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Emerging and growing industry in Southern California, including OC and LA.

- This region has 39% of biotech industry and biotech employees in the state.
- In 2012, in Southern California, there were over 1800 companies identifying as biotechnology-related.

**Biotechnology Facts:**

Why? So students can acquire the needed skills to obtain employment in this growing, high-wage, technology-driven industry.

What? The certificate is a mixture of skills-intensive courses and more traditional biology and chemistry courses which will prepare the student for employment in the industry and provide a bridge to obtaining an AS and BS degree in the sciences.

When? The first set of courses will be available Fall 2013 (Biology 190- Intro to biotechnology 3 units, and Biology 191- Biotechnology A (with lab) 4 units