



CAREER & COLLEGE LANDSCAPE

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Practical planning to do now:
 - So...What interests you? What are you good at?
 - Get a job
 - Help someone/others
 - Learn more about something(s) that sound truly interesting to you!
 - Cultivate relationships with teachers/mentors
 - Research employment trends/projections...how do potential jobs intersect with your strengths ?

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Try self-assessments/surveys
- Self Assessment/Career Research Tools:
 - [CA Career Zone](#) - Provides 4 assessments: a quick assessment to measure careers to match personality, an interest profiler that relates interests to work, a skills profiler that shows careers that pertain to skillset, and a work importance profiler that measures the relative importance of different factors and qualities of work.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Self Assessment/Career Research Tools:
 - [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
 - [O-net online](#) –self-report abilities, interests, skills, values, etc. and you are provided with a list of careers and pertinent information
 - [Connected Studios](#) – day at work videos
 - [Personality Profile Test](#) - User-friendly version of the Myers-Briggs profile.
 - [Californiacolleges.edu](#) – .links to several interest and career assessement resources

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

- Job Corps:
 - Federally-funded program for students age 16 – 24, provides academic & career skills, students usually live onsite.
 - Programs are 8 – 24 months, must apply
 - So Cal Corp centers are located in LA, Long Beach, and San Bernardino.
 - There are 123 in total in the US, training varies by site.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

- Apprenticeships - provides job training for specific trade, usually paid!
 - On the job training is typical – hands on experience
 - [CA Dept of Industrial Relations – Apprenticeships](#) – search by industry & location
 - [Apprenticeship.gov](#)- government website to search for programs

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs):
 - Provide an affordable and flexible way to learn new skills
 - [Free online courses](#) - available for anyone to enroll
 - [Edx.org](#)- more MOOCs, some free
 - [Coursera.org](#) – more MOOC's, some free

WHY GO TO COLLEGE ?

- Expand career options – 2 or 4 year options
- Higher future earnings (depending on major)
- About 2/3 of bachelor degree programs payoff within 10 years.
- Even without economic return, there is a societal return: correlations with health, happiness and community engagement

CA COMMUNITY COLLEGES (CCCs)

- The California Community College (CCC) system is the largest higher education system in the US:
 - One in every four CC students in the US is in CA!
 - Offers variety of career education training degrees and certification programs, as well as paths to transfer to 4-year colleges.
 - Often most affordable path to 4 year degree in CA (lowest CC tuition in the US!)

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Wide variety of career training programs available through CCC degrees or certifications, including:
 - Dental, Medical or Pharmacy Assistant
 - Auto technician
 - Paralegal, court reporter
 - Computer repair and system maintenance
 - Graphic/web design
 - Construction-related fields (electrician, etc.)

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Career & Tech training programs/certs vary by CCC, so check schools' websites. Examples:
 - [Cypress College](#) – includes: Toyota & Lexus Specialist, Basic Airline Customer Service, USA Drone Basics
 - [LA Trade Tech](#) – primarily technical job training
 - [Golden West College](#)

CCC- COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM

- Free *tuition* for first time* students who are CA residents or AB 540 eligible students, up to two years tuition, for full time students
- Must submit FAFSA or CADAA but no income eligibility threshold
- **Check website of your CCC of choice** – not all schools offer this, or may use funds to cover books, or other expenses. Not the same as CA CCP Grants

* Excluding dual enrollment and special admit

CCC- TRANSFER TO UC

- Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program Guarantees
 - Admission from CCC to a UC in a specific major, if student meets all standards including 60 credits at CCC and GPA requirement
 - Specific pathways depending on major and CCC
 - Consult individual CCC websites/counselors and the [UC TAG Resource Page](#) to stay on track
- Apply for TAG by Sept. 30, before the UC App is due!

CCC – TRANSFER TO UC – FACTS!

- For 2019, 29% of UC grads had started at at CC
- 70% of CCC applicants have been admitted to UC's every year since 2017
- CCC students can qualify for a Cal Grant while attending a CCC, and bring the Cal Grant with them when transferring to a UC.
- UC FOR EVERYONE webinar March 9th - [Register Here](#) - just to learn about this possibility!

UC GUIDANCE – ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

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Comprehensive Review

Factors Include:

- Academic Achievement
- Personal and School Context
- Special Talent
- Special Circumstances
- Life challenges

CCC- TRANSFER TO CAL STATE

- Earn an Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) to meet requirements to transfer to a Cal State Campus.
- [Transfer Tool](#) tool available or visit your CCC transfer counseling center and website
- [CalState Apply Transfer](#) for detailed resources.

CCCs – KEY RESOURCES

- [ICANGOTOCOLLEGE.COM](https://icangotocollege.com) – key site
- [CCC APPLY](#) – connect to applications
- [CA COMMUNITY COLLEGES](#) – more info
- [ASSIST](#) - A web-based student transfer information system with information about how courses taken CCC's can be applied when transferred to a UC or Cal State

CAL STATE – EOP PROGRAM

- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
 - designed to improve access of low-income, first generation and historically disadvantaged students
- Provides a comprehensive program of support services including:
 - preadmission counseling, orientation, summer program, diagnostic testing, financial aid follow-up, special admissions, tutoring, learning skill services, and personal, educational and career counseling.

CAL STATE – EOP PROGRAM

- Check eligibility and program guidelines [here](#)
- Interested applicants - check the appropriate EOP box on [Cal State Apply](#). Must apply before you enroll !
- Apply to multiple campuses
- Special consideration given to EOP&S program students from CCCs.

NEED BASED FINANCIAL AID

- See [YRRTF Financial Aid Presentation](#) for details on federal/state aid apps and programs
 - **Federal Aid** - Need-based federal aid is based on a family's income, assets, and living expenses; complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - **State Aid** - many need-based grants for students at CA public colleges and Universities (see additional slides for details)
- Colleges have institutional need aid as well
 - Reminder – some schools also require CSS Profile form

STATE AID – ALWAYS APPLY !

- Submit the FAFSA **OR** if undocumented and [AB 540 Eligible](#), submit the [California Dream Act Application](#)
- Create a WebGrants 4 Students (WG4S) Account- [webgrants-4-students](#) (note: CADAA applicants – this is automatically created for you)
- Check with your school to make sure it auto submits your GPA, otherwise download the form and have your school submit it [cal grant GPA verification form](#)

FAFSA / CADAA HELP - CSAC

- California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)
 - Organization that processes the CADAA and is repository for many state aid programs
 - Facilitates Cash to College Workshops - FREE, Virtual workshops to complete FAFSA, CADAA or Chafee applications
 - Multi-language, for HS and college students/families
- [Register Here](#)— for Cash to College webinars

FAFSA/ CADAA HELP

- Additional CSAC links:
 - [CADAA – CADAA hard copy forms and resources in English and Spanish](#)
 - [CADAA- Video Tutorial in Spanish](#)
- Other helpful tutorials:
 - [Paying for College](#) – webinar by author of Princeton Review's "Paying for College" book

FAFSA / CADAA HELP - CALSOAPs

- **Cal-SOAP-** CA Student Opportunity and Access Program
- Cal SOAP SAN DIEGO- calsoapsandiego.org
 - [CADAA - simple written instructions](#)
 - [FAFSA - simple written instructions](#)
- Cal SOAP LA – calsoapla.org
 - [CALSOAP LA- YouTube Channel](#)
 - [CALSOAP LA - Link to register for live webinars](#)

STATE AID – CA CCP Grant

- California Community College Promise Grant (CCCCP)
 - Different than the College Promise Program
 - Waives per unit fees
 - Need-based aid for CCC, GPA requirement of 2.0
 - For CA residents and AB 540 Eligible students
 - Can apply online at some CCC websites or [CCCApply](#), but by doing FAFSA or CADAA, no separate app is required for consideration

STATE AID – CAL GRANTS A,B,C

- Cal Grants- see amounts by Institution Type
- Can be used at UC, Cal State*, as well as qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools in California.
- Eligibility determined based on FAFSA or CADAA and verified Cal Grant GPA, and type of college. See chart here.

* CCCs are usually tuition free under CA Promise, but may be eligible for Cal Grants for other expenses

STATE AID – OTHER

- [Middle Class Scholarship](#) - provides partial scholarships (10-40% tuition/fees) to undergrads with family incomes between \$80K- \$191K at UC's/Cal States with need.
- [Blue & Gold Scholarship](#) – full tuition/fee scholarships for CA residents with family income <\$80K/year w/need.
- [CA Dream Loans](#)- loans for undergrads with CADAA app and valid AB540 affidavit for UC's/Cal States
- www.csac.ca.gov – other aid programs available

NET PRICE CALCULATORS

- Colleges are required to have a Net Price Calculator ((NPC) on their websites.
- Net price = the amount that a student pays to attend college in a single academic year AFTER subtracting scholarships and grants
- Run the NPC for schools you are considering.
- [CA School Net Price Calculator List](#) here

MORE RESOURCES – Financial Aid

- [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) – federal government site for all things financial aid related
- [Fed Student Aid Estimator](#)
- Finaid.org – <https://finaid.org/> - comprehensive resources for aid
- Student Loan repayment simulator – <https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/>

FINANCIAL AID – Awards

- Schools will award financial aid packages, but they are in different forms.
- Schools are not required to provide aid to cover the entire estimated need.
- Use a standard format to compare ‘apples to apples’ [Sample cost comparison sheet](#)

FINANCIAL AID - Scholarships

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- [Raise Me](#) - microscholarships, including for students transferring from CC
- Check with your high school counseling office for local scholarship information
- More resources [here](#)

COLLEGE PLANNING – JUST START!

- Use your school's counseling resources
- Visit a school nearby!
- Use the [YRTTF College Resource Page](#)
- [Californiacolleges.edu](#) – CA's planning site
- **Financial fit often overrides other considerations, but thoughtful planning can help lead to your desired outcomes!**

YRTTF OC – \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

- Application is open now! Due by March 18th.
- Can be used for tuition (college, trade or professional certification programs), books, and related school expenses.
- Guidelines and the link to the online application are detailed [here](#).