



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](#)

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>

Welcome to the Fall Semester!

The Re-Entry Program wants to welcome you to the Fall semester! Stop by MP 201 anytime between **Monday, August 3 through Monday, August 31** to pick up your goodie bag, that includes a folder, spiral notebook, a small planner, pen, highlighter, and some other cool things.

Prize Opportunities

If you attend 3 Re-Entry workshops during the semester, you will be guaranteed a \$20 gift card to the Cerritos College bookstore at the end of the semester.

If you attend at least one Re-Entry workshop during the semester, you will be entered into an opportunity drawing at the end of the semester for a \$50 Cerritos College bookstore gift card.



Sign up for our workshop on Wednesday, 8/19 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

Explore your MyCerritos portal and Canvas

MyCerritos/Canvas Overview workshop, the online “classroom” platform. This session will include tips on using your portal and setting up access to Canvas, how to find information, submit assignments, and other topics to familiarize yourself before the semester begins.

Check out our workshop on Thursday, 8/20 at 2:00 pm on Zoom

Scholarship Workshop

Join us as we walk through the Cerritos College Foundation scholarship application step-by-step. Get firsthand tips on how to submit your best application.

An additional workshop will also be held this month:

- Tuesday, 8/25 at 11:00 am in MP 211

Register for our workshop on Wednesday, 8/25 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

Financial Aide 101 for Re-Entry Students

Uncertain how to finance your education? Do you wonder if you are eligible as a Re-Entry student? Discover the basics of financial aid, eligibility, what to do if your financial situation changes, and other topics unique to our returning students.

Attend our workshop on Thursday, 8/27 at 2:00 pm in MP 213

Returning to School: How to pick up where I left off

Returning to school after an extended break can seem daunting (or even scary) and you may be wondering how you can get back on track. Join us for a conversation with our career counselor, Dr. Young, and get some pointers on picking up where you left off.

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

Campus Corner

It's not too late to register for the Fall 2026 semester! If you have questions or need a counseling appointment, reach out to the Re-Entry Program at reentry@cerritos.edu.

If you plan to attend the Spring 2027 semester and are not a continuing student, the application will be available beginning **Saturday, August 1**. If you've skipped at least one semester, you will need to reapply.

FREE Cookies and Lemonade - Career Services would like to extend a warm welcome to our students for the Fall 2026 semester! Stop by MP 201 on Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18 between 10am - 2pm for some cold lemonade and cookies!



FREE Cold Treats - The Transfer Center will be offering cold treats as a Fall welcome on Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20 between 10am - 2pm. Make sure to stop by and get one.

Paint and Sip - Thursday, August 20, from 11:30am-1:30pm on the Fine Arts Patio. Enjoy a refreshing beverage and join fellow students for a relaxing time of painting and socializing. No experience is needed. All materials will be provided while supplies last.

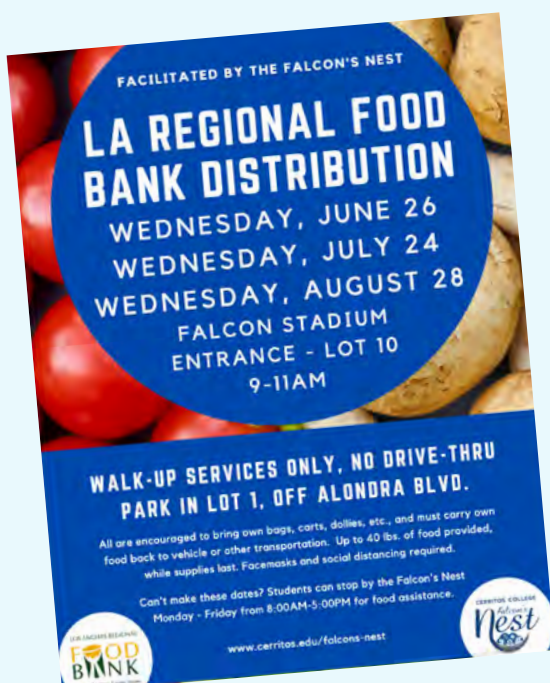
Safety Link Event - Tuesday, August 25, from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Library Shade Structure. Learn practical tips on personal safety, emergency preparedness, and campus resources. Meet public safety professionals, ask questions, and discover ways to help create a safer community for everyone.

L.A. Regional Food Bank Distribution - Wednesday, August 26, from 9am - 11am in Lot 1 near Falcon Stadium. Everyone is welcome.

Chill with ASCC - Wednesday, August 26, from 11:30am - 1:30pm at the Library Shade Structure. Want to get involved on campus? Stop by to meet your fellow student government leaders and grab a frozen treat while supplies last!

An Evening of Jazz and Rock Piano with Mike Garson - Saturday, August 29, from 8pm - 10pm at the Performing Arts Center Main Stage. [Buy Tickets Now](#).

Fall 2026 Foundation Scholarships - Apply for scholarships beginning Monday, August 17 through Sunday, September 27. Have questions? Attend a workshop or contact the Re-Entry office for more info.



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>)
 - a. Check this link to determine which financial aid application is for you: (<https://www.csac.ca.gov/apply>)
 - b. Make sure to ADD CERRITOS COLLEGE to the list of colleges
2. Is your major FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE? Check here 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!



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

1. The end of SAVE Plan & The Launch of "RAP"

The Biden-era SAVE repayment plan is officially done. In its place, the Department of Education has launched the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP):

The Two-Plan Limit: If you take out a new federal student loan (or consolidate existing loans) on or after July 1, 2026, you are restricted to exactly two repayment options: RAP or the new Tiered Standard Plan.

2. Auto-Pay Interest Rate Cut (New!)

In a major bid to make repayment more affordable, the Department of Education announced a massive incentive:

Borrowers who enroll in auto-pay will receive a 1% interest rate reduction.

This temporary rate cut is active through June 30, 2028, as long as you enroll by September 30, 2026.

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

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.

How to Receive Your Disbursement?

"PERSONAL CODES" to create your BankMobile Profile will be sent at the end of JULY via email. Make sure to set up your BankMobile profile to receive your disbursement!

If you do not have a bank account, we encourage you to create one with your local bank or credit union.

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



(562) 860-2451 ext. 2397



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Program Spotlight:

Community Health Worker Certificate of Achievement



The Certificate of Achievement for Community Health Worker will prepare the student to:

- Coordinate care among individuals, communities, and health and social service systems
- Oversee case management and resource access
- Advocate for individuals and communities regarding housing, food security, and other needs
- Provide coaching and social support, such as nutrition training, recovery services for mental health and substance use disorders, and chronic disease management and prevention
- Collect community data to improve health education efforts
- Network with public health, clinical, and social service agencies

- Salary, Growth, and Careers:
- Careers associated with this program have a salary range from \$40,000 to \$200,000 with an average salary of \$98,000.
- Career opportunities for this program are expected to grow nationwide from 2022 to 2032.
- Education level for this career is a high school diploma or equivalent

For reference, view one possible pathway through this program on our [Community Health Worker Certificate of Achievement Program Map page](#).

For more information about this program and for a customized education plan, contact the [Re-Entry Program](#) to make an appointment with a counselor.

Monthly Motivation

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

C.S. Lewis



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Visit the Re-Entry Program Website for more information

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