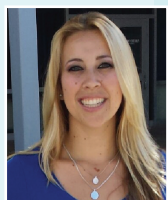




## Counseling Corner

CalWORKs Counseling Staff:



Welcome to CalWORKs! My name is Marisa Lehmeier. I have been a CalWORKs counselor since April of 2014. I am an alumni from Cerritos College where I received my Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Science and transferred to

California State University, Fullerton where I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. I further continued my education for the love of counseling and attended Loyola Marymount University and received a Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling. I look forward to assisting with your education and achieving your academic goal! Hope you have a great semester!



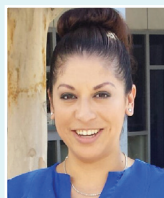
Greetings! My name is Dora Macias, CalWORKs Counselor. I have been at Cerritos College for over 30 years starting as a student and working my way up the educational ladder as a re-entry student. I received my AA from Cerritos, BA from Cal State Fullerton, and my Masters in

Counseling from Cal State Dominguez Hills. I am a retired counselor but have come back to Cerritos as a part-time counselor. I love my career because I get to work with students every day to help them understand the community college educational system. The CalWORKs Office welcomes you, we offer so many services and we hope you visit us often. I want to wish you the very best in the coming semester!



Hello. My name is Lisa Blod, and I have been working in the California Community College system for 5 years in Los Angeles and Orange County. I am very excited to now be serving students here at Cerritos College in the CalWORKs Program.

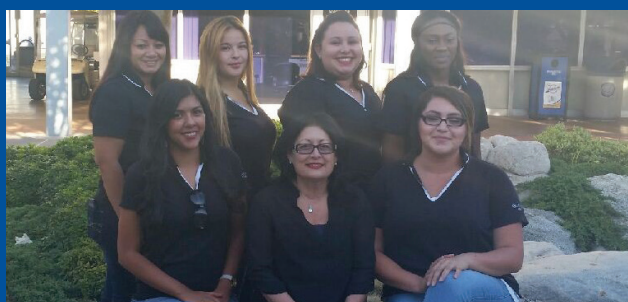
In addition to Counseling, I am helping with EAP orientations and I will be working very closely with the Work Study Program as well. I look forward to meeting you and supporting you in achieving your educational and career goals!



Welcome CalWORKs students! My name is Claudia Alcala. I am happy to join the CalWORKs family at Cerritos College. I have been working for Cerritos College since June 2014. I graduated in 2012 with my Masters of Science in Educational Counseling from the University of La

Verne. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Human Development at California State University, Long Beach in 2009. I have a passion for counseling and I love being an advocate for students. I look forward to meeting all of you and helping you throughout the semester.

### Meet our CalWORKs Family



Upper left: Marina Rodriguez, Jacqueline Castro, Blanca Gamez, and Kerry Jukwe. Lower left: Joanna Alvarado, Norma C. Rodriguez, and Zoey Leon

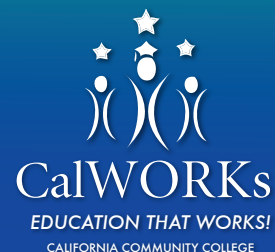
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Jacqueline Castro  
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# CalWORKs Newsletter

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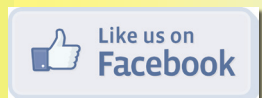
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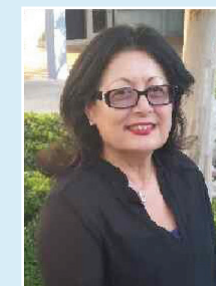
Dear CalWORKs Students,

The Cerritos CalWORKs program offers services to assist you during your Educational journey. Cerritos College prides itself in helping our students develop the skills, attitudes, and beliefs necessary to foster an understanding of the process of learning to help get you closer to reaching your academic, career, and life goals. I invite you to stop to our newly enhanced CalWORKs Office located inside the Santa Barbara building, behind the Physical Science and Technology (PST) Building.

Additionally, I want you to be aware of recent changes that will affect New Students applying to Cerritos College. Effective Fall 2014 ALL CalWORKs students became eligible for Tier I Priority Registration when in compliance with the Cerritos College Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.

Please make sure to make an appointment to meet with your CalWORKs Counselor to ensure that you have met the Assessment, Orientation, Counseling (AOC) requirements and that you have an Educational Plan developed.

I am proud to say that we have a dedicated and committed team, who are here to provide you with an array of services to complement and enhance your educational experience. I always look forward to meeting with our students, new and continuing.



The CalWORKs staff and I hope that each semester brings you closer to your desired educational goal.

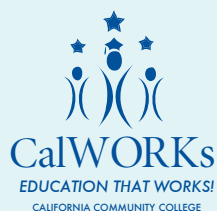
Sincerely,

**Norma C. Rodriguez**  
Director of Student Program Services

### ATTENTION!

**The CalWORKs Office has new hours**

Monday thru Friday  
from 8:00am to 4:00pm



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### Get to Know Our New CalWORKs Office

**Santa Barbara Building**

To schedule your future appointment call:

(562) 860-2451, ext. 2593

We are open between

Monday– Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



### CalWORKs Mission Statement

Through collaboration and cooperation with on and off-campus partners, Cerritos College CalWORKs Program is committed to providing CalWORKs students with the opportunity to achieve their educational goals, as well as reach beyond the classroom, to acquire workplace.





# Early Alert Program (EAP) News

## EAP Orientations are Here for Spring 2015



### Are you new to CalWORKs? Have you signed up to attend an EAP Orientation?

The CalWORKs program has established an Early Alert Program (EAP) to guide students through their educational process. The goal is to help students obtain a better understanding of the requirements and resources that Cerritos College offers in order to obtain a certificate

of achievement, Associate of Arts degree, or transfer to achieve a higher education.

As part of the CalWORKs and Early Alert Program (EAP), you are required to attend a Student Success Orientation to maintain early enrollment where you will:

- Learn how to use campus resources around you, such as:  
Admissions, Counseling, Financial Aid, Health & Wellness, Student Success Center
  - Develop an Education Plan
  - Learn Strategies for Student Success
- Orientations are offered to ALL NEW CalWORKs Students ONLY**

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
**Work In Progress (WIP) Forms for ALL CalWORKs Students attending Spring 2015 classes are DUE:**  
**March 6, 2015**

*"Just wanted to say thanks for a very helpful and informative presentation. The CalWORKs student folder contains a wealth of information and helps to clarify the students priorities, obligations and goals. I believe this will be a great asset and serve as a useful first step to students involved in the CalWORKs program."*  
J. Gonzalez  
CalWORKs Student



# Educational Materials News

## Need Book and Supply Money?

Cerritos College CalWORKs Office is now offering **MORE** Educational Material Workshops.

### Materials needed to process your request:

- Eligibility Documentation (Notice of Action, Verification of Benefits, GN 6005, GN 6005A, GN 6006)
- \* Dated within the requesting semester.

### Materials you must bring to workshop:

- Eligibility workers name, case number, file number, phone number and fax number

- Class Schedule Print-out or Registration Statement (preferred)
- Class syllabus if books/supplies are not on bookstore list
- If books and supplies have been purchased, bring copied of receipt(s).
- If not, bring bookstore print-outs (with price) of book and/or supplies for classes.
- If books were purchased at another location other than the Cerritos College bookstore, write the course name and number next to the book title on the copy of the receipt(s).

- If you have not purchased supplies, but plan on doing so, bring a store's shopping cart print-out indicating prices.
- For faster processing, when searching on-line for books/supplies please place all items in "cart" to avoid individual printouts.
- Note: Photo 100 Class: County will not reimburse for a camera

**WORKSHOPS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**No children allowed**



# Work-Study News

## Want to Work on Campus?



Did you know CalWORKs has its own Work-Study Program?

### What is CalWORKs Work-Study?

The Cerritos College CalWORKs Work-Study Program provides CalWORKs students with on-campus work opportunities. It helps develop and/or strengthen workplace skills while completing educational goals. With the help of dedicated on-campus employers, CalWORKs students learn how to enter and re-enter the workforce with the confidence that is needed to achieve career satisfaction and economic self-sufficiency. Work-Study is a time-limited program (2 years max) that allows students to earn extra income without it affecting their cash-aid benefits.

### What are the Requirements?

- Receive the adult cash-aid portion and provide proof from the county
- Have a minimum of 18 units completed at Cerritos College
- Have a 2.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Have at least 4 semester remaining at Cerritos College
- Note: Some requirements may be waived, on a case to case basis.

### How do I sign up?

CalWORKs Students who are interested in Work-Study would first have to be referred by a CalWORKs counselor. Making an appointment with a counselor would be the first step. Don't forget to bring your resume!

### What are the benefits of the CalWORKs Work-Study Program?

- Work on Campus (how convenient is that!)
- Make extra money without it affecting your cash-aid benefits
- Develop and/or strengthen workplace skills while completing your educational goals
- Build work history
- Develop skills that lead to self-sufficiency
- Attend Monthly Pre-Employment Preparation (PEP) Workshops.

## GRADUATING SOON?

Did you graduate last Fall or are graduating this Spring 2015 Term? If yes, stop by the CalWORKs office and sign up to this year's graduation event.

**Let's celebrate your great Accomplishments together!**

## STUDY ISLAND

**Our new CalWORKs study lab offers:**

- Computers
- Quiet Area
- Study groups are welcomed

## SIGN UP NOW

### Pre-Employment Preparation (PEP) workshops

- Work Study basics & Employment Skills
- Personality Assessment
- Working with others
- Job Search, Professional Development & Networking

## COMING THIS SPRING

California State University, Long Beach Tour and Workshop  
Friday, February 20, 2015  
From 8:00-1:00pm

## SPRING 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

January 12-March 13.....	First 9-week Session
February 2- May 22 .....	15-week Intersession
February 13 .....	Lincoln's Birthday
February 16 .....	Washington's Birthday
March 16-March 22 .....	Spring Recess
March 23 - May 22 .....	Second 9-Week Session
May 18-22 .....	Final Exams

## ARE YOU A CURRENT CALWORKS STUDENT LOOKING FOR A MATH TUTOR?

### Take advantage of our new tutoring program.

Our Cerritos CalWORKs Tutoring Programs has tutors available to help with Math.

- Math Tutors: Tutor in Math 20, 40, 60, & 80

**English Tutors Coming Soon!**