

WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

Professionals in the water/wastewater industry protect our most precious natural resource on a daily basis, and nothing is more vital to the state's economic development and quality of life than water and wastewater services.

Careers in this area include the administration, operation, and maintenance of drinking water and wastewater facilities, drinking water distribution systems, and wastewater collection systems. What's more, a career in the water/wastewater industry offers job security and many opportunities to advance.

Be part of this exciting transformation and enroll in our award-winning program today.



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ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide variety of areas such as automotive technology, child development, web design, and more. Classes are just \$46 per unit, and many programs may be completed in as little as a year.

Projections through 2025 indicate a need for 1.5 million workers with some postsecondary education (but less than a bachelor's degree). Career education is vital to bridging this gap, because it provides a pathway to good-paying jobs and supplies the kind of hands-on, practical training employers demand.

So what are you waiting for?
For more information about Career Education programs at Cuyamaca College, visit the web at Cuyamaca.edu/career-education.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us to learn more about the Center for Water Studies program at Cuyamaca College.



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ABOUT CENTER FOR WATER STUDIES

Help protect the world's most precious resource. That's what water and wastewater professionals do on a daily basis, which is why the Center for Water Studies at Cuyamaca College offers you a future you can count on.

The program is the oldest and most comprehensive of its kind in the California Community Colleges system. It is home to the new Field Operations Skills Yard – a fully operational water and wastewater system that offers hands-on training for students. We work closely with our industry partners to develop our curriculum, and our former students are employed at water and wastewater agencies throughout the country, helping to protect our water supply and environment.



WHAT YOU CAN EARN

Water/wastewater treatment and systems operators earn an average annual wage of more than \$66,000 in San Diego County, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Entry level jobs pay anywhere from \$18 to \$28 per hour.



AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS IN THIS PROGRAM

- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Distribution Operator
- Utility Worker
- Backflow Program Manager
- Water Quality Analyst
- Cross Connection Control Specialist
- Reclaimed Water Specialist
- Valve Technician

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES FROM THE CENTER FOR WATER STUDIES

Associate in Science Degree and
Certificates of Achievement

- Backflow and Cross Connection Control
- Water Resources Management
- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Distributions Systems Operations
- Wastewater Collections Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Operator

Certificates may be secured within a year; associate degrees may be secured within two.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"Choosing which career path to take was a pivotal moment in my life. I wanted a career that was challenging, had good benefits, involved skill, required a variety of work, and allowed me to work outdoors. After a lot of research, I found the Water/Wastewater industry satisfied all of those requirements. Starting courses at the Center for Water Studies was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The courses were challenging but the content was interesting and enjoyable. The professors equipped me with the proper knowledge and industry skills so that I passed my state exam my first attempt, landed an internship within six months, and began working at a Water Municipality within a year. I now have a job I am passionate about in an industry that has endless opportunity."

-Sarah M. Hargis

HOW TO APPLY AND ENROLL

- ✓ Find class schedules and links to apply at gcccd.edu/now
- ✓ Log into **WebAdvisor** and register for classes
- ✓ Pay fees and **attend your classes!**

