

Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) is a state law that makes it easier for nonresident students to afford going to a public college or university in California. It allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition and fees and is also a gateway to meeting eligibility for some types of financial aid.

Undocumented immigrants, U.S. citizens, and Lawful Permanent Residents may be eligible for AB 540 if they meet the requirements outlined below. Individuals with nonimmigrant visas (excluding T- and U-Visa), such as international students or visitors to the U.S., among others, are not eligible.

Noncredit coursework gives students the ability to build their skills in a free no risk environment and can help students establish AB540 status, based on the requirements listed below.

For more information about qualifying for AB 540 and being able to pay in-state tuition at Santa Monica College, please go to: www.smc.edu/residency.

Requirements:

1. Time in California School

- 3 years of high school; or
- 3 years of high school coursework and a combination of 3 years in elementary, secondary, and/or high school; or
- 3 years of high school, adult school, and/or community college (noncredit or credit)
 - **For noncredit courses at a community college and adult school, 420 hours of attendance is the equivalent to one year**
 - For credit courses at a community college, 24 semester (or 36 quarter) completed credits is the equivalent to one year AND only up to two years can be used towards AB 540 eligibility

2. Educational Level Achieved in California

- High school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED, HiSET, TASC)
- Associate degree from a community college
- Having completed the minimum transfer requirements to a UC- or CSU-system university

For more information about meeting requirements for Assembly Bill (AB) 540 and qualifying for in-state tuition in California, please visit Immigrants Rising: <https://immigrantsrising.formstack.com/forms/istt>



ACCUMULATING NONCREDIT HOURS AT SMC

- Hours are verified by attendance or class completion:
 - Full class hours are verified for students who earn a P in a class.
 - *On-Ground & Scheduled Online Classes*: For an incomplete class (SP, NP, W) hours are verified based on the student's hours of class attendance.
 - *Flexible Online Classes*: For an incomplete class (SP, NP, W) hours are verified based on the student's first and last date of enrollment in the class.
- Repeated attempts of noncredit classes can be used towards hours.
- It is recommended that you keep track of your own hours.
- Make an appointment with a noncredit counselor for more information:
<https://smcnoncredit.youcanbook.me/>
- To request a verification of hours, contact noncreditregistration@smc.edu.

Hour Breakdown for Classes/Certificates

ESL

ESL 902-906 - 108 hours
ESL 911-965 - 54 hours
ESL 980 - 64 hours
ESL 994-995 - 26 hours

Intro to Early Care & Education

ECE 901 - 13.5 hours
ECE 902 - 13.5 hours
ECE 903 - 13.5 hours
Total Hours: 40.5

Transition to College & Career

COUNS 901 - 36 hours
COUNS 902 - 18 hours
Total Hours: 54

Bicycle Maintenance

BCYCLE 901 - 36 hours
BCYCLE 902 - 36 hours
Total Hours: 72

Rehabilitation Therapy Aide

HEALTH 900 - 18 hours
HEALTH 902 - 18 hours
HEALTH 904 - 18 hours
Total Hours: 54

Sustainability Assistant

SST 901 - 32 hours
SST 902 - 32 hours
SST 908 - 32 hours
Total Hours: 96

Business Essentials

BUS 901 - 18 hours
BUS 902 - 18 hours
Total Hours: 36

Intro to Working w/ Older Adults

HEALTH 905 - 18 hours
HEALTH 906 - 18 hours
HEALTH 907 - 18 hours
Total Hours: 54

Sustainability in Organics Aide

SST 901 - 32 hours
SST 905 - 32 hours
SST 909 - 32 hours
Total Hours: 96

Customer Service

BUS 911 - 18 hours
BUS 912 - 18 hours
Total Hours: 36

Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification Training

HEALTH 985 - 72 hours
HEALTH 986 - 108 hours
Total Hours: 180

Sustainability Services Technician

SST 901 - 32 hours
SST 904 - 32 hours
SST 906 - 32 hours
Total Hours: 96

Receptionist

BUS 911 - 18 hours
CIS 902 - 27 hours
CIS 903 - 27 hours
Total Hours: 72

Home Health Aide Pre-Certification

HEALTH 987 - 27 hours
HEALTH 988 - 27 hours
Total Hours: 54