CERRITOS COLLEGE
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.

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

Have you had a great experience as a Re-Entry student here at Cerritos College?

We would love to spotlight your success story here in the newsletter to encourage other Re-Entry students to come back. If interested, please, **email Shannon Estrada**





Application/Enrollment Assistance

Do you need help replying to Cerritos College? Need help registering for spring classes?

Stop by for in-person assistance in MP 201.

Dates: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays throughout the month of November.

- Monday, 12pm – 5pm
- Tuesday, 8am – 12pm
- Wednesday, 2pm - 6pm

Need a scantron?

The Re-Entry Program has your back! Stop by MP (Multi-Purpose) 201 anytime during the semester for a FREE scantron.



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

Spring 2027 enrollment – Enrollment appointments have been assigned. Make sure to check your MyCerritos portal for your enrollment date/time!

Drop-in Counseling – have questions about your classes for Spring? Our counselors can help! Check out our in-person and virtual Express Counseling schedule **here**.

FREE Tutoring – Finals are right around the corner! If you need help, don't forget that the Success Center offers free online and in-person tutoring for most subjects. Make an appointment and get more information **here**.

You Belong Here: First Gen Kickoff – Monday, November 2, from 11am – 1pm on the Library Sidewalk. Come by to take pictures and write a note thanking mentors, friends, or family members who have supported your college journey.

Women in Construction Program Summit – Wednesday, November 4, from 8am – 4pm in the Student Center. Curious about apprenticeship careers in the construction and building trades? Join our information session and discover how apprenticeship can create a pathway toward hands-on training, career advancement, and becoming a skilled journey worker. Admission is free, and free lunch is provided. Advance registration is required.

Employer Panel – Thursday, November 5, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in LC 155. Join us and ask our panel of employers about hiring practices and trends, critical skills needed on the job, and tips for interviewing and writing an effective resume.

Transfer Conference – Friday, November 6, from 9am – 1:30pm in the Fine Arts Building. Explore your transfer options, hear from current transfer students, attend workshops, connect with university representatives, and enjoy lunch!

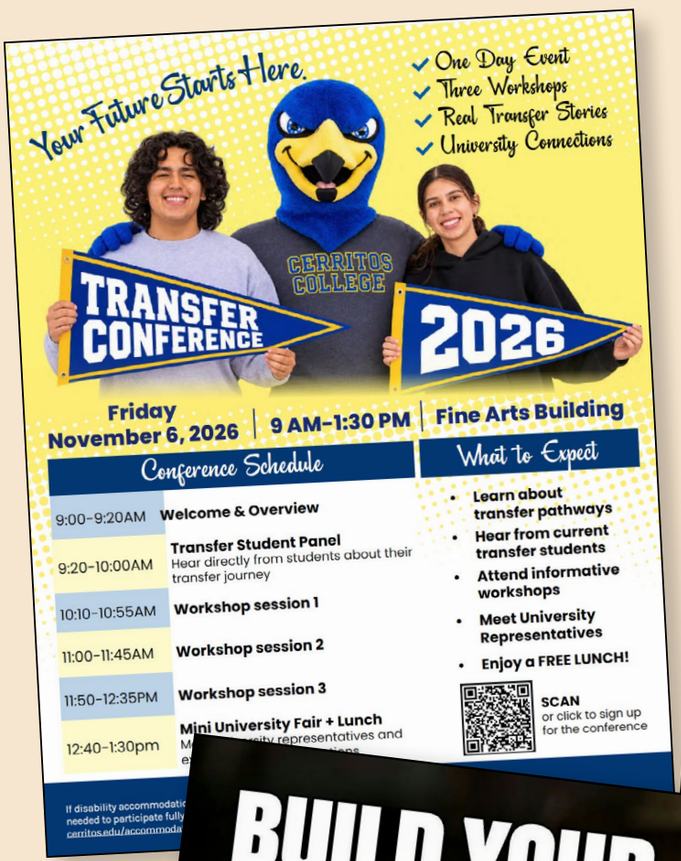
Dia De Los Muertos Celebration – Friday, November 6, from 5pm – 8pm on the corner of Studebaker/Alondra. The event will feature student and community-created altars, a live DJ, performances, and art. There will also be local food vendors, cultural artisans, and a film screening of "The Book of Life" hosted by Mecha.

Veteran's Day Holiday – Wednesday, November 11. The campus will be closed.

Flu Vaccine Clinic – Thursday, November 12, from 11am – 12:30pm on LC/EOPS Sidewalk. Free for currently enrolled students.

L.A. Regional Food Bank Distribution – Wednesday, November 25, from 9am – 11am in Lot 1 near Falcon Stadium. Everyone is welcome.

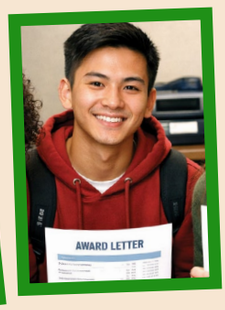
Thanksgiving Holiday – Thursday, November 26 – Friday, November 27. The campus will be closed..











Financial Aid News





THINGS TO KNOW

- The 2027-2028 FAFSA and CADAA ware NOW AVAILABLE! Complete/Renew a FAFSA at (studentaid.gov); CADAA applicants can apply at (**https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing**)
- Check this link to determine which financial aid application is for you: (**https://www.csac.ca.gov/apply**)
- Make sure to ADD CERRITOS COLLEGE to the list of colleges
- Apply before the **MARCH 2nd, 2027 Cal Grant Deadline**
- 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.

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.

FAST FACTS for ALL STUDENTS "Did You Know?"

1. The 2027–28 FAFSA Launched Early

The U.S. Department of Education is officially in Phase 1 Beta Testing for the upcoming 2027–2028 FAFSA. A select group of high schools and community organizations are testing the form to catch tech glitches before the nationwide release.

2. Parent PLUS & Graduate Loan Caps Active

For students and families who began new programs this academic year:

Parent PLUS Limits: Annual Parent PLUS borrowing is capped at $20,000 per year per student, with a lifetime aggregate ceiling of $65,000.

Grad PLUS Sunset: Graduate PLUS loans are officially unavailable for new graduate students. Unsubsidized Direct Loans are capped at $20,500/year for general graduate programs and $50,000/year for specific professional programs.

3. "RAP" Repayment Transition Window

Borrowers who entered repayment or consolidated loans after July 1, 2026, are entering their first quarterly billing cycle under the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP):

Low-Income Minimum: Qualified single borrowers making under $10,000/year see required payments set at $10 per month.

Auto-Pay Incentive: Borrowers enrolling in automatic debit before September 30 receive an active 1% interest rate reduction on eligible direct loans.

Critical August/October Deadlines

California Transfer Success Pathway (TSP) Alignment: For California community college students planning to transfer, FAFSA/CADAA submissions for program eligibility due October 3rd.

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 **Financial Aid**



Student Support

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Campus Spotlight: Cerritos College Library

Did you know...

Our library offers a ton of resources that can be accessed both in person and online including:

- Help from a live person, 6 days a week (Live chat)
- Assistance from a librarian regarding research for your English papers
- Reserve books online
- Reserving a study room
- Borrow laptops

FALL LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am-8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-3:00pm

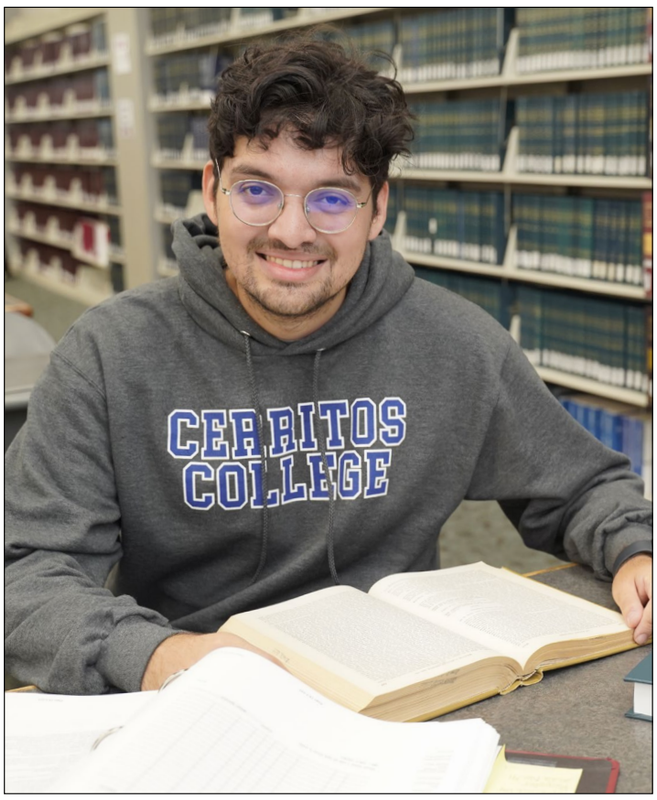
Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: Closed

For additional information or questions, please contact the library for assistance:

Circulation Desk: 562-860-2451, ext. 2424

Reference Desk: 562-860-2451, ext. 2425



Monthly Motivation

Not everyone will understand your journey, and that's okay. Keep going anyway, because your purpose is bigger than their opinions.

– herselflovehaven

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