



The Career Adult Program (CAP) was established in September 2000 in conjunction with Coastline Regional Occupational Program, and is located in Costa Mesa. CAP is a year long transition program designed for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students who have completed high school coursework, and continue to need additional training as they prepare for full-time employment and living independently within the community. Lessons in functional academics and hands-on experiences provide students with the skills and practice they will need to become successful adults.

Students participate in the development of their Individual Education Plans and Individual Transition Plans. Specific components of the plans include functional reading, English, math, mobility training, and job coaching. The IEP/ITP team meets in October to develop goals and objectives, and again in May, to determine the progress of each student. The CAP activities include trips to support service providers and guest speakers from a variety of agencies in the local community. Students are awarded their High School Diplomas or Certificates of Completion at the final meetings.



Transportation is provided by a shuttle system that brings students from University High School to the Costa Mesa site and vice versa. Riding OCTA or Access are a viable options for many of the CAP students who prefer to be independent. The functional academic component is taught by a certificated Teacher of the Deaf.

Students are co-enrolled in the Coastline Regional Occupational Program, Diversified Service Careers. The focus of this program is learning employment skills and training in the community at a variety of off-campus sites. Students have the opportunity to explore careers in occupations such as animal care, food service, maintenance, retail, hospitality, assembly, clerical, and library services. After initial classroom instruction, students intern at local businesses. Successful students are frequently offered positions both part-time and full-time. Interpreters and job coaches are available both in the classrooms and at training sites.

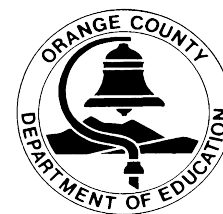
CAP students are proactive in developing plans for the future and establishing agency connections which include Department of Rehabilitation, Regional Center, Employment Development Department, OC DEAF, and Goodwill Industries.

**Orange County
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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program**

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The success of CAP is dependent upon the collaborative efforts between the staff at CAP and the staff at Coastline Regional Occupational Program. We thank them for their positive outlook and continuous efforts to provide training in employment skills for our students.



CAREER ADULT PROGRAM



Vision: Developing Independence through Education

Mission: Maximizing each student's potential for employment, independent living, and making responsible choices