

# CalWORKs

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## Welcome to the spring 2017 semester!

We are happy to be here to assist you with your educational journey. Be sure to check out our website [www.canyons.edu/offices/calworks](http://www.canyons.edu/offices/calworks) where we have many services listed including resources and forms you will need during the semester. Check out community resources under the services tab to learn about various service organizations you may find helpful.

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!

### 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

**Graduation Luncheon**-All CalWORKs student are invited to join us for a celebration honoring our 2016/2017 graduates. Come and hear our motivational speaker and enjoy a wonderful lunch on Wednesday May 10, 11:30-1:00. Come between classes or for the entire event. Reservation are required.



## Important dates for full semester classes.

### February 19

Add / Drop without a "W"

### March 10

Pass/no pass grade deadline

### May 7

Final withdraw deadline

### June 2

Graduation!

\*short term classes have their own deadlines

## Holidays

Presidents Day

➤ February 17-20

Spring Break

➤ April 3-9

Memorial Day

➤ May 29

## More Important News

### Laptop Loan

We have 8 laptops available for short term loan to our students. Please call or come into the office to check on availability.

### Education Plans

Once you have complete an education plan with a counselor it is recommended you take that information and plug it into your online education plan that is located in your "my canyons" account. Once you do that you can register more easily filtering for days of the week, campus location, online classes and much more. It will save you time looking up each class and give you a great visual calendar of all your classes. Help is available from student tutors in our study center.

### FAFSA Update

**March 2** is the priority deadline for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (using 2015 tax return). It is important to do this during the priority filing dates 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 in the upcoming year.

### 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 if you will be working at those times. The income you earn does not count against your aid! Let us know if you are interested.

### FYI

The CalWORKs program can only provide ancillary materials such as textbooks for classes that are for your **approved GAIN major**.



## Community Services

### Child & Family Guidance Center (CFGC)

One on one supportive counseling is available from the CFGC in our CalWORKs office at COC. If you would like extra emotional support while you are at COC with the rigors of being a student and a parent please let us know. This service becomes part of your welfare-to-work plan. Space is limited

### 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.