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New, Innovative Degree and Certificate Programs Coming to Cerritos College in Fall 2020

Cerritos College Online gives students full access to accredited business, computer information science, and music degrees exclusively online

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Norwalk, Calif. – July 2, 2020 – As the current public health crisis and social distancing requirements continue, Cerritos College has announced new, innovative programs, including online associate degrees and certificate programs that are exclusively virtual starting August 17.

Cerritos College Online

Starting August 17, five fully online programs will be available in business administration, commercial music, cloud computing, cyber security, and network/system administration. Most classes are asynchronous online classes, in which students can log on any day or time they choose to complete coursework. All of the campus' student and academic support services are available online. Interested students can refer to the step-by-step enrollment process by visiting www.cerritos.edu/futurestudents. For more information about Cerritos College Online, visit www.cerritos.edu/online.

The College is also introducing a variety of new Associate of Art for Transfer (AA-T), Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees, and an accelerated certificate program this fall.

Social Justice: Africana Studies

As global protests against systemic racism continue, the College's new Africana Studies Associate of Art for Transfer (AA-T) offers an introduction to the theoretical principles and practices of Social Justice Studies. The program focuses on the life history, culture, and social justice traditions of Black people. The program will prepare students for advocacy work in underrepresented communities with guaranteed admission to a CSU. For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/black-africana-studies/

Hospitality Management

The Hospitality Management Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) program provides an introduction to hospitality management, including culinary operation, hotel management, sanitation and safety, microeconomics, business and hospitality law, and food management. The AS-T degree allows students to transfer to hospitality programs at a CSU, including California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, and CSU Long Beach with guaranteed admission. For more information, contact Michael Pierini at mpierini@cerritos.edu.

Film, TV, and Electronic Media

The new Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Film, Television and Electronic Media keeps abreast of a quickly evolving media landscape, which now combines elements of journalism, social media, radio, and traditional television. The new program will prepare students with hands-on skills to produce digital video, podcasts, and webcasts in the era of YouTube, TikTok and other emerging platforms. Additionally, the program will focus on film production, live television, radio programming, and all aspects of audio and visual content. The AS-T degree allows students to transfer to a CSU with guaranteed admission. For more information, contact Christian Brown at cbrown@cerritos.edu.

Accelerated Crossover Esthetician

The new accelerated crossover Esthetician program is targeted to licensed cosmetologists. To enroll, students must have a cosmetologist license. Cosmetologist students can obtain an esthetician license for only 200 extra hours in a 9-week session in fall or spring. The course is currently offered online while the College continues its programs remotely due to COVID-19. For more information, please contact Rossi Petrova at rpetrova@cerritos.edu.

"It is critical that we continue to evolve with the changing times to offer more innovative programs and methods to deliver higher education and training to students," said Rick Miranda, vice president, Academic Affairs. "We are excited about all of our new programs geared towards making students more socially aware and more competitive for the workforce."

About Cerritos College: *Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.*

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