Any person applying for admission to the college must qualify using one of the following conditions:

A. Be a graduate of high school, or have passed the California High School Proficiency Exam.
B. Has completed coursework for high school graduation and is in possession of a Certificate of Specialization, or the equivalent.
C. Be 18 years of age or over and be capable of profiting from the instruction offered.
D. Be eligible for admission as a special student pursuant to Sections 48800, 48800.5, 48802, 76001, and 76002 of the California Education Code.

1. Students falling under these criteria must be approved by their high school principal or designee for “advanced scholastic or vocational work,” and must be identified as a special part-time or full-time student.
2. Students may be admitted from K-10 if identified as “highly gifted.”
3. Students may be admitted as a special part-time or full-time student if:
   a. The class is open to the general public, and
   b. The student is currently enrolled in grades 11-12. Exceptions may be made for some special programs and course work, and
   c. The student has demonstrated eligibility for instruction by completing assessment and orientation.

Eligibility for Admission Definitions:

A. Advanced scholastic or vocational work is identified as College of the Canyons degree applicable course work.
B. A special part-time student is identified as attending high school and College of the Canyons concurrently, and is enrolled in 11.0 college units or less.
C. A special full-time student is identified as a high school student who has been completely released by his or her high school to attend College of the Canyons full-time, and is enrolled in 12.0 units or more.
D. A highly gifted student would be a student in K-10 who has a score of 150 or higher on the most current version of the WISC intelligence test.

The College may restrict admission in some courses and programs. For instance, special admission students cannot enroll in Culinary Arts 226-Food and Wine and HLHSCI 151-Emergency Medical Technician I as both courses have an age restriction. In addition, special admission students must obtain departmental consent for all courses in welding and manufacturing.

Students participating in the Santa Clarita Valley Youth Orchestra program do not have a grade level restriction for taking music classes in this program. Students participating in Academy of the Canyons middle college programs follow the same assessment and orientation process as other special admission students. However, Academy of the Canyons students will be enrolled in classes according to the agreement their institution has made with College of the Canyons.

Students enrolled in grades 11-12 in a public or private school district may apply for admission to the College upon submitting an approved Special Admit form as well as an Authorization to Consent to Medical Treatment form and any other forms as deemed necessary. Home school programs for grades 11-12 must meet state guidelines for special admit students to apply for admission.

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 76001 (d), specially admitted part-time students may not enroll in more than 11 units per semester.

Pursuant to California Education Code Section 76300 (f), specially admitted part-time students may be exempt from payment of the enrollment fees, per special action of the Board. All other appropriate fees shall be assessed.

Specially admitted students released from their high school to attend College of the Canyons full-time must pay the enrollment fee and all other appropriate fees as assessed.

Admission Procedure - Application

A formal application for admission must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office. This should be done as soon as the decision has been made by the individual to seek admission to the College. Students returning after missing one semester or more must submit a new application to reactivate their student history file.

Documents Required (Transcripts)

Applicants entering as first-time freshmen must arrange to have academic transcripts from their high school of graduation or school of last attendance sent to the Admissions and Records Office. Students should have transcripts sent from each college attended. All transcripts should arrive prior to the student’s registration date to be used to meet course prerequisites and prevent an interruption to the automated registration process. All transcripts become the property of the College, and photocopies may not be released.

Student Correspondence

College of the Canyons is making every effort to communicate with students by sending correspondence through email. The College provides each student with a College of the Canyons email address. This email account is assigned once a student submits an application and (re)sets their “My Canyons” username and Password. The email account is supported by Microsoft. We advise you to check your email often, as information we send will often be time sensitive and important to your college career.

Credit Accepted

College of the Canyons accepts credit for courses completed at colleges and universities that have been accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations. Upon petition and after evaluation, credit may be accepted from schools and colleges having other types of accreditation. Students must have 12 units in residence before credit will be placed on the academic transcript. Some exceptions apply; for more information contact Admissions and Records.
The primary purpose of matriculation is enhancing student success but it is also charged with ensuring fair and process designed to support and encourage student achievement. Essentially, it is a student into an agreement for the purpose of realizing their educational objectives. All students must provide an admissions process, orientation to college, student services, pre-enrollment assessment, counseling and advisement on course selection, a curriculum or plan. Any student who plans to enroll in a math or English class, or in a class that has a math or English prerequisite, must take the assessment test. A student may retest once every 180 days from the original test date if a course in a sequence has not yet been completed. Testing twice into the same course level means that the student must take that course and will not be allowed to retest. Scores are valid for two calendar years. If no college English, math, or ESL courses are taken for two years, students must retest to update their assessment profiles. Assessment tests are used to evaluate skill levels and are not intended to advance a student to a higher level. Once a student enrolls in a course in a sequence and has received a grade, the student can no longer retest to skip forward in the sequence. The course must be completed with a “C” or better before moving on to the next level. If students feel that they have the skills to be successful in a higher-level course, but lack the academic evidence, they will be referred to the counseling office for information on possible options.

ORIENTATION
Online orientation is required of all new and first-time to College of the Canyons non-exempt students. It provides valuable information about the services, programs, and courses available at the College. Students who successfully complete the online orientation will be given an early registration date. To access orientation go to www.canyons.edu and click on “New Student Info.” Counseling faculty offer New Student Advisement workshops on educational planning and course selection for new students prior to the first day of registration. Students are encouraged to bring their placement results and a draft of their course selections to the advisement office prior to orientation.

ADMISSION
New students must complete and submit an application for admission either online (www.canyons.edu) or in person prior to enrollment at College of the Canyons. The College uses the information received from the application and transcripts to refer students to specialized services across campus, and to complete the assessment process and online orientation. These services will allow students to progress towards completion of their stated educational goals.

ASSESSMENT
Comprehensive assessment testing is available to assist students in an evaluation of their skill levels. Assessment testing in math, English or ESL is required of all new non-exempt students. Testing is free, there are no grades, and students are allowed to work at their own pace. Counselors and program advisors use test scores to determine appropriate placement in classes and to help students develop their first semester educational plan. Any student who plans to enroll in a math or English class, or in a class that has a math or English prerequisite, must take the assessment test. A student may retest once every 180 days from the original test date if a course in a sequence has not yet been completed. Testing twice into the same course level means that the student must take that course and will not be allowed to retest. Scores are valid for two calendar years. If no college English, math, or ESL courses are taken for two years, students must retest to update their assessment profiles. Assessment tests are used to evaluate skill levels and are not intended to advance a student to a higher level. Once a student enrolls in a course in a sequence and has received a grade, the student can no longer retest to skip forward in the sequence. The course must be completed with a “C” or better before moving on to the next level. If students feel that they have the skills to be successful in a higher-level course, but lack the academic evidence, they will be referred to the counseling office for information on possible options.

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Residency
New and returning students to College of the Canyons are classified for the purpose of determining California residency and/or non-resident status. The classifications are as follows: Unmarried minors (persons under 18 years of age), who are US Citizens or a status that allows residence, whose parents have resided in California for a period of one year immediately prior to the first day of instruction of the term the applicant expects to attend, may attend as residents. Persons over 18 years of age, who have legal residence in California for a period of one year immediately prior to the first day of instruction of the term the applicant expects to attend, may attend as residents. Applicants having less than one year of residence in California immediately prior to the first day of instruction of the term they expect to attend are classified as non-residents for tuition purposes.

United States citizens, permanent residents, and aliens without lawful immigration status who have attended a California high school for at least three years and then graduated may qualify for a non-resident tuition waiver. Contact Admissions and Records for more details.

Non-immigrant alien students are required to pay the non-resident tuition and may need to meet certain other admission requirements. Contact Admissions and Records for more information.

International Students
College of the Canyons is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. International students applying for admission and subsequent student visas must meet special admission requirements. For a statement of these requirements and procedures, inquiries should be made to the Director of International Students.

MATRICULATION
Matriculation is a process that brings the college and the student into an agreement for the purpose of realizing the student’s educational objectives. Essentially, it is a process designed to support and encourage student success but it is also charged with ensuring fair and consistent assessment and placement, and equal access to campus resources.

The primary purpose of matriculation is enhancing student success. The matriculation agreement acknowledges responsibilities of both the College and the student to attain this objective. All students must participate in the process unless granted a specific exemption. For the College, the agreement includes providing an admissions process, orientation to college, student services, pre-enrollment assessment, counseling and advisement on course selection, a curriculum or plan. Any student who plans to enroll in a math or English class, or in a class that has a math or English prerequisite, must take the assessment test. A student may retest once every 180 days from the original test date if a course in a sequence has not yet been completed. Testing twice into the same course level means that the student must take that course and will not be allowed to retest. Scores are valid for two calendar years. If no college English, math, or ESL courses are taken for two years, students must retest to update their assessment profiles. Assessment tests are used to evaluate skill levels and are not intended to advance a student to a higher level. Once a student enrolls in a course in a sequence and has received a grade, the student can no longer retest to skip forward in the sequence. The course must be completed with a “C” or better before moving on to the next level. If students feel that they have the skills to be successful in a higher-level course, but lack the academic evidence, they will be referred to the counseling office for information on possible options.

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