

Project Specialist (Short-Term)
South Orange County Community College District

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Job Title Project Specialist (Short-Term)
Department SC - School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Institution South Orange County Community College District
Mission Viejo, California

Date Posted Aug. 8, 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/5036056/project-specialist-short-term>

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.
- 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.

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- 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

Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Under supervision from assigned supervisory or management staff, performs a variety of office support, clerical, and routine secretarial duties of a general or specialized nature in support of the function to which assigned; provides word processing and data entry support; maintains a variety of files and records; and provides information and assistance to students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

May receive technical training and work direction from an academic bargaining unit program supervisor, an executive assistant, or an administrative assistant.

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REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.

Serve as receptionist for the assigned area; receive office and telephone callers; provide material and information in response to requests for information related to the assigned area of responsibility; convey telephone messages; refer callers to appropriate staff for further assistance as needed.

Verify and review materials, applications, records, files, and reports for completeness and conformance with established regulations and procedures; apply applicable policies and procedures in determining the completeness of applications, records, files, and reports; collect and process appropriate information.

Type, word process, and proofread a variety of documents and forms including general correspondence, agendas, reports, and memoranda from rough draft, recordings, or verbal instruction; disseminate information as appropriate.

Maintain accurate and up-to-date files and records for assigned areas; develop and monitor various logs, accounts, and files for current and accurate information; verify accuracy of information, researching discrepancies and recording information; organize and maintain filing systems.

Access student files on computer terminal; input corrections such as status, address, and course changes.

Perform a variety of routine clerical accounting duties and responsibilities involved in financial record keeping and reporting for assigned area; maintains a variety of accounting records, logs, and files; compile information and data for statistical and financial reports; check and tabulate data.

Receive, sort, and distribute incoming and outgoing correspondence.

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Present program information to students and faculty; assist in preparing program materials; receive, sort, and deliver materials.

May prepare a variety of documents for publications and marketing pieces including brochures, flyers, event programs, and related materials.

Maintain office supplies and inventories; order, receive, and maintain office supplies and equipment; prepare and deliver requisitions, purchase orders, and work order forms.

Maintain calendar of activities, meetings, and various events for assigned staff; coordinates activities with others.

Schedule and prepare for a variety of meetings; prepare and distribute agendas; make arrangements for facility usage; attend meetings related to assigned division; take and prepare minutes as assigned; disseminate information as appropriate.

Utilize various computer applications and software packages; maintain and generate reports from a database or network system.

Operate office equipment including computer equipment, typewriter, calculator, copier, and facsimile machine.

Perform related duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following generally describes the knowledge and ability required to enter the job and/or be learned within a short period of time in order to successfully perform the assigned duties.

Knowledge of:

Office procedures, methods, and equipment including computers and applicable software applications such as word processing, spreadsheets, and databases.

Basic principles of business letter writing and basic report preparation.

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Principles and practices used to establish and maintain files and information retrieval systems.

Principles, practices, and procedures of basic fiscal, statistical, and administrative record keeping.

Basic principles and techniques used in public relations including methods and techniques of proper receptionist and telephone etiquette.

Basic mathematical concepts.

Work organization principles and practices.

English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary.

Ability to:

Learn and understand the organization and operation of the assigned program area as necessary to assume assigned responsibilities.

Learn, understand, interpret, and apply general administrative and office policies and procedures.

Learn the methods and standards used in processing College paperwork.

Perform a variety of office support and clerical duties and activities of a general and specialized nature for an assigned office.

Respond to requests and inquiries from students, staff, or the public; effectively present information in person or on the telephone to students, staff or the public.

Use sound judgment in recognizing scope of authority.

Type or enter data at a speed necessary for successful job performance.

Compile and organize data and information.

Maintain filing systems.

Exercise good judgment in maintaining information, records, and reports.

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Plan and organize work to meet schedules and changing deadlines.

Operate office equipment including computers and supporting word processing, spreadsheet, and database applications.

Adapt to changing technologies and learn functionality of new equipment and systems.

Work under steady pressure with frequent interruptions and a high degree of public contact by phone or in person.

Work with and exhibit sensitivity to and understanding of the varied racial, ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation, academic, socio-economic, and disabled populations of community college students.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Report to work on a regular and consistent basis, as scheduled, to assigned job.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education/Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

Experience:

Two years of general clerical experience preferably involving extensive public contact.

License or Certificate:

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A valid California driver's license and proof of insurability may be required for some positions to drive a District or personal vehicle to attend meetings or pick up/deliver documents or other materials.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Working Environment:

Work is performed primarily in a standard office setting. Duties are typically performed at a desk or computer terminal; subject to noise from office equipment operation; frequent interruptions and contact in person and on the telephone with students, academic and classified staff, and others. At least minimal environmental controls are in place to ensure health and comfort.

Physical Demands:

Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in an office setting; to stand or sit for prolonged periods of time; to occasionally stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, reach, and twist; to lift, carry, push, and/or pull light to moderate amounts of weight; to operate office equipment requiring repetitive hand movement and fine coordination including use of a computer keyboard; to verbally communicate to exchange information; and may occasionally travel to other offices or locations to attend meetings or to pick up or deliver materials.

Vision: See in the normal visual range with or without correction.

Hearing: Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.

Supplemental Information

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

Hours per Week: Up to **24**

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 1st through June 30th). **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.

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 1st of the month to the last day of the month. NBU employees are paid on the 10th of the following month.

Example: For the following reporting period: January 1st through January 31st, the NBU employee will be paid on February 10th.

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.

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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 South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) will not sponsor any visa applications.

Employees must reside in California while employed with the SOCCCD.

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.

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:

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Information regarding campus crime and safety awareness can be found at www.ivc.edu or 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:

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.

The SOCCCD is committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed in their classes and as such, to eliminating institutional barriers that disproportionately impact students of color. Irvine Valley College and Saddleback College are deeply committed to fostering an inclusive environment where students, staff, and faculty from diverse backgrounds can thrive academically and professionally.

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Irvine Valley College (IVC) serves approximately 21,584 students, reflecting a rich diversity: 41% Asian, 2% Black/African-American, 21% Hispanic/Latino, 8% Southwest Asian and North African, 5% two or more races, and 21% White in Fall 2024.

Similarly, Saddleback College (SC) serves around 25,789 students, with demographics showing 12% Asian, 2% Black/African-American, 29% Hispanic/Latino, 5% two or more races, and 47% White in Fall 2024.

These numbers underscore the importance of our commitment to eliminating equity gaps across all student demographics through implementing dynamic, student-centered practices and policies. To support the academic and career success of our diverse student body, we seek a candidate who will actively contribute to our mission of inclusivity and support. The ideal candidate's values will align with SOCCCD's goals for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Equal Employment Opportunity (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.

Contact

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