

## Career Opportunities Highlighted at UC San Diego Extension's Continuing Education Showcase

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With unemployment and underemployment on the rise, UC San Diego Extension has chosen "Get Focused, Get Inspired" as the theme of its annual Continuing Education Showcase, a free event focusing on career advancement and personal enrichment from 5 to 7 pm Thursday, September 4 in the Price Center ballroom.

According to the state Employment Development Department, the San Diego County unemployment rate surged to 5.9 percent in June, well above the 4.6 percent of a year ago. In the current economic downturn, many professionals are taking continuing education courses while they are between jobs, or to ensure they retain their current ones. During this period enrollment in the 80 UC San Diego Extension certificate programs, ranging from accounting to Web publishing, has increased 25 percent.

The showcase includes informative workshops and panel discussions on career opportunities, the latest tips and trends from professional associations, and the opportunity to consult with continuing education experts. Attendees can network with industry colleagues, meet expert instructors and receive free certificate program registration from UC San Diego Extension, the continuing education and public program arm of the university.

Workshop time and topics are: 5:15 pm "Advance Your Career: Tips to Finding the Right Mentors & Coaches" "Career Opportunities in the Arts"

5:45 pm "Corporate Climate Change: The Greening of Jobs" "The Future of Digital Arts"

6:15 pm "Life Sciences Industry Report" "Leading for Corporate Social Responsibility"

6:45 pm "Transitioning into the Government Sector" "Advancements & Trends in Software Development"

To register online for this free event or for more information on the Continuing Education Showcase go to [extension.ucsd.edu/showcase](http://extension.ucsd.edu/showcase) or call 858-964-1303.

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