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, and may profit from instruction
- You are a high school graduate or have the equivalent of a high school diploma
- You are a high school student in your junior or senior year with appropriate criteria and approvals (College Bridge program)
- You are a student below the tenth grade with appropriate criteria and approvals (Special Admit minors program)
- You are an international student with a valid non-immigrant, F-1 visa status (completion of an international student application is required)

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 and graduated with a diploma or have attained a G.E.D.; or received a passing mark on the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE);
2. 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.

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 (stand-by) basis.

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Future Students
Special 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.

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
This is an academic, counseling, and mentoring program that supports educationally under-represented students to increase their enrollment in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders.

Scholars’ Honors Program ....... x2728
The Scholars’ Honors Program (SHP) provides transfer-bound students with the opportunity to enrich themselves through participation in unique, challenging, and interactive educational experiences. SHP students receive early registration privileges at Cerritos College and priority admissions consideration with our transfer partners (e.g., UCLA, UC Irvine, LMU, etc.).

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.

Transfer Center ...................... x2154
Located in the Admin. Bldg. Quad West, the Center offers an array of services including college rep visits, university fairs, workshops, university tours, presentations, Walk-in Wednesdays (counseling), computer lab for transfer research, and information on our university partnerships.

UMOJA Community ................. x2125
The UMOJA Community is committed to fostering the educational experience of all students, specifically designed with the African American and first-generation college students in mind. UMOJA offers academic support services, academic, and career counseling. Participants will have access to courses with emphasis tailored to the African American perspectives.

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
Student Activities and the Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASC) foster vibrant student life programs and events by engaging student participation. There are approximately 60 clubs on campus that include the Math Club, MECHA, and the KPOP Club.

Certificates, Degrees, and Transfer

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 dental assisting, child development, welding, automotive mechanical repair, athletic trainer aide, programmer, culinary arts, and cosmetology.

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.

Transfer to a University
Transferring 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.