

# ACCREDITATION

## College Accreditation

Coastline College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and College.

ACCJC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) as a reliable authority regarding the quality of education offered by the institutions it accredits in keeping with the Higher Education Act of 1965. ACCJC is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), which has established criteria that define a quality review system for accrediting agencies. ACCJC accredits institutions in the United States, its territories, and affiliates, with a primary mission of granting associate degrees; institutions accredited by ACCJC may also award certificates and other credentials, including bachelor's degrees, if those credentials are within the institution's mission and authorized by their governmental authorities. ACCJC may also accredit non-domestic institutions with a primary mission of granting associate degrees. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found on the ACCJC website (<http://www.accjc.org/>). Any questions regarding accreditation, please contact Coastline's Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Aeron Zentner, D.B.A. ([azentner@coastline.edu](mailto:azentner@coastline.edu)).

- ACCJC Complaint Process (<https://accjc.org/complaint-process/>)
- ACCJC Complaint Form (<https://accjc.org/complaints-against-member-institutions/>)

### ACCJC Address / Contact Info

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### American Bar Association: Paralegal Studies Program

Coastline's Paralegal Program has been approved by the American Bar Association since 1985. The American Bar Association approval ([https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/approval-resources/general\\_approval\\_process\\_information/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/approval-resources/general_approval_process_information/)) process can be found in the ABA guidelines most recently published September 2021. Each ABA approved program must go through a re-approval every seven years. An interim report is due to the ABA every three years through that seven-year cycle. Coastline's most recent re-approval occurred in 2021. An interim report will be submitted for approval in 2024. The next cycle for Coastline's ABA re-approval will occur in 2027. A directory of ABA approved programs (<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals/paralegal-resource-directory/>) can be found on the ABA's website. If you have any questions regarding Coastline's ABA approval, please contact program coordinator Stephen Barnes, J.D. ([sbarnes@coastline.edu](mailto:sbarnes@coastline.edu)) or the ABA directly ([https://www.americanbar.org/about\\_the\\_aba/contact/](https://www.americanbar.org/about_the_aba/contact/)).

### National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD): Cybersecurity Program

Coastline's designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) has again been renewed by the National Security Agency (NSA). As the first community college in California to receive this prestigious recognition, Coastline has maintained the CAE-CD designation since 2014. Designated institutions are committed to providing rigorous cyber defense education to help students prepare for

the cybersecurity workforce and secure our nation's infrastructure. CAE in Cyber Defense programs are recognized for excellence in cybersecurity curriculum, innovative approaches to community outreach, and continual improvement. The Associate of Science in Cybersecurity and the extra-curricular activities provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to earn a living wage in today's workforce. The renewed designation will be in effect for the next five academic years through 2029. For more information, visit Coastline's CAE Cyber Center website (<https://www.coastline.edu/academics/specialty-offerings/center-of-academic-excellence-in-cyber-defense.php>). If you have any questions regarding Coastline's CAE-CD designation, please contact program faculty director Tobi West, Ph.D. ([twest20@coastline.edu](mailto:twest20@coastline.edu)).

### Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP): Dietary Management Program

Coastline's Certified Dietary Management Certification Program is an approved training program by the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP). Upon completion of the certificate, students are eligible to take the Certified Dietary Management credentialing exam by the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers (CBDMD). If you have any questions regarding Coastline's ANFP approval, please contact program coordinators Laurie Runk, Ph.D. ([lrunk@coastline.edu](mailto:lrunk@coastline.edu)) and Elaf Farahat, Ph.D. ([efarahat@coastline.edu](mailto:efarahat@coastline.edu)).