



## Re-entry Students Can Renew Their Dreams at Canyon Country Campus

For students looking to revisit their academic goals and dreams after time away from school, the College of the Canyons Canyon Country Campus offers an array of counseling services to assist re-entry students throughout their collegiate careers.

“College can be a little overwhelming to navigate on your own,” said Liz Shaker, counseling faculty member at the Canyon Country campus. “There is a tremendous amount of support available on campus and I encourage all students to take full advantage of those resources.”

With an array of on-campus support services designed to help students prepare for a successful academic experience, students at the Canyon Country campus can expect to receive all the same counseling services regardless of which campus the student primarily attends.

In addition to walk-in counseling questions and program advisement services, private 30-minute counseling sessions are available to students by appointment Monday – Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Canyon Country campus counseling office, located in Quad 1.

“I don’t even know if I can articulate all the beneficial things that talking to a counselor did for me, but the parts that stand out most for me are direction, encouragement, instilled confidence and alleviated fears,” said Clare Pepe, a re-entry student and single mother studying for a career in the healthcare industry.

“When you talk to a counselor you are the beneficiary of all their knowledge and insight about what is available to you as a student and what your career options will be after school,” Pepe said. “Knowing that someone is looking out for your best interests, not only as a student but as a human being, is priceless.”

To make an appointment students must have filed an application with the Admissions and Records Office and have an official COC student ID number issued by the college. It is also recommended that students have all official transcripts from all previous college work on file with the college before meeting with a counselor.

Counseling appointments can be made up to 10 days in advance online, over the phone or in person.

Among the counseling services available at the college is a series of recently introduced courses designed to provide success strategies and academic guidance catered to adult re-entry students.

“These courses are a great way for adult re-entry students to begin the transition back into the higher education system,” Shaker said. “And they are especially helpful because students will be in a class with other re-entry students who share many of the same needs, concerns and fears about returning to school.”

Being offered at the Canyon Country campus in fall 2009, the eight-week course, Counseling 010 Career Exploration, assists students in making academic and career decisions with an added emphasis on selecting careers based on one’s personal goals, interests, abilities



“I’m back at school now and my whole life has changed,” said College of the Canyons re-entry student Dusty Hutton (right) pictured above meeting with counselor Julie Jacobson at the college’s Canyon Country campus. Private 30-minute counseling sessions are available to students by appointment Monday through Thursday in the campus’ counseling office, located in Quad 1.

and values identified through various self-assessment and career research exercises.

"The Counseling 010 course allows students to really study themselves and decide what academic or career field they would like to enter," Shaker said. "It's perfect for potential students who want to get into an academic program but aren't exactly sure what they want to do for a career."

Students who have completed the Counseling 010 course also describe the experience as an extremely helpful and informative step in the college enrollment process.

"If I had not taken the Counseling 010 course I don't know what direction I'd be going in right now," said re-entry student and single mother Dusty Hutton.

"It helped me learn a lot about myself, what my interests are and what my likes and dislikes are. It was really a fun and interesting experience to be able to ask 'who am I,'" said Hutton, who as a result of the course is now working toward becoming a registered nurse. "I'm back at school now, and my whole life has changed."

For more information about the counseling services offered at the College of the Canyons Canyon Country campus or to make a counseling appointment please contact (661) 476-3811 or visit [www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/](http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Counseling/).

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