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Myths

about community colleges



They don't offer job placement.

Wrong! Like many other community colleges, Coastline has a career center where you can view reference guides, job and internship postings, and more. Coastline also runs the Orange County One-Stop Centers—*job centers* made for *job seekers* where you'll find FREE access to copiers, computers, fax machines, and even stamps for mailing out applications and resumes.

The O.C. One-Stop Centers also have workshops like "Resume Writing" and "Interviewing Skills." Also, Coastline's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are developed through the help of "Advisory Boards"—real business people working in the fields Coastline is training for, so these companies often come to Coastline looking for trained students to fill their vacancies.

It'll take too long to transfer to a four-year university.

When you meet with a Coastline Counselor regularly, develop your Ed Plan (something that maps out what you need to take and when), and focus on enrolling in only the courses you need, you can finish fast and be on your way to a four-year university in no time. Plus, when you participate in certain programs (ex. EOPS—an extended financial aid program), you'll get priority registration. Priority registration means you can register for classes earlier than the general student population, which will help you secure a seat in those in-demand courses. Want to transfer to a CSU? When you successfully follow and complete the new Coastline STAR Program requirements, you are GUARANTEED to be ready to transfer to a CSU in only 3.5 semesters. Be sure to read about the three new STAR Programs inside this issue.

Enrollment fees can vary from campus to campus.

Nope. Whether you attend the community college down the street or in an entirely different county, the enrollment fee (what you pay per unit) is the same at all 112 California Community Colleges. Currently, the cost is \$46 per unit for California residents (starting summer 2012), but it's set by the State Legislature and can change at any time.

They're not the same as those colleges I see on TV.

Well, that's true. We're not the same. At Coastline, your classes will end up costing WAY less than those heavily-advertised colleges you see on TV (hey, they've got to pay for those commercials somehow). Better yet, Coastline is regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). What does that mean? Accreditation is a process for evaluating and assuring the quality of education used by the American higher education community. It means we're good, we've proven we're good, and we're legit.



Community colleges are just for old people.

Who are you callin' old, huh?! Community colleges are full of young people working on their general education (GE) requirements so they can transfer later to a four-year university. In fact, 59% of all students enrolled within the Coast Community College District (Coastline, Orange Coast, and Golden West College) were age 24 or younger in the 2010-2011 school year.* Why are so many young students starting at a community college? To save money and to get into CSU and UC schools. Coastline is just \$46 a unit and offers all of the general education (GE) courses you need to complete your transfer requirements without breaking the bank.

*Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart, www.cccco.edu

Am I even allowed to go to college?



State law AB 540 opens doors for undocumented students at California public colleges.

Q: What is AB 540?

A: AB 540 was signed into law in 2001 and allows undocumented students who meet specific criteria to pay in-state tuition at California's public colleges and universities.

Q: I came here when I was in elementary school and am undocumented, how could I be eligible for this?

A: To qualify for the AB 540 "California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption" you must have:

- Attended a CA high school for 3 or more years;
- Graduated, got your G.E.D. or attained the equivalent of a high school diploma;
- Registered or be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education in California;
- Filed (or will file) an affidavit as required saying that you will apply for legal residency as soon as possible;

(You may not be a non-immigrant holding a valid lettered non-immigrant visa.)

Q: So, I can go to college?

A: Yes, if you are undocumented you can go to any college or university in California as long as you are admitted/accepted. But, to avoid paying expensive out-of-state tuition, you need to meet the AB 540 requirements noted above. For more information, just call Coastline.

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Non-Discrimination Statement: The Coast Community College District does not discriminate unlawfully in providing educational or employment opportunities to any person on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, medical condition, physical or mental disability, military or veteran status, or genetic information.

K-12 Grade Students: In accordance with California Education Code, Section 48800, K-12 grade students may be eligible to enroll for advanced-level study in instructional areas not available at their school. The school and the college will determine who may enroll based on their judgment of the applicant's ability to profit from instruction. The college has the right and responsibility to restrict enrollment for reasons of health and safety, appropriateness of the course, preparedness of the student, academic performance, space availability, college policy and state law. The student must be in good academic standing (2.0 or above) and must produce a current transcript along with the signed approval of their high school principal and parent on the "High School Release" form available in the Coastline Admissions office or at www.coastline.edu. In addition, K-10 students must have the approval of the Dean of Counseling and Special Programs. K-10 students are required to attend Coastline's high school student orientation. To attend call 1 (877) 241-6328. K-12 students attending Coastline are awarded college credit for their coursework unless the school specifies, in writing to the college, that the course(s) are to be used for high school credit only.



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Your fast track to a degree.

★ **STAR** BUSINESS

Choose this program if you are interested in: *Accountancy, Finance, Human Resources Management, International Business, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, or Operations Management.*

Your STAR Business Associate's degree can lead to careers in Business Administration, Human Resource Management, Sales, Marketing, e-Commerce, Operations Management, and more*. This program includes 3.5 semesters of courses, and you can start in the spring or fall.

★ **STAR** PSYCHOLOGY

Choose this program if you want to be a: *Professor, Researcher or Statistician, Clinical Psychologist, Counselor, Community Organization Worker, Personnel Officer, Employment Interviewer, Psychologist, Career Counselor, Marriage and Family Therapist, Lawyer, Parole and Probation Officer, Teacher, or Public Relations Worker.*

Your STAR Psychology Associate's degree can lead to careers in Clinical Psychology, School Psychology, Early Childhood Development, Health Care, Education, or other fields* that have a tremendous impact on others. This program includes 3.5 semesters of courses, and you can start in the spring or fall.

★ **STAR** HISTORY

Choose this program if you want to be a: *Historian, Writer, Editor, Administrator in Historic and Cultural Preservation, Teacher, Museum Curator, Multimedia Specialist, Preservation and Environmental Lawyer, College Instructor, or Film Maker.*

Your STAR History Associate's degree can lead to careers such as an Educator, Researcher, Communicator, or Advocate. You could also work for a museum or historical organization, or be an archivist or librarian*. This program includes 3.5 semesters of courses, and you can start in the spring or fall.

Choose
YOUR
program ►

Coastline's STAR PROGRAMS are the best way to prepare for transfer to a CSU. These prescribed, fast-track programs can be completed in just 3.5 semesters.

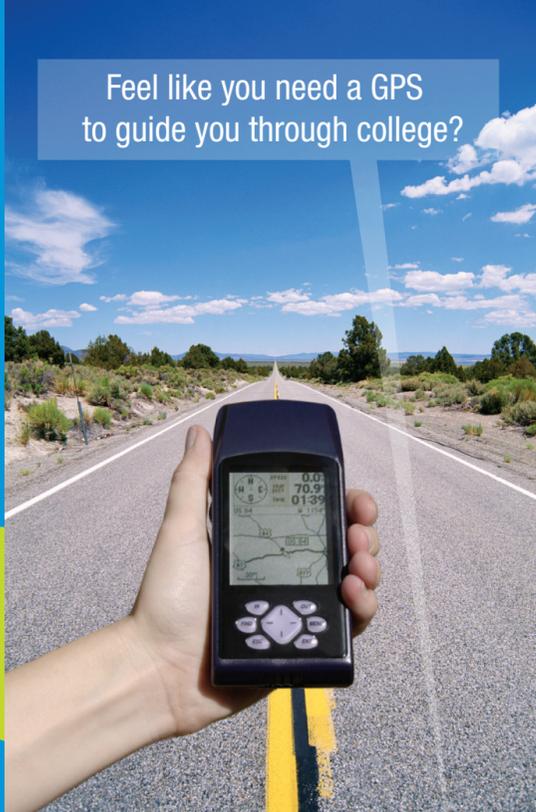
Best of all, STAR PROGRAM participants are guaranteed to get their classes each semester—meaning no camping out at the admissions office or scurrying to enroll online to save your seat.

Call now to find out more about these unique STAR PROGRAMS and you'll be in-and-out of Coastline, and at a CSU, in no time.

For more info on the STAR Programs, call (714) 241-6140 or e-mail STAR@coastline.edu.

* Some careers will require a Bachelor's degree. This STAR A.A. degree can help prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university. See a counselor for guidance.

Feel like you need a GPS to guide you through college?



Mark your calendar for these college prep workshops! ►

Get more info at www.coastline.edu/events

Science

@ the Garden Grove Center
June 4-14 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **OR**
August 6-16 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

English

@ the Le-Jao Center (Westminster)
August 6-16 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Reading

@ the Le-Jao Center (Westminster)
June 4-28 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **AND**
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Math

@ the Le-Jao Center (Westminster)
June 4-28 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **OR**
August 13-23 (Mon-Thurs)
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

California Dreamin'

A quick look at the California Dream Act

Signed into law in 2011, AB 540 (explained on the back cover of this issue) allows many undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates when pursuing their education.

Two newer laws—AB 131 and AB 130—open up financial aid funding to undocumented students. Below are details on AB 131 and AB 130:

AB 131
Authored by Assemblyman Gil Cedillo (D-Los Angeles), this law will allow top students, who are on the path to citizenship, to apply for *publicly-funded* college financial aid. Under the current AB 540 law, undocumented students already can pay resident tuition rates if they have graduated from a California high school and affirmed that they are in the process of applying to legalize their immigration status (see the back of this issue for details). Effective January 1, 2013, AB 131 will make this limited pool of students eligible to apply for Cal Grants and other state aid.

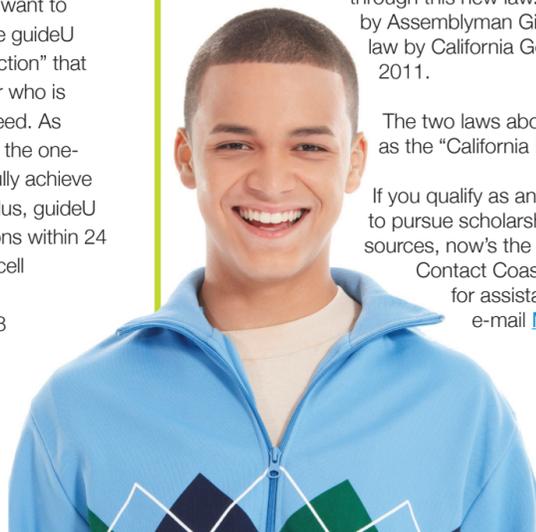
AB 130
Financial aid funded from *private* sources (like scholarships funded by private donors) are now open to undocumented students through this new law. AB 201 was authored by Assemblyman Gil Cedillo and signed into law by California Governor Brown on July 25, 2011.

The two laws above are collectively known as the "California Dream Act."

If you qualify as an AB 540 student and want to pursue scholarships from public or private sources, now's the time to do your research. Contact Coastline's Financial Aid Office for assistance at (714) 241-6506 or e-mail MyFuture@coastline.edu.



If you want some extra guidance as you prepare for college, navigate the admissions process, enroll in courses, or tackle your first year, then you'll want to enroll in Coastline's new guideU service. The guideU service is a special "Student-Mentor Connection" that hooks you up with a Coastline staff member who is volunteering their time to see that you succeed. As part of Coastline's guideU service, you'll get the one-on-one guidance you will need to successfully achieve your educational goals within three years. Plus, guideU mentors will always respond to your questions within 24 hours, and mentors are available to you by cell phone, text, or e-mail 24/7. Best of all, the guideU service is FREE. Call (877) 241-6328 or e-mail MyFuture@coastline.edu to find out more or to be part of the guideU Student-Mentor Connection.



MAJOR
decisions

Choosing a major now can help you finish faster and transfer sooner

Did you know that you can actually declare a major while at community college? If you want to transfer to a four-year university, choosing a major early can help you to plan your schedule and timeline, ensuring that you're taking all the right courses to pursue your degree of interest. Coastline offers a variety of majors for those looking to transfer. The college also offers certificate programs (which are shorter). So, there's just one question...**what do you want to be?**



Associate Degrees

Areas of Emphasis

- American Studies
- Arts and Humanities
- Communications
- Physical Education & Health Science & Math
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Majors

- Art
- Business Administration
- Economics
- English
- French
- Gerontology
- Health & Fitness
- History
- Human Services
- Liberal Studies (for Teaching)
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

Certificates of Accomplishment

- Cisco Certified Networking Administrator (CCNA)
- CompTIA
- Digital Media (Animation and Gaming Foundation)
- Educational Studies
- General Office Assistant
- Human Services
- Leadership
- Medical Administrative Office Technician
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Network Security
- Process Technician Fundamentals
- Project Management
- Windows Server 2008

Certificates of Achievement

*These certificates can also be applied toward an A.A. or A.S. degree

Accounting*

- General Accounting
- Bookkeeping
- Taxation

Building Codes Technology*

- Combination Building Inspection
- Combination Residential Inspection
- Code Professional
- Permit Technician
- Green Building Technology

Business*

- General Business
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Business Administration

Computer Networking*

- Cisco
- Microsoft®
- Security

Digital Media Foundation

- Motion Graphic Design
- Print Design
- Web Design
- Web Technologies

Certificates of Specialization

- Advanced Accounting
- Intermediate Accounting
- Business Plan
- Cisco Certified Networking Professional (CCNP)
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Home Business
- Real Estate Lending and Mortgage Brokering
- Real Estate Property Salesperson

Emergency Management/ Homeland Security*

- Emer. Management/Homeland Security
- Criminal Justice

Gerontology*

- Health Care Management*
- Management and Supervision*
- Management
- Supervision & Management

Office Support Specialist*

- Administrative Professional (Assistant)
- General Office Manager
- Financial Assistant
- Financial Manager
- Administrative Manager

Paralegal Studies*

Process Technology*

Real Estate Broker

Real Estate Studies

Retail Management*

Small Business Management*

Supply Chain Management*

- "Associate degrees"** are 60 unit programs
- "Certificates of Achievement"** are 21-39 unit programs
- "Certificates of Accomplishment"** are 9-17.5 unit programs
- "Certificates of Specialization"** are 5-15 unit programs