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North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) has been cultivating change since 1974 with educational programs and services including high school completion, English-language acquisition, vocational training, and self-development programs. NOCE serves 28,000 students annually, ranging from preschoolers to seniors, at three Center locations, online and at more than 100 off-campus community locations. Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and part of the California Community Colleges system, all NOCE courses are approved by the state of California.

The North Orange County Regional Consortium for Adult Education (NOCRC) is tasked with expanding and improving adult education in North Orange County. Established in 2014 as a result of California legislation AB86, NOCRC is comprised of community colleges, K-12 school districts, county offices of education, and other community partners.

Disability Support Services ARISE Hub



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I like the ARISE Hub because it is a safe space where you can be yourself. It is also a good place to socialize with others and talk through issues you may be having.”

—David Barrios, ARISE Hub participant



ARISE Hub Boosts Success

The ARISE (Academics, Relationships, Independence, Self-Advocacy, Emotional Health) Hub provides specialized support for students experiencing stressors from academic and campus life. The ARISE Hub was designed to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and has expanded to support students with mental health needs, anxiety, and stress. The Hub has proven beneficial to students from all North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) programs.



The ARISE Hub is a sensory-friendly space where students can decompress, seek guidance, and socialize with peers. The Hub offers individual and group support. Staff provide services and resources that support the educational, vocational and personal goals of students. Approximately 97,000 California public school

students were diagnosed with ASD in 2018, according to California's Department of Education. Recognizing the growing need for support services for these students, NOCE, a member of the North Orange County Regional Consortium (NOCRC), created the specialized hub that is run by a full-time counselor and student services specialist. Supported by the Disability Support Services (DSS) Workgroup, the ARISE Hub is one of many DSS programs offered to students at NOCE.

After the opening at the NOCE Anaheim Campus in 2016, The ARISE Hub has expanded to the NOCE Cypress and Wilshire Centers. Recently, NOCE has collaborated with Cypress College to open an ARISE Hub that serves both NOCE and Cypress College students. In the Spring of 2020, the ARISE Hub added a full array of online student services including counseling, group sessions, instructional support and wellness services.

ARISE Lab Services



The ARISE Hub and its services are designed to be holistic and accessible, providing students with a stress-free, welcoming environment.



Students have an opportunity to develop executive functioning, decision making, problem solving, social, organizational, and communication skills.



Since it opened, the ARISE Hub has supported hundreds of students in pursuing their academic goals.

DSS Workgroup at NOCRC

NOCRC's Disability Support Services (DSS) Workgroup continually researches and reviews the needs of students in the region, providing recommendations for new implementation strategies. Recently the workgroup has focused on student mental health and reducing the stigma around mental health. DSS supports students in achieving their educational, vocational, and personal goals.



The ARISE Hub helps me calm down on my roughest days. The staff is always helpful and they let me use the fidgets, which help me relax. I love the social groups."

—Elana Lassman, ARISE Hub participant



The ARISE Hub features quiet spaces, student computers, and a variety of decompression tools such as art supplies, stress balls, fidget cubes, and headphones. Students can also participate in social groups and workshops through the ARISE Hub. Personal planning, and de-stigmatization of the conversation around mental health.