

**Project Specialist (MESA Program - IVC)**  
**South Orange County Community College District**

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**Job Title** Project Specialist (MESA Program - IVC)

**Department**

**Institution** South Orange County Community College District  
Mission Viejo, California

**Date Posted** Mar. 18, 2025

**Application Deadline** Open until filled

**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Professional Staff

**Academic Field(s)** Administration - Other

**Job Website** <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/socccd/jobs/4872675/project-specialist-mesa-program-ivc>

**Apply By Email**

**Job Description**

**Application Instructions:**

- Complete all sections and fields on the application and attach all required documents – incomplete applications may not be considered.
- Include all relevant education, training, and/or experience on the application.
- Do not include any personally identifiable, confidential, or otherwise unrequested information that does not pertain to job related factors (e.g., social security number, date of birth, pictures, etc.) on your application or attached documents.

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- For job postings with a close date, all applications received by 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) on the job posting close date, will receive consideration.
- For job postings with an initial screening date, all applications received by 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) on the job posting initial screening date, will receive priority consideration; however, typically the job posting will remain open, and continue to accept applications, until the position is filled.
- For job postings requiring professional references, include at least three (3) professional references from the following categories:

1. Current department chair(s) (for faculty) or supervisor(s);
2. Previous department chair(s) (for faculty) or supervisor(s) (from within the past five (5) years);
3. Master's thesis or Doctoral Dissertation advisor or supervisor (for faculty);
4. Colleague(s) or co-worker(s) who can address professional competency and skills relevant to the position; and/or
5. Other professional references.

Please note, professional references are typically contacted when a candidate is selected for, or as a finalist for, a position.

## **Description**

Supports the MESA team with clerical support including maintaining student records, running reports, organizing schedules, maintaining budget expenditures, and supporting the implementation of student activities.

### **Description of Duties and Tasks:**

- Performs very complex office duties in support of faculty, staff, and/or student efforts, including word processing, data entry, maintaining files, processing mail, and duplication; receiving, prioritizing, and responding to incoming

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correspondence, requests, reports, and telephone, or email contacts.

- Expedites the processing of documents or other items requiring action, assesses and works with other staff and community members to resolve issues from students, employees, and the public regarding college activities.
- Organizes and maintains schedules, calendars, and appointments including meetings and events, and the detailed arrangements associated with such including preparing or providing agendas, minutes, equipment, location, information packets, and follow-up action items.
- Performs complex computer activities including word processing, data processing, scheduling processes, and visual and graphic presentations.
- Coordinates and maintains operating budgets. Receives and processes requests for budget expenditures such as travel, equipment purchases, and funds for other activities and events.
- Establishes and maintains files, logs, and other tracking systems for a variety of information, projects, and events; may update the website or use social media.
- Coordinates special projects including researching and analyzing information and data; interpreting and applying policies and procedures, and/or recommending alternative solutions based on information gathered.
- Supports the implementation and execution of student activities at the MESA Center.

**Knowledge:**

- College operations, organization, policies, and procedures.
- Records retention, preservation, and recording.
- Principles and methods of budget preparation and expenditure control.
- Office management processes and procedures.
- Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary.

**Skills:**

- Maintaining an established work schedule.
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.
- Effectively using interpersonal and communications skills, including the use of tact, diplomacy and confidentiality.
- Effectively using organizational and planning skills, including the use of intense attention to detail and follow-through.
- Compiling and organizing complex material, summarizing discussions and actions taken in report form.
- Reviewing and preparing narrative and statistical reports and records.
- Interpreting and applying rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

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- Analyzing situations accurately and adopting an effective course of action.

## Supplemental Information

Work Schedule: **TBD** – Schedule and shift vary and are subject to change in accordance with the department's needs.

Hours per Week: Up to **25**

### Employment Conditions and Information:

This is a short-term, temporary, hourly Non-Bargaining Unit (NBU) assignment, not to exceed 160 days and 960 hours per fiscal year (July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>). **Short-term, temporary NBU positions may only be used on an intermittent, seasonal, or project basis.** Education Code Section 88003 states "Short-term employee means any person who is employed to perform a service for the district, upon the completion of which, the service required or similar services will not be extended or needed on a continuing basis."

After successful completion of the onboarding requirements, an individual may be employed by the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) as a short-term, temporary NBU employee. Employment will be on an "if and as needed" basis, as determined by the SOCCCD. The assignment may be shortened or extended at any time, due to departmental needs, with little to no notice. NBU employment is at-will, and either party may terminate this working relationship at any time. Neither party shall be required to provide any reason for the separation. NBU employees shall not have reemployment rights or recourse to petition to be reinstated.

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NBU employees are limited to working in a single position for a single department and site (assignments are onsite only).

NBU employees are paid on a monthly basis. The payroll reporting period is from the 15<sup>th</sup> of the first month to the 14<sup>th</sup> of the second month. NBU employees are paid on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the third month.

**Example:** For the following reporting period: September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, the NBU employee will be paid on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

NBU employees who work more than 1000 hours per fiscal year are required to contribute to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), through payroll deduction. The SOCCCD does not intend to employ NBU employees for more than 960 hours during any fiscal year.

**Special COVID-19 Notice:**

Interviews may be held in-person (following all necessary precautions) or in a virtual format. Employees must reside in California while employed with the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD), even during offsite work.

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The SOCCCD is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of students, faculty, staff, managers, and the communities it serves. More information can be found on the SOCCCD website by visiting <https://www.socccd.edu/communications/covid-19-information>.

**Notice to all Candidates for Employment:**

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603, requires that employers obtain documentation from every new employee which authorizes that individual to accept employment in this country. The SOCCCD will not sponsor any visa applications.

**California Public Employees Retirement System and California State Teachers Retirement System:**

A California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) retiree may not accept employment until after the first 180 days of retirement. Anyone retired from CalPERS accepting permanent employment with the SOCCCD will be required to reinstate as an active CalPERS member. Please contact CalPERS for additional information regarding your retirement status.

Any active vested member of California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS), who accepts employment with the SOCCCD to perform service that requires membership in CalPERS, is eligible to elect to continue retirement system coverage under CalSTRS

**Disability Accommodations:**

If you require special accommodations in the application and/or evaluation process, please notify Human Resources at least two (2) business days prior to the job posting close or initial screening date, by either calling (949) 582-4850 or sending an e-mail to [hrrinfodesk@socccd.edu](mailto:hrrinfodesk@socccd.edu).

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**Attendance Requirement:**

All SOCCCD employees are required to report to work on a regular and consistent basis, as scheduled, to assigned job.

**Campus Crime and Safety Awareness:**

Information regarding campus crime and safety awareness can be found at [www.ivc.edu](http://www.ivc.edu) or [www.saddleback.edu](http://www.saddleback.edu). Paper copies are available in the Human Resources office upon request.

**Non-Discrimination Notice:**

The SOCCCD provides access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnicity, color, medical condition, military and veteran status, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or because they are perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

**California Fair Chance Act:**

The SOCCCD will consider qualified applicants with a criminal history pursuant to the California Fair Chance Act. You do not need to disclose your criminal history or participate in a background check until a conditional job offer is made to you. After making a conditional offer and running a background check, if the SOCCCD is concerned about a conviction that is directly related to the job, you will be given the chance to explain the circumstances surrounding the conviction, provide mitigating evidence, or challenge the accuracy of the background report.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Equal Employment Opportunity:**

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The SOCCCD is committed to creating an academic and work environment that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and equal employment opportunity (EEO) for all, and ensures that students, faculty, staff, and managers of all backgrounds feel welcome, included, supported, and safe. Our culture of belonging, openness, and inclusion, makes the SOCCCD a unique and special place for individuals of all backgrounds.

The SOCCCD is looking for equity and inclusion-minded applicants who represent the full diversity of California and who demonstrate a sensitivity to the understanding of diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds present within our community. When you join the SOCCCD, you can expect to be part of an exciting, thriving, equity-focused, and inclusive community that approaches higher education with the lens of social justice and collaboration among students, faculty, staff, managers, and community partners. In deciding whether to apply for a position at the SOCCCD, you are strongly encouraged to consider whether your values align with the SOCCCD's mission and goals for DEI and EEO.

**THE SOCCCD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**Contact Information**

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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