Search for these classes online

1. Go to www.hancockcollege.edu
2. Click Class Search
3. Highlight/Select Term, then Community Education
4. Select VOCE Community Ed (NC) in the Subject area
5. Click Submit

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.

For more information

Visit us at Community Education (bldg. S) on the Santa Maria campus.
805.922.6966 ext. 3209
communityeducation@hancockcollege.edu
www.hancockcollege.edu/communityeducation

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.

Allen Hancock Joint Community College District is committed to the active promotion of diversity and equal access and opportunities shall be offered to all programs and activities by the District. The college assures that no person shall be discriminated against because of race, color, ancestry, religion, gender, national origin, age, physical/mental disability, medical condition, status as a Vietnam-era veteran, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Allan Hancock College will provide, upon request, alternate translation of its general information documents in large print, Braille, e-text, etc. Please call (805) 922-6966 ext. 3788.
Floral Design

Students receive in-depth, comprehensive training to prepare for entry-level employment in the retail floral industry, craft and specialty shops, or to use in the home. Emphasis is placed on mastering floral design techniques using fresh, treated, and dried floral products. Plant and flower care, floral terms, and plant identification are some of the basics covered. Employment opportunities include working with wholesale florists, flower shops, and floral designers. The floral design field has extended opportunities in catering events, holiday decoration and design, and product display in garden centers, floral shops, and full-service shopping centers.

Floral Design
(VOCE Vocational Education)

Three core courses* and one elective course^ constitute the certificate. All courses require an $80 materials fee.

Total hours required: 96

VOCE 7400B: Beginning Floral Design*
24 hours • Materials Fee: $80

VOCE 7401B: Beyond the Basics*
24 hours • Materials Fee: $80

VOCE 7402B: Beyond the Basics II*
24 hours • Materials Fee: $80

VOCE 7404B: Special Events^*  
24 hours • Materials Fee: $80

VOCE 7405B: Floral Seasonal Celebrations^*  
24 hours • Materials Fee: $80

VOCE 7400B: Beginning Floral Design
Develop a designer’s eye for floral artistry and learn to create attractive floral arrangements. Learn about design concepts such as color, line, texture, and shape. Also, learn plant identification, care, and seasonal availability of various flowers and greens. Students create arrangements to take home weekly.

VOCE 7401B: Floral Design: Beyond Basics
Build on skills learned in Beginning Floral Design by practicing new techniques while refining your eye for design. Continue exploring color, line, texture, and shape. Experiment with new ideas and watch your confidence and creativity bloom. Students create arrangements to take home weekly.

VOCE 7402B: Floral Design: Beyond Basics II
This course introduces more advanced floral design techniques and color theory, while students increase independence and creativity in their floral designs. Students create arrangements to take home weekly.

VOCE 7404B: Floral Design: Special Events
Learn the delicate art of transforming flowers and greenery into small-scale arrangements to be worn on clothing or larger-scale items to be used as décor for special events, such as parties or weddings. Principles of design, especially as they relate to smaller scale projects, are examined. The instructor presents a variety of hand-made, floral-inspired gift items and party or wedding favors. Students create arrangements to take home weekly.

VOCE 7405B: Floral Seasonal Celebrations
Learn to create festive floral designs for the season through the use of fresh flowers, greenery, and decorative items. Design concepts such as color, line, texture, and shape are demonstrated. Projects include centerpieces, novelty designs, permanent botanicals, and fresh florals, all with a seasonal theme. Students will create arrangements to take home weekly.

All required courses must be completed, and students must attend 75% of each required course. Courses must be completed within three years of the certificate petition date. The Floral Design Noncredit Certificate of Completion is issued once all requirements are met.