**https://noce.edu/programs/dss/classes/wise/**

**Work Independence Self Advocacy Education (WISE)**

**Contact**

**Disability Support Services Program**

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[714.808.4719](tel:714.808.4719)

**Empowering Self-Sufficiency for Life.**

Students in the Work Independence Self Advocacy Education (WISE) program learn to live more independently, build employment skills, and navigate their community. WISE at NOCE is open to adults with disabilities who are served by the Regional Center and who require a higher level of instructional support than the NOCE DSS classes.

With a 1:4 staff-to-student ratio, students get personalized attention. Students earn certificates for completing specific elements of the program.

WISE offers many learning opportunities, including:

* Computer-assisted instruction
* Field trips in the community
* Guest speakers
* Lecture and class discussion
* Role-playing and hands-on demonstration
* Small group work

**Students can participate in the program for up to five years. WISE meets Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Empowering Learning Environments**

WISE focuses on classroom and experience learning. Students learn to join and thrive in inclusive environments with daily training at NOCE.

Wise incorporates campus resources and activities, including:

* Campus spaces, such as the cafeteria and bookstore
* The learning resource center
* Track, gym, and tennis courts
* Plays, concerts, and art exhibits
* Festivals
* Job fairs

**WISE Certificate Programs**

* Consumer Skills Certificate
* Employability Certificate
* Health & Safety Certificate
* Practical Living Certificate
* US Civics Certificate

**How to Sign Up for WISE**

**First, complete a NOCE application. Applicants will receive a student ID number via email.**

Once the student ID number arrives, call the DSS office [714.808.4719](tel:7148084719) to schedule a meeting with a DSS counselor. Bring verification of the student’s disability and recent school records. The counselor will help create the right educational plan. This program is partially funded by the Regional Center and requires a referral packet from their Service Coordinator.

Questions…(714) 808-4679