



Rancho Santiago Community College District Adult Education Program Just the Facts, 2015

Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is the only adult education program provider serving the cities of Orange and Santa Ana. The educational programs directly relate to the community needs and open the door to English language literacy, basic skills education, secondary education, and short-term career technical training leading to viable employment in a variety of occupations. This factsheet demonstrates RSCCD's contribution and commitment to adult education.

Higher Education is Associated with Higher Earnings*

\$290,000 the amount a high school graduate will earn more than a dropout

\$11,000 the average amount community college graduates earn more per year than high school graduates

\$20,000 the average amount those with an Associate's degree earn more per year than those without a high school diploma

Community Needs** (Cities of Orange and Santa Ana)

23% households are linguistically isolated (no one in households age 14 or over speaks English "very well")

44% residents of Orange and Santa Ana's population are foreign born, predominantly from Mexico

40% of adults 25 and over do not have a high school diploma (double California's 20%)

13% unemployment

RSCCD Adult Education Program

37,195 students enrolled in 2011-2012

3rd largest community college adult education program in California

24% (n=8,888) of students enrolled in RSCCD's college credit program were previous students in the adult education program

900+ new students matriculate from RSCCD's adult education program to the college credit program every fall semester

2,530 sections offered (English as a Second Language, Career Technical Training, High School Diploma Program, Adult Basic Education, Health & Safety Education, Parenting, and Citizenship)

6,952 FTES (full-time equivalent students) generated

204 high school diplomas awarded

160 students earned a GED

25,584 course completions

5,915 Career Development and College Preparation (CDCP) certificates awarded

21,057 CASAS*** learning gains

*Source: *The Socioeconomic Benefits Generated by Orange County's Community Colleges*, Orange County Business Council, 2012

**Source: *American Community Survey, 2005-09, California State Library by Stanford Center on Longevity, 2011*

***The *Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS)* is an assessment tool used in California to measure gains in student learning.