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California State University, Long Beach Field Trip



"The tour to CSULB was very informative and inspirational. I was planning to go to CSUDH but after visiting "The Beach", my plans are going to change and focus on transferring to CSULB"

- Jesse M.

"I feel that this tour was a great motivation method and above all I feel honored to be one of the few who got to join in on the fun"

- Blanca E.

"I really enjoyed the campus. I was convinced and now I am for sure going to try to attend CSULB. I am also grateful for the trip here. Thank you to all the CalWORKs staff"

- Daniel D.

The Cerritos College CalWORKs program took part on a California State University Long Beach campus tour during the Spring 2015 semester. The field trip included a full campus tour, transfer requirements, important application deadlines, general advising, major preparation, assistance with the CSU application, and referrals to CSULB student support services.

★ ★ ★ END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION ★ ★ ★

CalWorks Class of 2015



Congratulations Class of 2015!

We would like to thank all the 2015 CalWORKs graduates, their families, and our distinguished guests for attending our CalWORKs end of the year celebration. This celebration took place Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Cerritos College Student Center where we awarded a Certificate of Achievement to all CalWORKs students who completed a Certificate, Associates Degree, and/or are transferring to a university. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments and dedication. We wish you, Class of 2015, the best and hope you soar to new heights in your new journey and future endeavors.

CalWORKs Office Santa Barbara Building

To schedule your future appointment call:
(562) 860-2451, ext. 2593
We are open
Monday- Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

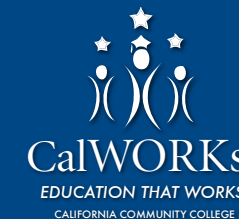


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Welcome to CalWORKs!

I invite you to stop by 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,
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Director of Student Program Services

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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) IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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

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



EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Materials Needed to Process

Verification of Benefits or Notice of Actions dated

- January 1-May 21, 2015 for Summer 2015
- May 1-August 31 for Fall 2015
- August 1-December 31 for Spring 2016 (request will not be submitted until this form is provided)

- Current worker's name, file number, phone number, fax number
- GAIN case number
- Class schedule or registration statement
- Class syllabus if books/supplies aren't on bookstore list
- Copies of receipts from books/supplies already purchased or printouts of books required for classes

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

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
Work In Progress (WIP) Forms for ALL CalWORKs Students attending Fall 2015 classes are DUE:

October 12 to 16, 2015

Tutoring

The CalWORKs Office has FREE Math Tutoring for all Active CalWORKs Students. Call the front desk at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2593 to reserve your spot! This is a great opportunity to gather your supervised study hours.



COUNSELING UPDATES

Educational Plans Are Now Electronic!

This means that every student will be able to see their educational plan on their MyCerritos account. This is a new way of accessing your educational plans online so if you have not come in during May or June to complete an educational plan, please do so now. Once you meet with your counselor and have completed your educational plan, you will be able to view it from your MyCerritos account by simply logging in and going under the "MyAcademic" link and clicking on "Ed Plan".

New Board Of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver Requirements:

Effective Fall 2016 the BOG fee waiver, which waives your per-unit enrollment fee at the community colleges, requires you to meet your academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing your fee waiver. Students who do not meet academic or progress standards for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semester) may lose their fee waiver. Students will be notified within the 30 days of the end of each semester by the college if they are placed in Academic and/or Progress probation. If you lose your eligibility for the BOG fee waiver, please see a counselor and/or the Financial Aid Department to learn of ways to regain your eligibility. Please note that your GAIN worker will not cover enrollment fees.



WANT TO WORK ON CAMPUS?

Interested in an On-Campus Job that doesn't affect your Cash-Aid Benefits? Join the CalWORKs Work-Study Program! **LEARN, WORK, AND EARN!**

The Cerritos College CalWORKs Work-Study (CWS) Program provides CalWORKs students with on-campus work opportunities in order to develop and/or strengthen workplace skills while completing their educational goals. With the help of our dedicated on-campus employers, students learn how to enter and re-enter the workforce with the confidence that is needed to achieve career satisfaction and economic self-sufficiency.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- ✓ Hours Count as an Activity
- ✓ Earn Extra Income Without it affecting your Cash-Aid
- ✓ Work On-Campus
- ✓ Work up to 20 Hours a Week
- ✓ Flexible Work Schedule
- ✓ Gain Work Experience
- ✓ Build Your Resume
- ✓ Build Professional Relationships
- ✓ Develop skills that lead to self sufficiency

GET STARTED TODAY

For more Information & program eligibility schedule an appointment with a CalWORKs Counselor Today!
(562) 860-2451 Ext. 2593

Are You In Need of Career Guidance?

The CalWORKs office is now offering all their Active CalWORKs students:

- Career Guidance Counseling
- Resume Writing
- Help with building a cover letter
- Explore Different Career Opportunities

Call us at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2593 to make an appointment with our NEW Career Guidance Counselor Janis Pizer.

Meet one of our CalWORKs Work-Study Students



Martha Lopez, Child Development Center

How did you hear about the work-study program?

I was very fortunate to have a wonderful CalWORKs counselor that was very helpful with all my academic needs and told me about the work-study program. I have never attended college and was beginning for the first time after graduating high school, twenty years ago. The CalWORKs counselor always made me feel at ease, motivated and encouraged me when I felt overwhelmed with the demands of school. She also helped me find a job on campus when I explained my financial struggles as a single parent. I was very lucky that a job became available at the Cerritos College Child Development Center. The CalWORKs counselor immediately contacted me and with her guidance I was able to acquire the position. I was ecstatic with the opportunity because Early Childhood Development is my major and I knew it would be a perfect fit for me. I couldn't wait to start getting experience in my future career as a teacher.

What do you like about being a CalWORKs work-study student and how has it helped you?

The CalWORKs program has been very helpful by providing resources with everything you need to be successful and confident in your employment. Before being in the workstudy program ,I was struggling alone trying to find out information about everything that had to do with school. The guest speakers that the CalWORKs department offer at the Pre-Employment Preparation (PEP) workshops have shared knowledgeable information, and have helped me become a better employee.

What advice do you give any CalWORKs student thinking of applying to our work-study program?

To anyone that is thinking about applying to the CalWORKs work-study program I would tell them to not give it a second thought and apply immediately. The CalWORKs program motivates their students to strive for a better future. They provide students with free educational supplies and motivating workshops to help guide students through their educational journey. The benefits of being in the program are endless and beneficial for students, their families, and their education.