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Advanced Technology Incubator
The Advanced Technology Incubator program provides entrepreneurs starting or developing technology-based products or services with additional resources and the in-depth support necessary to launch and grow a successful startup technology business.
For more information, visit www.canyonsecondev.org or call (661) 362-3241.

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (EOPS)
The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state-funded retention program that recruits, and transitions to work or to university, those students who are eligible. The program’s goal is to serve and encourage students from various backgrounds to continue their education at the community college level. The specific responsibility of EOPS is to develop programs, services, techniques, and activities that are over and above traditional college programs. Qualified students may receive, but are not limited to:
• Academic counseling
• Personal counseling
• Vocational/Career counseling
• Peer advising
• Priority registration
• Meal cards
• Financial aid referrals
• Transfer assistance
• College survival workshops
• Special tutoring
• First-day book services
• School supplies
• Computer usage
• Study skills workshops
• Cultural awareness activities
• Other services as determined by need

EOPS Eligibility Criteria
1. Full-time student (12 units or more)
2. Legal resident of the State of California
3. Eligible for the Board of Governors fee waiver
4. An EOPS contract must be signed and followed
5. Maintain normal progress (as defined by College policies) toward a goal, certificate, or degree while maintaining a satisfactory grade point average (2.0 or higher)
EOPS applications and information are available in the Student Success Center on the Valencia campus, and Building 1B (by appointment) on the Canyon Country campus or by calling (661) 362-3279 or www.canyons.edu/offices/eops/.

PROGRAMA Y SERVICIO DE OPORTUNIDAD EXTENDIDA (EOPS)
El Programa y Servicio de Oportunidad Extendida (EOPS en inglés) es una programa estatal de retención de estudiantes, cuya misión es reclutar y ayudar a estudiantes cualificados, que no podrian asistir de otro modo a la universidad.
El objetivo del programa es servir a personas de diferente extracción social, animándolas y ayudándolas para que continúen su educación a nivel de la universidad comunitaria. De forma más concreta, el Programa y Servicio de Oportunidad Extendida desarrolla programas, servicios, técnicas, y actividades adicionales a los programas universitarios tradicionales. Hay también estudiantes asesores a su disposición para ayudarlo.
Para obtener solicitudes del Programa y Servicio de Oportunidad Extendida, o para más información, puede ir al la oficina de EOPS en el campus de Valencia o puede comunicarse a (661) 362-3279.

Ayuda económica

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
Federally and State-funded student financial aid provides access to a college education to those students who otherwise would not be able to afford one. The Financial Aid Office provides a complete array of student services that are designed to help students with educationally-related expenses pay for their college education.
COC participates in these financial aid programs:
• Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW)
• Cal Grant B & C
• Federal Pell Grant
• Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
• Federal Workstudy
• Federal Direct Loans
  - Subsidized
  - Unsubsidized
  - PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students)
Grants, loan and workstudy job opportunities may be available to any College of the Canyons student who establishes financial need by completing the financial aid process. Students must complete a financial aid application online at www.fafsa.gov. Eligible students will be awarded financial aid through various types of programs as funding is available. Eligible applicants will be expected to maintain standards of progress to remain eligible for financial aid.

Additional information and criteria for each of the grant, loan and work study programs can be obtained on the College of the Canyons Financial Aid Webpage www.canyons.edu/financialaid or by calling (661) 362-3204. Additional information regarding financial aid services is available in the Financial Aid Office located in SCOH-110, or by calling (661) 362-3215, or email at finaid@canyons.edu. On the Canyon Country Campus go to Quad 1 or call (661) 362-3804.

Fee Waiver
The Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW) is for California residents and AB 540 students only. Students who qualify for the BOGW, will have their enrollment fees waived for the fall, spring, winter and
summer sessions. By applying via the FAFSA, students will be considered for all of the financial aid programs, including the BOGW enrollment fee waiver. There is also a separate BOGW application available in the Financial Aid Office, in the College of the Canyons class schedule or on the college Website at www.canyons.edu/money4college.

Grants
A grant is an award, based upon demonstrated financial need and other criteria, that does NOT have to be repaid. The College participates in the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C.

Loans
Low-interest loans made by the Federal government, are available to students to help pay for education costs. College of the Canyons offers three types of Federal Stafford student loans – subsidized, unsubsidized and PLUS loans. The Stafford student loans must be repaid by the student usually beginning six months after leaving college. Current and former students who are in default on their Federal Stafford Loan will not be permitted to receive financial aid, grades, transcripts, or diplomas, nor will copies of their grades be forwarded to other institutions.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
College of the Canyons offers two types of scholarship programs:

Institutional Scholarships
Students applying for the COC annual institutional scholarship program must submit an online scholarship application. Applications are available annually in February at www.canyons.edu/scholarships. Student notification is in May for awards which will be disbursed in the following academic year.

Outside Scholarships
In addition to the annual program for students, many community groups and organizations also sponsor student scholarships as a means of expressing confidence in College of the Canyons students. Scholarships usually range in amounts from $200 to $1000 and are made available intermittently throughout the year. Student eligibility varies according to each individual scholarship; therefore, scholarship applications must be filed for each individual scholarship for which the student wishes to be considered. Scholarship deadlines vary. Scholarships have pre-established criteria which may include any or all of the following: academic merit, specific educational major, financial need, college/community involvement, and/or transfer to 4-year college/university. Scholarship applications may also require letters of recommendation.

An up-to-date listing of available scholarships is available on the financial aid Webpage at www.canyons.edu/money4college. Further information is available from the Financial Aid Office which is located in SCOH-110, (661) 362-3515. Information is also available at the Canyon Country Campus, call (661) 362-3804 or go to Quad 1.

Student Employment - Workstudy
The Federal Workstudy Program (FWS) allows students to earn money for their educationally-related expenses through a variety of on-campus workstudy positions. These positions are usually tied to community service or to the student’s educational major. Federal Workstudy is awarded through the FAFSA application and funding is limited. While participating in the Federal Workstudy program, a student must be enrolled at least half-time (six or more units) and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Students awarded Federal Workstudy can log onto the college website at www.canyons.edu/money4college to check available job listings.

HOUSING
The college is a community college serving primarily the students who live within the Santa Clarita Community College District. Most of the students reside within commuting distance of the campus. The college provides no campus housing.

As a service to students living away from home, the Student Development Office maintains an online housing board listing available rooms, apartments, and houses for rent. However, the college assumes no responsibility for inspecting or supervising and validating such housing facilities.

Landlords wishing to have their housing facilities listed must indicate that they, in offering housing, do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or national origin. A signed statement to this effect must be on file in the Student Development Office. The landlords agreement with this statement must be submitted electronically to the College at the time of completing the online posting of information prior to listing. For more information and to view the online housing board please visit: www.canyons.edu/Offices/Student_Development/housing.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROGRAM (ISP)
The International Students Program (ISP) assists all foreign students attending the college. Located in the Student Support Center, the ISP staff can assist students who wish to obtain I-20 certification as a step to receiving an F-1 student visa. Counseling of foreign students is available from the ISP staff, who will provide academic, vocational and personal counseling to foreign students. Students are encouraged to contact the ISP Office by calling (661) 362-3580 to make an appointment.

LEARNING RESOURCES
The primary goal of Learning Resources is to support the college curriculum. To achieve this goal, Learning Resources, primarily through the Library and the TLC Lab, provides services and materials to assist instruction, enhance student success, and support lifelong learning.