

CalWORKs

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Welcome to the fall 2016 semester!

As we start a new academic year there is always a lot of excitement looking forward to new courses and new challenges. Be sure to check out our website at www.canyons.edu/offices/calworks where we have many services listed including resources and forms you will need during the semester.

Under the forms tab you will find instructions for processing your **book requests** (see ancillary requests) and for obtaining your **Verification of Benefits** without having to go to the DPSS office! We will be continuing to add important information to the website as the semester progresses or you can follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

New BOG Fee Waiver Changes

The Community College Board of Governor's Fee Waiver program has implemented changes starting fall of 2016. If you do not meet a 2.0 grade point average or completion of 50% of your units after two regular semesters you may lose your BOG. This could bring your fees from \$15 per term to \$647 for a full semester load. You will be notified within 30 days of the end of the fall or spring semester if you are at risk. There is an appeal process in place if you are a CalWORKs participant. The CalWORKs counselors or director will need to assist you with the appeal form.

Join Us

Family Night will be on September 29th, 6:00-7:30pm. Bring your family for dinner so they can see the importance that college plays in your life. You must register by 9/26/16, immediate family only.



Important dates for full semester classes.

September 4

Add / Drop without a "W"

September 23

Pass/no pass grade deadline

November 13

Final withdraw deadline

Transfer

If you are applying for transfer to a UC or CSU campus for fall of 2017 applications will be due this semester.

UC accepts applications November 1-30 at UniversityofCalifornia.edu.

CSU accepts applications October 1-November 30 at CSUMentor.edu.

Be sure to put your transfer schools on your FASFA update for 2017/2018.

Apply early...don't wait until the deadline!

More Important News

Laptop Loan

We have been waiting for this for quite some time and it is now a reality. We now have laptop computers to loan out to you! The process is free and available on a first come, first served basis. Call us for details.

Graduating or Completing a Certificate?

Are you planning to graduate or complete a certificate this academic year? Congratulations! Be sure to schedule an appointment with a CalWORKs counselor to review your progress and file your petition.

FAFSA Update

October 1 is the first day to update your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (using 2015 tax return). It is important to do this during the priority filing dates of October 1, 2016 - March 2, 2017 in order to qualify for the most aid that is available. Certain grants have limited funds available so the first students who apply are first in line, and when the funds are exhausted they are gone! This application period is for the 2017-2018 academic school year so be sure to include any school that you maybe transferring to.

Work Study Update

Work study is a great opportunity to build your skills, resume and confidence while working on campus. To be added to our prospect list you must have completed 12 units at COC, have a minimum 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in 6 units for the fall and/or spring semesters and one class in the winter and summer sessions. The income you earn does not count against your aid! Let us know if you are interested.

Save the Date

Our Holiday Book Festival will be held on Saturday December 3, 9:00-11:00am. There will be a pancake breakfast and children will go home with new books of their choosing. Bring the family! More detail to come.



Community Services

Work Source/AJCC

Did you know that we have an Employment Center right here on the COC's campus? If you will be finishing up your degree and looking for full-time work this is a great resource. Their services include: job listings and tools, workshops and much more. They are located in the University Center in Suite 250. For further information call (661) 799-9675 or visit their website at www.worksantaclarita.com

Car Repair

Does your car need a major repair? If so contact your GAIN worker and ask about the Vehicle Diagnosis & Repair Program (VDRP). You may be covered for up to \$50 for diagnosis and \$1500 in approved car repair. It's important to talk to your worker before you begin the repair process!

For additional referrals please check with a CalWORKs staff member.