Allan Hancock College Community Education enrolls approximately 6,000 noncredit students each semester. Its purpose is to complement and expand the activities of the college by meeting the educational, cultural, and life-enriching needs of the community.

Community Education (noncredit) classes are categorized into 10 different areas: Basic Skills, Citizenship, Adults with Disabilities, English as a Second Language (ESL), Health and Safety, Home Economics, Older Adults, Parenting, Vocational Education, and Workforce preparation. The program also offers Community Service (self-supporting, fee-based) classes.

Types of classes offered within these categories include—but are not limited to—educational bus trips, International Film Series, Noncredit Career Development Certificates, computers, cooking and nutrition, needle arts, exercise, jewelry making, landscaping, painting, photography, art, career training, job skills, fitness, music, dance, personal development, and College for Kids.

Community Education offers classes at more than 40 locations in the Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Ynez valleys. Classes are open-entry, open-exit, and available to anyone age 18 or older.

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Community Education

Clothing Construction and Clothing Alterations

• Noncredit Career Development Certificates

Clothing Construction

The certificate in clothing construction prepares students for entry-level employment as a:

- Sample sewer for fashion design
- Tailor’s assistant
- Sample sewer for small manufacturer
- Alterationist
- Production sewer for cottage industries
- Theatrical costume stitcher

The certificate meets the needs of entry-level sewing students and is designed for noncredit students who wish to transfer to a credit degree program, upgrade job skills, start their own business, or enter a new career.

Clothing Construction (HOEC Home Economics)

Six core courses* constitute the certificate. All courses require a $5 materials fee.

Total hours required: 368

HOEC 7100A: Beginning Clothing Construction* 64 hours
HOEC 7101A: Clothing Construction 2* 64 hours
HOEC 7103A: Clothing Alterations* 64 hours
HOEC 7105A: Sewing with Special Fabrics* 64 hours
HOEC 7108A: Serger Sewing* 48 hours
HOEC 7115A: Fitting and Pattern Alterations* 64 hours

HOEC 7100A: Beginning Clothing Construction

Begin with the first steps of selecting fabrics and patterns and making adjustments for good fit. Hand and machine sewing techniques appropriate for beginners are demonstrated and practiced. Learn time-saving methods that use modern notions and equipment and provide professional looking results.

HOEC 7101A: Clothing Construction 2

Building on the basics, students learn a wider variety of techniques demonstrated for greater creativity and problem solving while working with a broader range of styles and fabrics. With the goal of gaining confidence and skill, students practice with special sewing machine feet, the overlap/serger, creative stitches, and special tools.

HOEC 7103A: Clothing Alterations

Students develop practical skills in fitting, altering, and restyling ready-to-wear clothing for women, men, and children. Students learn the basics of altering clothing for clients, with an emphasis on building speed and increasing fit expertise. Client relations, pricing of services, and further education needed to own an alterations business are discussed.

HOEC 7105A: Sewing with Special Fabrics

Students explore the history and characteristics of a wide range of fabrics including silk, faux fur, leather, lace, and many more, to understand how to use these special fabrics effectively in clothing design and construction. Students learn how to select styles, choose tools, and apply specialized sewing methods for each fabric.

HOEC 7108A: Serger Sewing

Students of all sewing levels learn how to use a home serger/overlap and coverstitch machine to achieve professional-looking seams, hems, and garment details while significantly saving time and effort. Students start with the basics of

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Elective (from list below).

HOEC 7115A: Fitting and Pattern Alterations
Students learn to recognize perfect fit and apply a logical system of measuring, altering patterns and fitting garments for any body type. Students create a master bodice and skirt or pants pattern to use as a reference point for quickly altering any other pattern, or as a master pattern for custom designs.

Complete three additional courses and receive the Clothing Alterations Certificate:

Clothing Alterations

The certificate in clothing alterations prepares students for employment as an alterations small business owner, bridal alterationist, tailor, or fitting specialist. The certificate meets the needs of entry-level students and is designed for noncredit students who wish to transfer to a credit degree program, upgrade job skills, start their own business, or begin a new career.

Completed core courses* plus one elective course^ constitute the certificate. All courses require a $5 materials fee.

Total hours required: 544-560 (depending on elective chosen)

Complete all courses in the Clothing Construction Certificate, plus the following two additional core courses and one elective (from list below).

Additional Core Courses:

HOEC 7108A: Modern Tailoring Techniques^ 48 hours
Students practice tailoring techniques that are faster and easier than traditional tailoring methods, yet yield professional, well-fitting results. Through use of fusible interfacings, fashion industry short cuts, precise sewing, and couture details, students create a custom-made, tailored jacket that will provide many years of use.

HOEC 7112A: Clothing Construction 3^ 64 hours
Students learn how to plan, fit, and sew challenging projects that may include tailored garments, formal wear, or student’s own designs. Building support and shape into garments, customizing patterns, and applying couture and designer techniques are practiced. Surface embellishment and structural design features are shown to inspire student creativity.

Electives (Choose one):

HOEC 7102A: Sewing Studio – Open Lab^ 64 hours
Students have access to modern sewing machines and equipment to create sewn items of their choice in an open lab/studio setting. Instructor provides individualized assistance, as needed, and demonstrates techniques relating to student interests.

HOEC 7110A: Embroidery Machine Basics^ 48 hours
Course introduces the basics of using a computerized home embroidery machine to produce professional results that rival those seen in stores. Using stabilizers, selecting threads, combining designs, and making templates are demonstrated. Methods of using the machine to create appliqués, lace, and fine cutwork are practiced.

HOEC 7111A: Creative Sewing^ 48 hours
Students develop general sewing techniques and skills necessary for well-fitting garments and desirable gifts. Students increase confidence as they develop talent in combining fabric and sewing skills with art for creative expression. Students may select projects of their choice or those provided by the instructor.

HOEC 7167A: Sewing for the Home^ 48 hours
Students learn how to sew fine quality, soft home furnishings for creative expression and cost savings. Students learn how to take measurements, select fabrics, and coordinate colors and patterns for a given room or space. Projects including pillows, window treatments, table décor, bed covers, and seating cushions are demonstrated.

All required courses must be completed, and students must attend 75 percent of each required course. Courses must be completed within three years of the certificate petition date. The Certificates of Completion are issued once all requirements are met.

Credit Certificates of Achievement and Degrees

Transfer to a credit class! The credit department also offers certificates of achievement and/or degrees in the following related areas:
• Certificate of Accomplishment in FCS – Fashion Merchandising
• A.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences – Fashion Studies
• A.S. and Certificate of Achievement in FCS – Interior Design Merchandising

Classes relating to fashion and design include Historical Fashion/ Costume, Apparel Construction, Professional and Personal Apparel Selection, and Textiles.

Schedule an appointment

To schedule an appointment with a counselor to petition for a certificate or to learn more about the program, call 805.922.6966 ext. 3740.

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