

A Team Approach for Success



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Check the **NOCE class schedule** to see what **I-BEST offerings** are currently available!

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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 and 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 a regional education consortium tasked with helping to expand and improve 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.

North Orange Continuing Education
Integrated Basic Education Skills
and Training (I-BEST)



The curriculum is the same. The syllabus is the same. The texts are the same as in a non-I-BEST class. The only difference is that students who need it have double the support with this extra instructor.”

—Kenneth Kiesselbach
Special projects manager for NOCRC



Two Instructors Provide Twice the Support

I-BEST program is a unique team-teaching approach that assists students who are capable of mastering the coursework with some assistance.

In an I-BEST course, the occupational instructor is paired with a basic skills instructor. North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) has incorporated the I-BEST program within its career education courses. The team-teaching approach allows the occupational instructor to teach the technical information, while the skills instructor helps those lacking in certain skills by breaking down concepts. These skills instructors are most often needed to assist with ESL (English as a second language), but helping students who lack computer, communication, and study skills is essential as well.

While the I-BEST students complete the same coursework, they get double the support. The goal of the I-BEST program is to help students complete the training and/or certification they need to be successful in the workforce.

NOCE has been using the I-BEST model in its career education classes since 2015 and is one of the first educational sites in California to offer I-BEST classes. I-BEST is supported through funding from the California Adult Education Program (CAEP) and administered by the North Orange County Regional Consortium for Adult Education (NOCRC).

Advantages of I-BEST

As part of an I-BEST course, you can get assistance to:



Improve your study habits and learning techniques



Receive individual attention to learn at your own pace



Adjust to being in a classroom, especially if it has been a while since you have been in school



Ask questions of the I-BEST instructor individually, without having to engage the whole class



Enhance your communication skills, note-taking skills, and vocabulary skills



Complete your career courses, while you continue to advance skills in other classes, such as ESL classes



Increase the likeliness that you will successfully complete your courses and your certificate program



There is no cost to participating in the I-BEST courses

Opportunities Across Disciplines

I-BEST courses are available in the following career education programs:

- » **Business Information Worker**
- » **Early Childhood Education**
- » **Management**
- » **Medical Assisting**
- » **Pharmacy Technician**
- » **Administrative Professional**

I-BEST-equipped classes are clearly marked on the course schedule that is posted each term. Counselors might also recommend an I-BEST course to a student if they believe it can be helpful. Approximately 200-300 students take advantage of the program each term.

