

Cerritos Complete



Purpose and Goals

Cerritos Complete is Cerritos College's Promise Program. Students from partner schools/school districts are eligible for two years of free tuition after completing required matriculation steps during their senior year. The program is a great opportunity for high school seniors or adult students completing high school equivalency to smoothly transition to college, and the high touch services provide opportunities for participants to obtain the skills and knowledge needed for college, to explore a variety of careers, to save money on their college education, and to graduate from college on time.



Student Population Served

The seven partner school districts are: ABC, Bellflower, Compton, Downey, Lynwood, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Paramount. The student population served is primarily graduating seniors and mirrors local demographics. We also serve adults completing high school equivalency.



Number of Students Served Annually and Capacity

On average the incoming/onboarding cohort is around 2,500 students and approximately 500 students remain eligible for the entire 2 years.

The program is currently limited to partner districts to ensure there is funding to deliver our promise. The vision for the program is to one day be open to any first-time student willing to complete the steps and meet program expectations.



High-Impact Interventions

Students are required to take COUN 101B, COUN 200 or ACLR 101. They will receive a comprehensive education plan, high touch services during the matriculation process, liaisons at the high school site, one-on-one counseling, and advisement and career exploration.



Intended Impacts and Measured Outcomes

We intend for students to complete degrees and certificates on time. Data shows Cerritos Complete students out-perform general college students on momentum points. The current freshmen cohort currently makes up 1/3 of the college's key performance indicators (KPI) cohort.



Did You Know?

We serve three cohorts at a time with overlapping timelines/deadlines/efforts with 2 full-time staff. The program meets four times per year with point people identified at each partner school. Cerritos Complete is different from the CA Promise Grant in that Cerritos Complete is the only local Promise Program that allows students to be part-time in their first year.