



COLLEGE
of the DESERT

Palm Springs Campus People, Pathways and Pipelines

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Traditional and Non-Traditional Students

Traditional Students

- Arrive at college directly out of high school
- Not employed
- Part-time
- On track toward 2 year degree or transfer to 4-year college or university

Non Traditional Students

- Older
- Delayed enrollment into post-secondary education
- Attending college part time
- Working full time
- Financially independent for financial aid purposes
- Has dependent other than a spouse
- Single parent
- Does not have a high school diploma (completed with GED)
- More likely to attend community college

The Average Community College Student in 2023 Is Non Traditional

- Are age 27
- 30%+ are the first in their families to attend college
- 16% are single parents

At College of the Desert: Majority of Students Are Non-Traditional

- 30% Full-Time (Spring 2023)
- 59% Part-Time (Spring 2023)
- 11% Non-Credit (Spring 2023)
- 70% are age 20 and above
- A third work full time
- 80% are first in family or generation to attend college
- 50%+ work more than 20 hours a week

Modalities

Virtual

- Synchronous: Virtual but classes meet at specific times/days
- Asynchronous: Virtual and students can participate anytime

Face to Face

- Face to Face: In person
- Hybrid: A combination of in-person and virtual meetings
- HyFlex: Students have the choice to attend in person or virtually throughout the course



Types of Offerings

General Education for Credit

Career Education for Credit

Non-Credit (Adult Education and CTE Certifications)

Not for Credit (Community Education and Customized Training)



Partnership and Community Education (PaCE)

- Allied Health Training
- Digital Arts and Media Skills Training
- Veterinary Tech Training
- Hospitality Ambassador Training
- Banquet Server Training
- Cannabis Training
- Emerging Leaders Training
- Summer Robotics Camp
- Learning in Retirement