Welcome to the Fall 2011 semester!

My name is Shannon Estrada and I am the Re-Entry Resource Specialist here at Cerritos College. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and to congratulate you on joining the Cerritos College community.

The Re-Entry Resource Program is here to assist and support Re-Entry students like yourself, and address the unique concerns you may have about returning to school through personal advisement, workshops, referral sources, peer groups and special events. This semester, I will also be promoting scholarships that are exclusive to Re-Entry students – I really encourage you to apply! I hope that you will take advantage of our services and use them to assist you in having a successful experience here at Cerritos College.

I would love to meet you and I look forward to assisting you in any way that I can. Please feel free to either call or stop by to see how we can help!

Best of luck for a great semester!
Shannon Estrada

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“It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.”

~ Confucius ~
What is the Re-Entry Resource Program?

The purpose of the Re-Entry Resource Program is to provide adult students 25+ years old who have a 3 – 5 year break in education with the tools and support they need to successfully re-enter and thrive in school.

As an adult returning to school after an absence, you may have needs and concerns that are different from those of traditional college students. Some examples could be feeling lost and not sure where to begin, scheduling issues with work and home life, childcare issues, more financial responsibility, and possibly self-doubt about your own abilities here on campus. Our goal is to provide you with tailored services to address those concerns.

The Re-Entry Resource Program offers:

- Personalized assistance to guide you through the application process
- Specialized referrals to both on and off campus resources
- Exclusive Re-Entry Scholarships
- Free Success Workshops
- Free Re-Entry Referral Directory
- Support Building Peer Groups and Socials

Visit our office to learn more about these services.

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“No great achievement is possible without persistent work.”

~ Bertrand Russell ~
“Re-Entry Student Success”

Angela Kelly is currently employed by Crittenton Children and Family services and Mental Health of Orange County as a Parent Partner for the Wraparound Program serving families in crisis within the southeast area of Los Angeles County. When she began working for Crittenton 8 years ago, she was a Residential Counselor for adolescent girls and teen mothers at the Valley View Residential Treatment Center.

Angela’s journey began as a Re-Entry student at Cerritos College in 1997. She had been out of school for 17 years and was in the CalWORKs Program raising 7 children all under 15 years of age on her own. Returning to school as a single mother on welfare, Angela wanted desperately to find purpose in her life. She would often say, “I wanted to break the cycle of poverty that plagued my family for years.” To help her achieve her goals, she took advantage of the many resources on campus including the CARE and EOP&S Programs. She also became involved with campus organizations including the Single Parents Club (SPICE-Single Parents In College For Excellence) and served as President for 2 years. She served in the executive branch and the legislative branch of the ASCC and was a representative to the Faculty Senate. She never forgot how supportive the Re-Entry Center was to her and she continued to support students as they returned to school as well. For two years, Angela worked for Cerritos College as a Peer Counselor in the Public Relations office. Additionally, she served on the Job Placement Advisory Committee and she continues to serve on that committee today. She is often asked to be a guest speaker for the CalWORKs, CARE, and EOP&S programs.

Due to her dedication to herself, her family and to others, Angela received a number of recognitions: in 1999, she received Gold, Silver, and Bronze Falcon awards for leadership and services through the Cerritos College ASCC. In 2000, Cerritos College awarded her the Gold and Silver Falcon, ASCC Scholarship, and Woman of the Year. She also received the Cerritos Scholarship Foundation Award and several additional financial awards from local women’s organizations. In her acceptance of these awards, Angela said, “all I wanted to do was to get off welfare and better my life for me and my children; and at the same time, make sure other students didn’t have to struggle on a college campus like I did. I just wanted to put a face on the single parents on campus and let everyone know we are just as capable and dedicated to achieving an education as the traditional student if we are given the resources.”

Angela recently completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Social Services from the University of Phoenix. She is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Adult Education and Training in order to fulfill her lifelong goal of becoming a life coach working with single mothers. Angela’s children are grown now and all have been a part of the college system.

“YOU” Time

Your experience at Cerritos College can be more fulfilling and successful if you connect with other re-entry students.

Drop by and meet other re-entry students, like yourself. Find out how others “balance it all”, talk about issues affecting you and take time out of your busy schedule to focus on YOU… “YOU” Time.

Join us for snacks and casual conversation on any of the dates listed below:

*Tuesday, September 13, 2011
5pm – 6pm
BE 3

*Wednesday, October 12, 2011
2pm – 3pm
BE 6

Thursday, November 17, 2011
2pm – 3pm
BE 15

*We will have special guest speaker, Angela Kelly at the September and October meetings. Angela is a former Cerritos College Re-Entry student, who against all odds, excelled in school and became a smashing success. Come and hear her incredible story and her tips for making it through.

Please RSVP by contacting Shannon Estrada at sestrada@cerritos.edu or by calling (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.

“Re-Entry Student Success”

~ ABRAHAM LINCOLN ~
Fall 2010 Re-Entry Resource Program Scholarships

Apply for these scholarships online by completing the general scholarship application at www.cerritos.edu/foundation.

CARMEN SOLIS PRATT - $1600 ($800/SEMESTER)
- Re-Entry Student
- Male or Female
- 35 years or older
- 2.0 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

E. MAUDE WEST - $500
- First year Re-Entry student
- Female
- U.S. Citizen
- 2.8 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

ELLEN CARVER - $750
- Re-Entry student
- Female
- 30 – 60 units complete
- U.S. Citizen
- 2.8 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

JEAN O. MICHAEL - $1000 ($500/SEMESTER)
- Re-Entry student
- Female
- Business Major
- Shows financial need
- Enrolled fulltime (12 units or more)
- U.S. Citizen
- 2.0 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

NORWALK WOMEN’S CLUB - $500
- Re-Entry student
- Female
- 20 units complete
- 2.8 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

WOMEN’S CLUB OF ARTESIA – CERRITOS - $750
- Re-Entry student
- Female
- 30 – 60 units complete
- U.S. Citizen
- 2.8 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

GOLDEN GIRLS - $700
- Re-Entry student
- Female
- 24 units complete
- U.S. Citizen
- 2.8 GPA
- Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

Scholarship Workshop
Learn the ABC’s of applying for scholarship money!
Our workshop will cover everything you need to know such as:
- Format basics
- Letter of recommendation
- Obtaining transcripts
- Financial Statements
- Writing an essay
and more...

Workshop Times
Thursday, September 1
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. SS 139

Tuesday, September 20
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. BE 3

Presented by:
Veronica Castro, Financial Aid

Sponsored by:
The Re-Entry Resource Program

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“A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.”

~ Elbert Hubbard ~
Discovering Your True Colors

Not sure what your gifts are nor what career to pursue? Whether you are aware of them or not, you have unique gifts and talents! These gifts not only make up whom you are; they are essential to achieving success in your career! Come and discover the gifts that lie inside of you as well as the careers you may want to pursue!

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011**
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
BE 2

Presented by: Veronica Herrera, Counselor  
Sponsored by: The Career Center and Re-Entry Resource Program

Please RSVP by contacting Shannon Estrada at sestrada@cerritos.edu or by calling (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.

How to Study More Effectively Workshop

While reading your textbooks, do you read the same paragraph over and over? Come to our workshop and learn the four easy steps to understanding a textbook chapter. Discover how to read more effectively and study while doing it!

**Thursday, September 15**
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Language Arts Success Center, located on the upper floor of the LRC

Presented by: Student Success Center Staff  
Sponsored by: The Re-Entry Resource Program

Please RSVP by contacting Shannon Estrada at sestrada@cerritos.edu or by calling (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.

Choosing a Major: What YOU Need to Know!

Are you undeclared? Undecided on a major? Thinking of changing majors? Check out our workshop for students (like you!) making “major” decisions.

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011**
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
BE 2

**Monday, October 24, 2011**
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
BE 1

**Presented by:** Traci Ukita, Career Counselor  
**Sponsored by:** The Career Center and Re-Entry Resource Program

Please RSVP by contacting Shannon Estrada at sestrada@cerritos.edu or by calling (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.

All Majors Information Fair

The informational fair features certificate, degree, and transfer programs available at Cerritos College. Stop by for more information on your program of interest and a chance to get your questions answered. Explore the possibilities!

This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

**Tuesday, November 15, 2011**
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Library Sidewalk

**Sponsored by:** The Career Center and The Re-Entry Resource Program

For more information, contact Shannon Estrada at sestrada@cerritos.edu or call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.
Re-Entry News

Re-Entry Resource Program Bulletin Board
Stop by the Career Services Department and check out the new Re-Entry bulletin board located in the main lobby. It includes current scholarship information, volunteer opportunities, news about upcoming workshops and events, helpful resources and more.

Cerritos College Book Rental Program
Textbooks are very expensive! Why not try renting them? The bookstore is offering select textbooks for rent. The renter must be 18 years of age with a government issued I.D. and a valid credit card to be eligible to rent. Rented textbooks may be kept for the entire semester in which they are rented and are due back to the bookstore on the last day of finals. For more information regarding the text rental program and their return policies, please refer to the rental website at www.rent-a-text.com.

FREE Tutoring
Whether you’re just starting college or returning after a break, classes can be tough! Visit the Language Success Center (*LRC upstairs), and the Math Success Center (LRC downstairs), to find out about free tutoring in English, Math, and a variety of other subjects. For more information, stop by the ASC or give them a call at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2404 www.cerritos.edu/asc

* The Language Success Center is temporarily located in the LRC downstairs.

Need Grocery Coupons??
Visit the Re-Entry Resource Program and take advantage of pre-clipped, categorized coupons to help you save money on your next grocery bill. Just ask to see the “coupon box” at the Career Services front desk. For more information, call the Re-Entry Resource Program at (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.

Note-Taking Workshop
Find out how to listen and effectively use the 4 steps of taking great notes in class!

Thursday, September 29
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Language Arts Success Center, located on the upper floor of the LRC

Presented by: Academic Support Center Staff
Sponsored by: The Re-Entry Resource Program
Please RSVP by contacting Shannon Estrada at sestradacerritos.edu or by calling (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2362.