

MiraCosta College shall offer an adult high school diploma, a noncredit certificate of competency, and a noncredit certificate of completion. Noncredit educational programs leading to a certificate shall be approved by the college curriculum committee and the district board of trustees. Program and graduation requirements shall be published in the college catalog and in other resources that are convenient for students.

The high school diploma may be awarded to students who have completed 160 credits, with at least 20 credits in residence, and who have demonstrated competence in reading, writing, and mathematics at a level generally accepted as appropriate for awarding a high school diploma. Students must also complete all content area standards and other adult high school diploma requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55154.

Noncredit certificate-of-competency programs shall be designed to articulate with degree-applicable coursework, completion of an associate degree, or transfer to a baccalaureate institution. Students may be awarded a noncredit certificate of competency upon successful completion of at least two noncredit courses in a prescribed pathway that has been approved by the Chancellor's Office. The awarding of a noncredit certificate of competency confirms that a student enrolled in a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses has demonstrated achievement of a set of competencies that prepares the student to progress in an academic career path of degree-applicable credit courses.

Noncredit certificate of completion programs shall be designed to lead to improved employability or job opportunities. Students may be awarded a noncredit certificate of completion upon successful completion of at least two noncredit courses in a prescribed pathway that has been approved by the Chancellor's Office. The awarding of a certificate of completion confirms that a student has completed a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses that prepares the student for improved employability or job opportunities.

The superintendent/president shall establish procedures to determine noncredit educational program requirements that include appropriate involvement of the college curriculum committee.

See Administrative Procedure 4100C.