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## **Earn a Degree or Certificate at El Camino College with Evening and Online Classes**

Marlene Rivera put off higher education for years to raise her five children, work a full-time job, and run her household. Now that her kids are grown, she decided it was her turn to go to college.

“I wanted to do something that I wanted to do,” said Marlene, who continues to work full time. “My daughter’s friend was taking welding classes at El Camino College, and I thought that I would try it out. I’m so glad I did, everyone has been so helpful. I really like welding, and I am on my way to a good paying job.”

She now has a Certificate of Achievement from the ECC welding program, has passed prerequisite tests, and is preparing for her certification. Eventually, she would like to become an inspector.

Marlene is one of many students at El Camino College who plan to increase their earning potential with a degree or certificate. By combining evening and online courses, working adults are able to complete a degree or certificate in numerous programs without interfering with work and family obligations.

El Camino College has a long tradition of serving the South Bay community with outstanding academic programs and student support services. Today, earning a degree or certificate has never been easier. Through evening and online classes, students can create a flexible class schedule that meets the demands of work and family life. Classes are available when students need them – after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and online.

Career counseling, tutoring in a variety of subjects, financial aid, scholarships, basic skills courses, and services for students with disabilities are also offered to students.

Degrees and certificates are available in a wide range of in-demand fields, in areas such as accounting, welding, business management, marketing, machine tool and manufacturing, cosmetology, auto collision and repair, air conditioning and heating, computer aided design/drafting, and fire technology/EMT.

For more information on these and other academic programs at El Camino College, visit [www.elcamino.edu/academics/eveningclasses](http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/eveningclasses). The fall semester begins August 23.

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