

STUDENT PROGRAMS

Noncredit/Adult Education

(714) 684-1809

The Noncredit Adult Education Program at Golden West College provides adult students access to higher education for skill attainment, college preparation, and career pathways that lead to educational and employment opportunities. The Office of Adult Education at Golden West College seeks to serve adult education students in the local community as they consider their pathways to college and career options through free, noncredit classes. Golden West College's noncredit courses are designed for students who wish to advance their educational and career goals. Noncredit courses are offered on-campus, off-campus, and online. They provide students with lifelong learning, college transfer, and career preparation opportunities. All noncredit courses are FREE with no proof of residency needed. The courses are highly accessible and repeatable with no prerequisite courses. Most importantly, the courses serve as a critical "open access" entry point for students of diverse backgrounds and those seeking self-improvement, increased literacy, and job skills.

Calworks Program "Education That Works"

Second Floor, Student Services Center

(714) 895-8111

The CalWORKs Program at Golden West College provides specialized support services for student-parents who are 1) receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) benefits and services, and 2) are participating in either the county WTW (Welfare-To-Work) or GAIN (Greater Avenues for Independence) programs.

Services include academic counseling, coordination of services with County Social Services Agencies and community based service providers, processing of county paperwork, subsidized work-study, workshops, gas vouchers, and school supplies. The CalWORKs Program assists student-parents in achieving their long-term self-sufficiency through a supportive and individualized approach that focuses on academic, career, and personal goals.

For more information, please call (714) 895-8111 or visit goldenwestcollege.edu/calworks/ (<http://goldenwestcollege.edu/calworks/>).

Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS)

First Floor, Student Services Center

(714) 895-8721

BP 3722 (https://documents.cccd.edu/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Policies/BP_3722_Accessibility_Standards_for_Electronic_and_Information_Technology.pdf) / AP 3722 (https://documents.cccd.edu/Board%20of%20Trustees/Administrative%20Procedures/AP_3722_Accessibility_Standards_for_Electronic_and_Information_Technology.pdf)

Golden West College offers students with disabilities a variety of support services to ensure equal access to instruction. If students have a verified disability, they are encouraged to request assistance from the Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS). After meeting with a DSPS counselor, services may include, but are not limited to:

- Registration Assistance
- Sign Language Interpreters
- CART/Captioning Services
- Adaptive Technology
- Alternative Media
- Academic and Career Counseling
- Testing Accommodations
- Note Taking Services
- Priority Registration
- Courses are offered in Reading, Language, and Math in the High Tech Center (HTC)
- Adaptive Physical Education Courses
- Liaison with Campus and Other Agencies

For additional information, eligibility, policies, and procedures regarding accommodations and services, please call: (714) 895-8721 (voice), email: dsps@gwc.cccd.edu or visit: www.goldenwestcollege.edu/dsps (<http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/dsps/>)

Golden West College, in alignment with the Coast Community College District strives to ensure compliance with accessibility standards for electronic and information technology (BP 3722 (https://documents.cccd.edu/Board%20of%20Trustees/Board%20Policies/BP_3722_Accessibility_Standards_for_Electronic_and_Information_Technology.pdf) 3722 (https://documents.cccd.edu/Board%20of%20Trustees/Administrative%20Procedures/AP_3722_Accessibility_Standards_for_Electronic_and_Information_Technology.pdf))

GWC works to ensure all curriculum, instructional material, websites, and media/videos are accessible to students with disabilities and the appropriate accommodations are available through DSPS. If a student needs assistance, finds material that is not accessible, or media/videos that are not captioned, please contact the DSPS office immediately so our office can make sure all areas are in compliance with the American with Disability Act; Title 5 of California Code of Regulations, and Section 504/508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Questions or problems regarding access of students with disabilities to any college program or service should be directed to the Golden West College Dean of Students and Section 504 Coordinator, Dr. Carla Martinez at 714-895-8781 or cmartinez@gwc.cccd.edu.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (NextUp), & Guardian Scholars

Second Floor, Student Services Center

(714) 895-8768

The Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS), CARE (single parents), Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (NextUp) and Guardian Scholars (Foster Youth) Programs at Golden West College are categorically state funded. The programs are designed and dedicated to the delivery of comprehensive services and benefits that encourage the enrollment, retention, and transfer of students who are challenged by language, social, economic, and educational barriers. One of the programs' main objectives is to ensure participants equal

access to success while pursuing their certificate of achievement, an Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.), and/or meet four-year university transfer requirements.

Eligible students are welcome to take advantage of the following services:

- Book Services
- Unmet Need Grants (depending on funding)
- Counseling (Academic & Career)
- Peer Advisement
- Priority Registration Program (if qualified)
- Foster Youth Services
- Study Hall Access
- Single Parent Services
- Chromebook and Calculator Loan Program
- Life skills workshops

Voluntary participation in these programs is based on state mandated guidelines. Students must apply for financial aid, complete an EOPS application, and be enrolled as a full-time student at Golden West College at the time of admission. Exceptions to the full-time requirement include eligible foster youth and/or students enrolled in the DSPTS program. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the Financial Aid Office. If applying for the CARE or NextUp Programs, additional documentation is required to establish eligibility.

Puente Program

(714) 895-8214

<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/puente/index.html> (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/puente/>)

The Puente Program is a two-semester learning community that includes three main components. The accelerated writing course sequence incorporates Latino and other multicultural authors with emphasis on English writing skills. Intensive counseling provides students with sustained, in-depth career and academic guidance throughout their enrollment in community college. Students then receive mentoring from members of the community who are recruited, trained, and matched with students to share career advice and personal experiences. Students in the Puente Program enroll as a cohort in required coursework each semester and participate in the program as a true learning community that supports personal, academic, and cultural development of students.

All students are eligible to enroll in the Puente program. Once enrolled in the Puente Program, students can continue to take advantage of Puente mentoring, counseling, and guidance while enrolled at Golden West College.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to enroll if they meet the following requirements:

1. Have not completed ENGL G100S, COUN G104 or PSYC G167
2. Attend a mandatory Puente orientation and the completion and submission of the Puente Program application
3. Commitment to a year-long program and intend to transfer to a college/university
4. Students must complete college-level math within the first year of the program

5. Participation in out-of-class activities including campus tours, career panels, and conferences

Additional Benefits:

1. Intensive support in English writing
2. Mentoring
3. Identity development and self-awareness
4. Inclusion in active learning community
5. Completion of all required English courses for UC, CSU, and most all private institutions
6. Additional guidance regarding the college process and transfer planning

Puente Classes

FALL SEMESTER

- ENGL G100S Freshman Composition with Support
- COUN G104 Career And Life Planning

SPRING SEMESTER

- ENGL G110 Critical Thinking, Reading And Writing Through Literature
- PSYC G167 Psychology of Racism and Oppression

Study Abroad Program

Coast Community College District
(714) 438-4698

GWC students are encouraged to explore options for earning course credit while participating in Study Abroad. Several short-term study abroad programs led by district faculty members are offered each year through the Coast Community College District. For more information go to: <https://www.cccd.edu/students/int-prgms-stdy-abroad.html>.

Veterans Education & Transition Services (V.E.T.S.)

First Floor, Student Services Center, located in The Admissions and Records Office.

Golden West College is accredited by the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education for the training of veterans seeking benefits under state and federal regulations.

School Certifying Official (SCO)

Application and certification for benefits are provided by the School Certifying Official located in the Student Services Center, on the first floor in Admissions & Records. For information, contact Stephani Rogers at srogers@cccd.edu.

Eligibility for Benefits

The Veterans Services office will assist veterans and dependents using the following VA educational benefits:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill ® (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill ® (Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill ® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR Chapter 1606)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program (VR&E Chapter 31)
- Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

To apply for educational benefits, veterans and dependents can use VA Form 22-1990 which is available on the VA website <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/>

Eligibility for benefits is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The number of units veterans and dependents must take to qualify for benefits varies according to the educational benefit used. Call the VA's Western Regional Processing Office toll free at (888) 442-4551 for information about compensation and periods of eligibility.

After registering for classes, students using Chapter 33 Post 9/11 or Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment educational benefits must immediately contact the Veterans Services office at 714-895-8140 to request a fee deferral, or they will be dropped in accordance with the non-payment drop schedule.

Requirements for Receiving VA Educational Benefits

To qualify for benefits, veterans and eligible dependents must be working toward an approved educational objective. A list of approved programs for VA benefits can be found on the VA WEAMS Institutional Search Tool at <https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchCountryCriteria.do>

Veterans and dependents must submit official sealed transcripts from all colleges attended previously to Golden West College within four weeks of being admitted, or future certifications for benefits may be delayed.

Students must have a counselor-approved Student Education Plan. Only classes that are applicable towards their educational goal will be certified for educational benefits.

Students must notify the School Certifying Official of all changes in enrollment at the time of the transaction. The veteran is responsible for any overpayment in housing allowance caused by enrollment changes.

Students must maintain satisfactory standards of progress. Students who are on academic or progress disqualification may not be eligible for benefits.

Registration Priority for Veterans

All students are subject to the provisions of SB1456.

Under the provisions of California Education Code Section 66025.8

GWC will grant priority registration to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who is a resident of California, and who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge, and to any member or former member of the State Military Reserve, for any academic term attended for four academic years after he or she has left state or federal active duty, which he or she shall use within 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty.

A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the State Military Reserve who received a dishonorable discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority registration for enrollment pursuant to this section.

Proof of current military status (military ID or DD214 Member 4) must be submitted to the Veterans Services window located in Admissions & Records.

CalVet Tuition Fee Waivers

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Golden West College will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33. Students may be required to submit a Certificate of Eligibility, VAF 28-1905, and/or additional information needed to properly certify enrollment, as outlined in other institutional policies.

In recognition of the sacrifices made by veterans while serving our country with honor, the State of California may grant their dependents a tuition fee waiver while attending a California Community College, a campus of the California State University system, or a campus of the University of California System. In addition to submitting an application to the California Department of Veterans Affairs, dependents MUST complete the California College Promise Grant (formally known as the BOGFW) available on the school's website. Please note: the Financial Aid Office recommends students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which includes the California College Promise Grant (formally known as the BOGFW) application.

Students who have been approved for the CalVet tuition fee waiver should take their Authorization Letter to the Financial Aid Office. Please note that the waiver is for tuition only. Students must pay any and all remaining fees or they will be dropped in accordance with the non-payment drop schedule.

For more information about this program, contact your local County Veterans Service Office.

Active Military Tuition Assistance

Active military using Tuition Assistance should consult with Veteran's Services in Admissions and Records.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

First Floor, Student Services Center
(714) 892-7711 ext. 55144

The Veteran Resource Center proudly serves and provides holistic services to all veterans, active duty, and military connected students. The VRC offers onboarding and retention services, including resource connection to meet each unique student educational goal. The center also provides students with a place to find comradery with fellow veterans, active duty, and military connected students and is a meeting place for the GWC Student Veteran Organization.

The VRC features:

- Onboarding services
- Veteran education benefits & financial planning
- Academic counseling
- Emotional health counseling
- Tutoring
- Peer-to-peer mentorship
- Book vouchers and gas cards
- School supplies
- Chromebook loan program
- TI-89 Graphing Calculator loan program

- Free printing
- Food/snacks

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill> (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).