



DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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College of the Desert Capability Statement

Institution: Desert Community College District (aka College of the Desert)

UEI No: RC2NF6BK1LX8 **Cage Code:** 3NFX8 **NAICS ID(s):** 611210 **SIC:** 8222

Federal EIN No: 33-0535430

Certificates, Registrations, Accreditations: ACCJC, AYES, BAR, CAADE, CA Board of Nursing, BVNPT, CCAPP, ATCS, POST, NAEYC, NATEF,

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OVERVIEW

College of the Desert is one of over 115 community colleges in California and a vital part of the world’s largest system of higher education. The college was founded in 1958 and opened its doors for the first time in September 1962. As a two-year college, the College offers transfer students an affordable option for starting college and transferring to a four-year institution. College of the Desert is the number one source of transfer students to California State University at San Bernardino. College of the Desert also offers a number of popular vocational and technical programs, including Nursing and Health Sciences, Digital Design and Production, Turf Grass Management & Ornamental Horticulture, Advanced Transportation Technologies, Culinary Arts, and a full range of Administration of Justice courses at the Public Safety Academy training facility.

RESEARCH CAPABILITIES

Biological Research: Genomics Research.

Astronomy Research: Double star observations, Photometry, and Astrometry.

Space and Planetary Science: Surface and subsurface exploration techniques using drills and penetrometers, Compressive strength testing, Physical and electromagnetic testing of materials.

FACILITIES

Chemistry Laboratory: FTIR, GC, GCIR.

Space and Planetary Science: Environmental chamber (-200 to 500 C)

PAST PERFORMANCE

- NNH18ZHA002N-MISTC – NASA - \$200,000 - Entry, Descent, and Landing Curriculum Development for Community College Students – 2018.
- NNH23ZHA001N-MSTAR – NASA - \$900,000 - A Penetrolyzer for Extracting Oxygen and Hydrogen from Mars Regolith – 2023.

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