



Re-Entry Program

Connections

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The Re-Entry Resource Program is designed to support adult learners, 23 years or older, who are new to college or returning after a break of three or more years.

Connect with the Re-Entry Program, [email Shannon Estrada](mailto:Shannon.Estrada@cerritos.edu)

The Inside Scoop – All things Re-Entry

To register/RSVP for our workshops, please visit the Re-Entry Program website at:

<https://www.cerritos.edu/re-entry-program/workshops-and-events.htm>

Fall 2026 workshops are in the works! Make sure you check the Re-Entry website for the updated calendar beginning the first week of August.

FREE COFFEE & TREATS

Finals stressing you out? Stop by Career Services in MP (Multi-Purpose) 201 for a little break and something sweet on the following days:

Monday & Tuesday,
May 11 & 12, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Campus Corner

- Fall enrollment begins this month...be on the lookout for your enrollment appointment date in your portal. You don't want to miss it! For more information, reach out to the Re-Entry Program.
- If you need help determining your classes for fall, make sure you see a counselor as soon as possible...appointments fill up fast! Contact the Re-Entry Program if you need assistance setting up your appointment.
- Wondering what type of class is best for you? Use our [handy guide](#) to help you decide.
- The Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 22. Congratulations to our 2026 graduates!
- Cerritos College will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.
- The first summer session begins on Tuesday, May 26.
- L.A. Regional Food Bank Distribution – Wednesday, May 27 from 9am – 11am in Lot 1 near Falcon Stadium. Everyone is welcome.



Have a quick question? Need a counseling appointment?
Pop into the Re-Entry Drop-in session on [Zoom](#) every Wednesday between 4pm – 5pm.

Financial Aid News



THINGS TO KNOW

- 1** The 2026-2027 FAFSA and CADAA are NOW AVAILABLE! Complete/Renew a FAFSA at (studentaid.gov); CADAA applicants can apply at (<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing>)
 1. Check this link to determine which financial aid application is for you: (<https://www.csac.ca.gov/apply>)
- 2** Is your major FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE? Check the list of [eligible majors](#) to find out! You can meet with a counselor to discuss financial aid eligible career paths options.
- 3** Community College State Deadline is September 2nd, apply today to maximize your financial aid!

How to Receive Your Financial Aid Disbursement


Make sure to set up your BankMobile profile to receive your disbursement! If you have completed Financial Aid Steps 1-3, then you should have received a 'Personal Code' in the mail to create your BankMobile profile.

Didn't receive a code? Click on this [BankMobile link](#) and select "I need a code" to manually generate a code. Contact us for further assistance.

Cal Grant – Web Grant 4 Students Account

Reminder to check your personal email to confirm if you received an email from **CSAC (California Student Aid Commission)** to create a **WebGrants 4 Students account**. CSAC sent emails to Cal Grant recipients to create a WebGrants 4 Student account and verify your school of attendance. If you have received an email, please complete the account creation process to receive your Cal Grant award.

The Financial Aid Office is available to assist students in-person, online, or by phone. Don't hesitate to reach out

 (562) 860-2451 ext. 2397

 [Email Financial Aid](#)

FAST FACTS for ALL STUDENTS "Did You Know!?"

1. Real-Time Fraud Checks Live Today

As of **April 27, 2026**, the U.S. Department of Education has officially launched a **new real-time fraud detection system** within the FAFSA form.

- **The Update:** Every 2026-27 application is now being screened as it is submitted.
- **The Impact:** If a student's profile triggers a risk flag, they will now be required to provide a government-issued ID before any funds are disbursed. This is aimed at saving over \$1 billion in "ghost student" fraud this cycle.

2. Pell Grant: The \$7,395 Ceiling

The maximum Federal Pell Grant for the 2026-27 academic year has officially been set at **\$7,395**.

3. "0 (Zero)": The cost to file the FAFSA or CADAA - never pay a website to file for you. It's FREE!



STUDENT SUPPORT

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Campus Spotlight: Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates!

We would like to honor our Cerritos College adult learner's incredible achievement! Through their determination and perseverance, they will be joining the graduating class of 2026! Congratulations on all of your hard work; this is a monumental accomplishment! We wish you every opportunity to explore life's brightest possibilities!

Ermina McKelvy

Major: Psychology

Degree: Associate in arts, Psychology

"Turning life experiences into purpose, one step at a time."

Jaclyn Overgaauw

Major: Business Administration

Degree: Business Administration 2.0-AST/
Economics-AA

Luis Bracamontes

Major: Automotive Collision Repair

Degree: Associate of Arts, Automotive
Collision Repair

Andrea Barajas

Major: Public Health

Degree: LAS: Social and Behavioral
Science AA & Natural Science AS

Norberto Casillas

Major: LAS: Communication Studies

Degree: LAS: Communication Studies

Sarahi Herrera

Major: Psychology

Degree: Associate of Arts, Psychology
and Sociology

Candy Loya-Patton

Major: Sociology

Degree: Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts, Social
& Behavioral Studies, and Sociology

I really love Cerritos College and it's going to make me cry tears to leave because it changed my life and my way of thinking! The staff has supported me so much that I have the potential to become who I wanted to become years ago before I had children. I will be transferring to Cal State Dominguez Hills for my bachelor's degree in Sociology and will continue for my master's and doctrine in Sociology/Law to work as an activist as a congresswoman.

Ralph Anthony Morfin

Major: English

Degree: Associates to Transfer, English

Cecilia Rosas

Major: Child Development, Early Childhood

Degree: Associate of Arts, Child Development

Susana Ruiz

Major: Business Administration

Degree: Associate of Arts, Business
Administration

"I raised my babies while I was still raising myself. And today I honor the girl who carried all that love before she knew her own strength."

-Unknown

Monthly Motivation

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

– Eleanor Roosevelt



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for more information

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