



FOUNDRY

COLLEGE

Fact Sheet

Overview

Foundry College is a new type of two-year college designed to educate working adults to fill in-demand jobs by teaching skills and knowledge that are important to employers and unlikely to be automated in the foreseeable future.

Who We Serve

Foundry College bridges the gap between school and work by providing graduates with the “future-proof” skills they need to be successful in the 21st-century workplace and partnering with employers to develop a workforce that can deliver immediate on-the-job value and adapt as the labor market changes.

Curriculum

Foundry College’s curriculum is specifically designed to educate working adults. First year courses teach students core practical skills and focused knowledge—including how to think critically, solve practical problems, learn effectively, communicate well, and work in groups—instead of traditional academic subjects. The second year courses provide essential knowledge and skills to prepare students for the modern workplace and business management roles. Foundry College plans to apply for accreditation and to award all graduates an Associate’s Degree in Business Management.

Pedagogy

Online classes are live and synchronous, combining instructor-led lectures with active learning sessions in small, student-led breakout groups. Foundry College incorporates the latest techniques from the science of learning into all aspects of the curriculum and pedagogy to ensure that students learn the material and can put it into immediate practice in work-related contexts. Material is taught in discrete stages that build upon each other so that each individual class provides students with useful and certified competencies. There are no grades—students are either “in progress” or have mastered the material. Classes are contained, which means that there is no pre-class reading or post-class homework. All learning takes place during the twice-weekly, 1.5-hour online class sessions.

Founder

Dr. Stephen M. Kosslyn is the President and CEO of Foundry College. Most recently, Dr. Kosslyn served as the Founding Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the Minerva Schools at the Keck Graduate Institute. He was previously the director of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences and Professor of Psychology at Stanford University and the Dean of Social Science at Harvard University.

Location

Foundry College is headquartered in San Francisco, California and serves students and employers across the United States.