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### **CCOE Adult Education Program Earns WASC Accreditation on Initial Application**

Angels Camp – The Calaveras County Adult Education Program, operated by the Calaveras County Office of Education (CCOE,) has earned highly regarded WASC Accreditation. After an exhaustive application, a site visit and a comprehensive review, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has determined that CCOE’s Adult Education Program meets all the necessary criteria to become accredited.

Adult Education Program Coordinator Jared Hungerford learned the news this week. “We are honored to receive this recognition of our program quality and this opportunity for continuous program improvement,” Hungerford said.

Accreditation means that students graduating with their diploma through CCOE’s Adult Education Program will have the option to apply directly to a four-year college, enter various branches of the military, and/or have a stronger start in the work force. Accreditation also requires the accredited program to undergo comprehensive and rigorous review every three years to ensure it maintains accreditation standards.

Funding for most Adult Education Programs statewide was cut during the last recession. CCOE brought back its Adult Education Program in 2015 when Assembly Bill 86 specifically earmarked renewed funds for adult learning. After a year of regional and local planning, CCOE’s new Adult Education Program launched in 2016 with 23 adult students, six of whom earned high school diplomas. The program’s enrollment has increased rapidly and is currently at 91 students, with nine students having earned their diplomas already this school year.

CCOE expanded its Adult Education Program in 2017 by adding a special education teacher to support adult students with IEP’s (Individual Education Plans.)

“CCOE’s Adult Education team is dedicated to helping all interested community members earn their high school diplomas and transition to work or to further education,” said Hungerford. The program is free to the public and offers flexible, individualized programs.

Calaveras Adult Education also offers ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for community members. These classes are held at various locations in order to serve different geographic areas and cater to student availability. Classes are designed for students of all English language skill levels.

For more information regarding adult education, earning a high school diploma or ESL classes, please contact Jared Hungerford at [jhungerford@ccoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:jhungerford@ccoe.k12.ca.us), call 209-736-6046, or visit [www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/adulteducation/](http://www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/adulteducation/)

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