

IMPACT REPORT

2024–2025

In response to the evolving landscape of higher education and workforce development, UC San Diego has strategically repositioned its Division of Extended Studies to embrace lifelong learning. This transformation represents a shift in the approach to professional and continuing education on one side, while exemplifying how DES's capabilities can effectively address other critical community needs on the other, thus aligning with the university's strategic goals.

On any given day, you might find a retired engineer participating in our Osher program, a mid-career professional upskilling in data science, or a recent graduate exploring the paralegal certificate program. The partnership with Google and the San Diego Workforce Partnership illustrates how DES responds to individual and employer needs. This program provides flexible, accessible training in business intelligence, front-end development, healthcare administration, and wireless communications, with no upfront costs. Students receive real-world training, career support, and job search assistance, opening doors to new opportunities in the tech industry. With nearly 100 certificates and over a thousand courses, our programs serve the diverse needs and goals of our global community of learners and ensure a skilled workforce.

The Division's impact extends beyond workforce development to address societal issues. The Women in Leadership event, organized with Sally Ride Science, highlights the Division's role in promoting diversity and inclusion in leadership, empowering women within the community. Similarly, the Parent and Caregiver Education (PACE) program illustrates how the Division fosters systemic change by equipping families with knowledge and resources to support students, creating networks of educational advocates that ripple through local schools and neighborhoods. We serve the global community through UC-TV and UCSD-TV broadcasting unbiased information on various topics from careers to medicine, exposing over one million subscribers to new cultural experiences. We explore vital issues through joint research with community partners, such as our work on juvenile diversion with the National Conflict Resolution Center or examining career trends that inform new programs.

Serving approximately 50,000 learners annually, the Division's diverse portfolio ranges from professional certifications to personal enrichment courses. This breadth of offerings positions it as a vital player in the regional economic ecosystem while enhancing community resilience.

In essence, the UC San Diego Division of Extended Studies has evolved into a multifaceted entity that transcends traditional boundaries of continuing education. It functions as a catalyst for innovation and community engagement. By integrating lifelong learning with a focus on community benefit, the Division addresses complex societal challenges and contributes meaningfully to the region's economic vitality.



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SERVING A GLOBAL AUDIENCE

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STUDENT STATS

46,790

Number of Students

- 82,947 Annual Total Enrollments
- Serving the Nation: our courses are offered in 35 U.S. states

SATISFACTION SCORES

STUDENT



Course Satisfaction



Instructor Satisfaction

ALUMNI

86%

"As a result of my certificate, I possess the skills and knowledge to succeed."

80%

"Believe I gained a good return on my original financial investment."

COURSES & CERTIFICATES

2,148

Number of courses

1,505

Number of certificate completions

Course Modality

- Online: 5,035 89%
- On Ground: 550 10%
- Hybrid: 44 1%

FACILITY INFORMATION

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DEDICATED FACILITIES



LA JOLLA *NEW* at 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive



UC SAN DIEGO PARK & MARKET



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TOP CERTIFICATES & COURSES

TOP 5 CERTIFICATES COMPLETIONS

- Copyediting
- College Counseling
- Paralegal Studies
- Project Management
- Gifted and Talented Education

TOP COURSE ENROLLMENTS

- Biochemistry
- SEL/Wellness Teachers and Students
- Organic Chemistry
- Growth Mindset (K-12)
- Focused Interventions K-12

UC San Diego EXTENDED STUDIES

ACADEMICS

96 Academic Certificates available

Specialized: 59 Advanced: 2 Professional: 35

CERTIFICATE INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Leadership
- Data Analysis & Math
- Digital Arts
- Education
- Engineering
- Environment & Sustainability
- Healthcare
- Languages & English Learning
- Leadership & Management Program
- Law
- Occupational Safety & Health
- Pre-College
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Technology
- Writing

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The **Center for Research + Evaluation** provides comprehensive outcomes evaluation for community partners, including private companies such as UnitedHealth, workforce and economic development boards, and grant-funded programs. The team tracks workforce trends and conducts market research to inform the development of innovative training and educational programs, helping partners make data-driven decisions and achieve real-world impact.

Pre-College programs such as Academic Connections, provide enriching experiences for students in grades K–12, designed to get a head start on college preparation. Programs include in-depth academic courses, research opportunities, STEM exploration, hands-on career pathway training, and test preparation, all led by dedicated instructors. Students can earn college credit, conduct real-world research, and develop critical thinking skills while participating in in-person and online formats tailored to diverse learning goals.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: Post-retirement education for **700+ members**, offering **70+ unique programs per quarter**.

UCTV: Educational programming for **1.3M YouTube subscribers (1K Spanish)**, **1.5M on-demand users**, and **6M+ monthly page views**; launched Visual Production Services in 2024.

Public Events: The acclaimed **Helen Edison** and **Burke** lecture series, as well as concert series, are routinely organized and sponsored by the Division as part of our Service to the community.

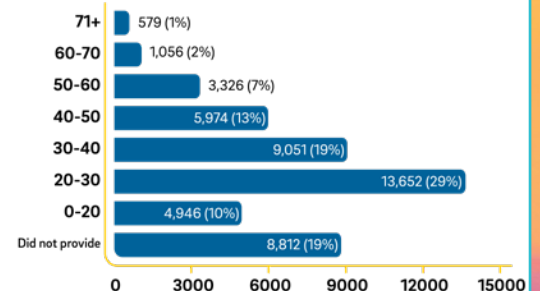
REGIONAL IMPACT

San Diego is a hub for Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Extended Studies helps prepare a skilled workforce.

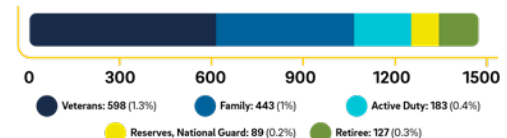
- 38 Corporate and community partners, representing Professional Services, Biotech, Manufacturing, Government, International, Municipalities (City and County), Medical Device, Research, Healthcare, Education, and Utilities, locally and globally.
- 40+ University partners
- 13,000 Students enrolled in Professional, Scientific and Technical Services courses in the past 5 years, providing skilled workers for 40K job openings in fast-growing industries

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE CATEGORIES



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STORIES OF SUCCESS

STUDENT SUCCESS



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EXTENDED STUDIES

1,251 INSTRUCTORS

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT



Kristina Chamberlain is a nurse-midwife, lactation consultant, and clinical program director with Lactation and Perinatal Education Programs and Certificates. Her day includes supporting new families, training future healthcare professionals, and advocating for breastfeeding-friendly spaces.



GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS

43

Workforce Development custom certificate programs, serving more than 500 learners.

895

Scholarship Recipients

\$432,288

Distributed in total

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Academic enrichment and career pathway opportunities to prepare K-12 students for college.

- Research Scholars
- Problem Solve Like an Expert—partnership with Jacobs School of Engineering at UC San Diego
- Conservation Leadership Program—partnership with Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego
- Sally Ride Science
- Futures
- Test Prep
- Tutoring Services
- Custom-built programs for school districts

INDUSTRY PARTNER QUOTE

Dexcom is a Strategic partnership with UC San Diego's Lean Six Sigma program: "I highly recommend the UC San Diego program because we have seen it work. Year by year, we have seen that return of investment increase. The project bandwidth has increased. By just running the first year with five cohorts of the Lean Practitioner Certification training, we have had at least 50 projects...which are giving an ROI of a minimum of \$50k per project."

— Phaniendra Somraj, Senior Staff Program Manager, Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Dexcom