

# COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

With more than 195 certificate and degree options available at College of the Canyons (COC), students can obtain the skills needed to launch almost any career, or earn the units required to transfer to the most popular four-year colleges and universities.

COC offers students three main paths – certificates, associate degrees and transfer preparation – that lead to successful completion of their educational goals. These paths are not exclusive. Students can earn a certificate, an Associate Degree and transfer to a four-year college/university.

### CAREER CERTIFICATES

- **Offer over 100 certificate programs**
  - Certificate of Specialization (less than 16 units)
  - Certificate of Achievement (16 or more units)
- **Series of special major courses, all related to a particular occupational skill/field**
- **Required coursework varies from 3 - 36 units based on program**
- **Programs offered in high-wage, high-demand career fields**
- **Leads to employment, Associate Degree and/or transfer**

### ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- **Offer over 90 associate degrees**
  - Associate in Arts (AA)
  - Associate in Science (AS)
  - AA-T/AS-T CSU Transfer Associate Degrees
- **Requires a minimum of 60 degree applicable units**
  - General Education + Major + Electives
- **Requires two-years of full-time study, but may take longer**
- **Leads to employment and/or transfer**

### TRANSFER PREPARATION

- **Preparation for a Bachelor's Degree**
- **Requires a minimum of 60 transferable lower division units for CSU & UC systems**
  - General Education + Major Preparation + Electives
- **Major General Educational Certification patterns:**
  - California State University General Education (CSU GE) - *Primarily used for CSU system and some private colleges and universities in California.*
  - Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (I.G.E.T.C.) *Primarily used for the UC system. Can also be used for CSU and some private colleges and universities in California.*
- **Leads to admission to a four-year college/university**

Future Students, High School Students, and New Students - Visit the Welcome Center on the Valencia campus for more information and assistance in mapping out your educational path.  
[www.canyons.edu/advising](http://www.canyons.edu/advising)

# PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE TRANSFER STUDENT

## **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS OR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN TRANSFER (AA-T OR AS-T)**

This transfer program from the California Community Colleges and the California State Universities makes it easier for students to transfer between the two school systems. Community college students who complete a AA-T or AS-T will be guaranteed admission to the California State University (CSU) system. With this degree, you have the opportunity to complete two degrees with only 120 units if you apply and are admitted into a similar degree program. Students with an AA-T or AS-T enter the CSU system with junior standing and need only 60 more semester units (or 90 quarter units) to complete a bachelor's degree. For more information, visit [ICanGoToCollege.com](http://ICanGoToCollege.com).

## **COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS HONORS PROGRAM**

Becoming an Honors student provides students with a competitive edge when seeking admittance into a 4-year college or university. Fulfilling the requirements of the COC Honors Program will demonstrate one's academic motivation and dedication to potential colleges. In addition, students who wish to transfer to UCLA as majors in the College of Letters and Science are eligible for the Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) certification, which can assist students who are seeking admission. Additional opportunities are also available at other campuses. For more information, please visit the Honors website at [www.canyons.edu/honors](http://www.canyons.edu/honors).

## **MATH, ENGINEERING, SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT (MESA)**

The MESA Program enriches the academic experience of math, science and engineering students by equipping them with the skills and attitudes needed to successfully transfer to a four-year campus. The program supports financially disadvantaged and/or historically under-represented students by providing a variety of services including academic advisement, discipline-specific enrichment and community building opportunities. For more information, please visit the MESA website at [www.canyons.edu/mesa](http://www.canyons.edu/mesa).

## **TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)**

Special agreements now make it easier for students to transfer to certain Universities of California (UC's). TAG agreements currently exist with UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz. For more information, please visit the UC transfer admission website at <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/>.

# HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR TRANSFER

## **ASSIST - [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)**

On this website students may locate transfer articulation agreements between California Community colleges & California universities & features a UC and CSU Exploring Majors section.

## **CAL STATE APPLY - [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)**

The official website for the CSU system. This site provides links to all CSU campus websites. Students apply online during filing periods and can find answers to frequently asked questions. Criteria search based on majors, tuition, athletics, financial aid, housing, total enrollment, and location is available.

## **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WEBSITE - <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/>**

Excellent new website that provides transfer information for prospective UC transfers. Contains transfer paths for many majors as well as transfer admission guarantee (TAG) information.

## **ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - [www.aiccu.edu/](http://www.aiccu.edu/)**

An index of independent and private schools in California. This website offers college profiles, admission requirements, application deadlines, majors and degrees offered, website links, e-mail addresses, criteria search, and online applications.

## **CALIFORNIA COLLEGES - [www.californiacolleges.edu/](http://www.californiacolleges.edu/)**

Information on all California colleges, universities, and graduate institutions. Features a criteria search, matching assistant, financial aid, housing, and transfer planning information.

## **COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT - [www.canyons.edu/Counseling](http://www.canyons.edu/Counseling)**