Can I attend Cerritos College?

Yes! You can attend if…

• You are 18 years of age or older, with or without a high school diploma or
• You are a high school graduate or
• You have the equivalent of a high school diploma or
• You are an international student with a valid non-immigrant, F-1 visa status or
• You are a high school student in your junior or senior year with appropriate criteria and
  approvals (College Bridge program).
• If you are undocumented, you may attend Cerritos College and pay in-state tuition if
  you qualify for AB-540.

Under AB-540 law, undocumented students qualify to pay in-state tuition if they meet the following requirements:

1. Attended a California high school for 3 or more years.
2. Graduate from a California high school or receive the equivalent general education
diploma (GED).
3. File an affidavit with the public state college or university stating that he or she will file an
  application to obtain legal permanent residency as soon as he or she is eligible.

Assessment and Orientation-Counseling (AOC) is required for first-time, new to any
college, students prior to enrollment. You may choose to participate in the Early Success
Program (ESP) and receive the benefit of earlier enrollment if AOC is completed by a
specific date! For details visit www.cerritos.edu/esp/

What is Assessment?

Assessment is the process of gathering information about you to ensure your success in
college, and it is required for first-time students. If you plan to enroll in a math, English or
reading class, earn an associate in arts degree, or transfer to a 4-year university, these tests
will help counselors place you in the most appropriate courses.

Why go to the Orientation Workshop?

As a new student, you are required to attend the orientation workshop to receive
counselor assistance to select courses. This workshop also acquaints you with Cerritos
College programs, services and makes the enrollment process easier. Orientation
workshops are offered in the day and evening prior to enrollment. If you are not able to
attend in person, please complete orientation online at www.cerritos.edu/orientation.

Why do I need Counseling?

Counselors are here to assist you with the development of an
educational plan and the selection of courses. We suggest that you
make an appointment, but counselors are also available on a walk-
in basis. General counseling assistance can also be found online by
visiting www.cerritos.edu/counseling and selecting “Online Counseling”

Visit us at www.cerritos.edu
Academic Programs

Distance Education ......................... x7891
Online and hybrid courses are offered and carry full academic credit. The content is equivalent to the traditional mode of delivery (in-person instruction).

First Year Experience ....................... x2782
A set of classes that are “packaged” together for you, in which you will become part of a learning community as you will be given the opportunities to form study groups. You will be taking a full program of courses including English, math, and study skills.

Learning Communities ..................... x2782
Learning Communities offers classes in which the subject matter and ways of investigating questions in two or more fields are integrated. The class may be designed around a unifying theme, based on courses that reinforce the students’ special needs. In principle, students learn from students and faculty and faculty learn from students and each other.

Project HOPE ..................... x7847
Project HOPE is dedicated to increasing the number of Latinos and other underrepresented groups entering, matriculating, and completing health careers. This program is designed to help and guide students through the rigorous academic and social work involved with health professions.

Puente Program .......................... x2149
The Puente Program is an academic, counseling, and mentoring program that supports educationally underrepresented students in building the skills necessary for success in academic and career goals while at Cerritos College.

Scholars’ Honors Program ............... x2728
The Scholars’ Honors Program (SHP) is a social and academic home that Cerritos College offers to talented and motivated students planning to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, especially to the UC and CSU systems. It introduces you to a community of faculty and staff who are committed to helping you succeed and it provides you with a supportive environment of fellow-students with similar goals and interests.

Teacher TRAC ............................ x2212
The Teacher TRAC program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching K-12. For students interested in becoming an elementary school teacher, Teacher TRAC’s flagship program is a partnership with California State University Long Beach.

As a student in the integrated, standards based Teacher TRAC / CSULB program, you can earn your bachelor’s degree, multiple subject teaching credential and complete your student teaching.

Co-Curricular Activities

Athletics ................................. x2864
Cerritos College is a member of the South Coast Conference. Cerritos men’s teams are represented in: baseball, basketball, cross country, football (SCFA), soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, water polo and wrestling (SCWA). Cerritos women’s teams are represented in: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and water polo.

Student Activities ........... x2473
Cerritos College offers a variety of campus clubs and organizations for every phase of campus life. They provide opportunities for students in social, service, curricular, and special interest programs. There are approximately 60 clubs on campus that include the International Student Association, Music Club, Phi Theta Kappa and the Anthropology Club.

Certificates, Degrees and Transfer

Associate in Arts Degree (AA)
This degree is granted upon completion of two parts, specialized education (department major) and general education coursework. You must complete 60 units of degree applicable work. Earning an AA Degree can be completed in two years, but varies depending on part-or full-time status and course placement.

Certificate of Achievement
A certificate of achievement is granted when coursework is completed in an area of specialization—general education courses are not required. This certificate provides you with hands-on training in areas such as woodworking, welding, automobiles, court reporting, culinary arts, and cosmetology.

Transfer to a University
Transfering includes the completion of courses that satisfy the university’s lower division general education and major requirements to obtain your bachelor’s degree. You are advised to complete 60 transferable units in order to be eligible for full junior status at the transfer institution.
4 EASY STEPS TO CASH

1. APPLY
   Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov
   The School Code for Cerritos College is 001161. Apply by March 2nd to be considered for Cal Grant B & C.

2. SUBMIT FORMS
   Read Missing Information Letter or view To Do List on MyCerritos.
   Download the required forms at www.cerritos.edu/finaid and submit these to the Financial Aid Office to complete your file.

3. REVIEW AWARDS
   View your awards on my.cerritos.edu.
   You must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to receive awards.

4. RECEIVE DISBURSEMENT
   Receive and activate your Cerritos Falcon Card.
   The Financial Aid Office will disburse your financial aid.
   View account activity online at MyCerritos for refund status.

Financial Aid Office 4/2014

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Financial Aid
Go to College...We can HELP!

CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

APPLY YEARLY

Early Application Period: January – April 30th

JANUARY
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available.

MARCH 2ND & SEPTEMBER 2ND
Cal Grant application deadline. Submit both FAFSA and GPA Verification Form.

MARCH - APRIL
Respond to Missing Information Letter (MIL) or View To Do List on My Cerritos. Submit all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

JULY
Financial Aid Office begins award notification. View your awards on MyCerritos.

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Financial Aid Programs

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EOPS
EOPS is a combination of programs and services designed to help low income and educationally disadvantaged students obtain academic success. EOPS offers book vouchers, grants, counseling, priority registration and many other services.

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THE STUDENT INFORMATION DESK IS LOCATED AT THE ONE-STOP CENTER

*Move to Santa Barbara Building (SBB) expected Fall 2014.

(CURRENT) FALCON WAY

Map subject to change due to the construction projects. Updates available at http://www.cerritos.edu/map.