](#)

Springfield, MA

[World College](#)

Virginia Beach, VA



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**Who we are:** Created in 1973 as a program of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, the National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (**National PONS I**) evaluates courses and examination programs offered by noncollegiate organizations nationwide and internationally and makes recommendations on their comparability to college-level instruction.