



Re-Entry Program

Connections

September 2026
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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>



Attend 3 Re-Entry Program workshops during the Spring semester to receive a \$20 bookstore gift card at the end of the semester!



Attend any Re-Entry Program workshop to be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 bookstore gift card at the end of this semester

Stop by our workshop on Tuesday, 9/1 at 2:00 pm in MP 213

Scholarship Workshop

Join us as we walk through the Cerritos College Foundation scholarship application process step-by-step. You will also learn some inside tips on writing your best personal statement and submitting your best application. You don't want to miss it!

Additional workshops are being offered on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 9/2 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesday, 9/9 at 2:00 p.m. in MP 211
- Thursday, 9/10 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Come in for assistance on Wednesday, 9/16 at 11:00 am in MP 201

Scholarship Application Assistance Lab

Stop by our Scholarship Application Assistance Lab for help with your Cerritos College Foundation scholarship application, your personal statement, and questions about the various scholarships.

An additional lab is being offered on the following date:

- Thursday, 9/17 at 2:00 p.m. in MP 201

Sign up for our workshop on Thursday, 9/17 at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Resources for Success Workshop

There's no doubt about it: college can be stressful and busy and it's easy to forget the many resources available to students. And the best part? They're free! Take the time to find out about the resources available and how they can specifically benefit you and your education.



Attend our workshop on Monday, 9/21 at 2:00 p.m. either in-person in MP 101 or on Zoom

Time Management Workshop (Hybrid)

Having trouble getting organized? Want to be more productive in college? Our workshop will cover prioritizing your time, getting organized, goal setting, and much more.

Don't miss our workshop on Tuesday, 9/22 at 11:00 am in MP 101

Tips & Tricks for Balancing Life & School

Do you find yourself sitting in class thinking about what you need to pick up at the grocery store on your way home? The laundry that needs to be done before school the next morning? The 3-page essay due tomorrow? Or what to do about your three-year-old's temper tantrums? Yes? Then this workshop is for you! We will cover:

- Time Management
- Building a Support System
- Study Tips
- Helpful Resources

is a fun, interactive workshop with opportunities to win raffle prizes! You don't want to miss it!

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

Need a quiet place to study on campus? Students can reserve a study room in the library for up to 2 hours. For more information and/or to reserve a room, visit the [study room webpage](#).

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 Tutoring – available both online and in-person. See the linked webpage for more information and to make an appointment.

Labor Day Holiday – the college will be closed on Monday, September 7.

Club Rush – Tuesday, September 1, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Go and learn about the different clubs Cerritos College offers. Don't see a club you're interested in? Stop by the Office of Student Life & Leadership table to find out how to create your own student club. Free snacks provided.

Rest & Express Workshop: Affirmation Cards – Tuesday, September 1, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in SS 141 and Wednesday, September 16, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in MC 102. Join us for art-based workshops throughout the semester! All supplies will be provided, and no experience is needed.

BIG Feelings Club – Wednesday, September 2, from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Student Health Services. This is a safe space for learning small skills to manage big feelings. Come to one session or come to all. First time participants will receive a goodie bag!

Pause, Play, Produce – Tuesday, September 8, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on the Sidewalk near the Liberal Arts Building. Join us to pause the stress, play games, eat snacks, and hang out. No sign up required.

Resumania Workshop – Wednesday, September 9, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in MP 101. Have your resume reviewed by professional staff and employers.

Majors Exploration Fair - Tuesday, September 15, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Learn more about the majors you are considering, connect with your Learning and Career Pathway Success Teams, and get information about Certificates, Degree Programs, Transfer and Career Choices.

University Fair - Wednesday, September 16, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Student Center. Meet representatives from 60+ colleges/universities including all our local CSU's, the majority of UC's and many private schools (such as USC and LMU) and ask questions about the university itself, transfer admissions requirements, and more.

Getting off to a Great Start: Building Belonging, Support, and Confidence – Wednesday, September 16, from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the Living Learning Center, located in the Santa Barbara Building. Join Mental Health Services to create a hands-on "My First 30 Days" map to help navigate the start of the semester while exploring identity, safety and belonging. Learn about the support available to you from Mental Health Services this academic year. All materials will be provided.

JC Penny Suit-Up Event – Thursday, September 24, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the JC Penny, located at Lakewood Mall. Stop in and shop for career wear, shoes, and accessories and receive up to 45% off when you use the extra 30% off coupon available at the event. A student ID will be required.

L.A. Regional Food Bank Distribution – Wednesday, September 23, from 9am - 11am in Lot 1 near Falcon Stadium. Everyone is welcome.

Fall 2026 Foundation Scholarships – Apply for scholarships beginning Monday, August 17 through Sunday, September 27 at 11:59 p.m. Have questions? Attend a workshop or contact the Re-Entry office for more info.



JCPenney
Suit-Up Event

In collaboration with
Cerritos College Career Services

**In store September 24, 2026
4:00 - 7:00 pm**

JCPenney at Lakewood Center Mall
67 Lakewood Center Mall,
Lakewood, CA 90712

Open to students, faculty/staff
and alumni

Contact for more information:
Career Services/Student Employment
[https://www.cerritos.edu/student-employment/
contact-us.htm](https://www.cerritos.edu/student-employment/contact-us.htm)

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45% OFF***
select careerwear,
shoes & accessories

*When you use the Extra 30% Off coupon
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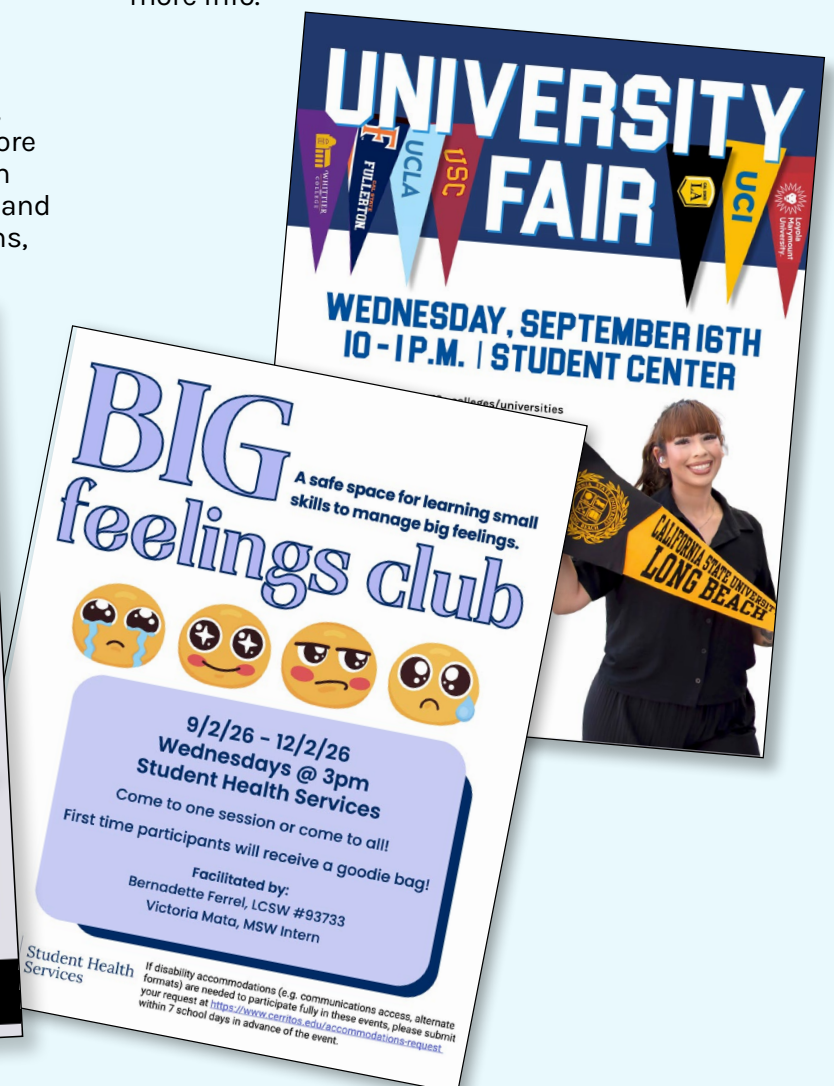
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UNIVERSITY FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
10 - 1 P.M. | STUDENT CENTER

BIG feelings club

A safe space for learning small
skills to manage big feelings.

9/2/26 - 12/2/26
Wednesdays @ 3pm
Student Health Services

Come to one session or come to all!
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Facilitated by:
Bernadette Ferrel, LCSW #93733
Victoria Mata, MSW Intern

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If disability accommodations (e.g. communications access, alternate
formats) are needed to participate fully in these events, please submit
your request at <https://www.cerritos.edu/accommodations-request>
within 7 school days in advance of the event.

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!
4. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! 2027-28 FAFSA and CADAA applications open **October 1st**.

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!?"

The 2027–28 FAFSA Beta Phase 1 Launches This Month

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.

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



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Campus Spotlight: The Falcon's Nest



The Falcon's Nest is a great resource on campus! They provide services and resources for students who may be struggling with meeting some of their basic needs.

Some of the resources they provide are:

- **Food resources** – Cal Fresh food benefits and grocery assistance through Franco's Market
- **Housing support** – Our partnership with Jovenes to provide housing support to individuals, families, and students of all ages.
- **Emergency Aid** – Assistance when unexpected expenses threaten to interfere with your academic success.
- **Clothing and hygiene support** – hygiene items, Franco's closet, and laundry support.
- **Links to campus and community resources and programs.**

Please feel free to stop by Falcon's Nest – we are located near the food court. You may also visit the Falcon's Nest website or watch the [YouTube video](#) for additional information. If you would like to apply for assistance, please complete the [Falcon's Nest Referral Form](#).

We look forward to supporting your academic success.



Monthly Motivation

"Today is a milestone. It tells you how far you've come. Keep learning, keep trying, keep accomplishing, and keep venturing on through your journey."

-Unknown

