

Institutional Learning Outcomes

The four Institutional Learning Outcomes listed below describe the knowledge and skills students are able to satisfactorily demonstrate after completing any program at Cerro Coso Community College —certificate of achievement, associate degree, or associate degree for transfer.

Program and general education content is “mapped” (directly linked) to these Institutional Learning Outcomes. All programs address all of these skills so that a student completing any degree or certificate program is achieving instruction, reinforcement, and assessment in each of the outcomes. Cerro Coso Community College’s Institutional Learning Outcomes were approved by the Academic Senate in Fall 2016 and are assessed on a five-year cycle, the first being Spring 2021.

1. Critical Thinking – Students who are completing a program will be able to think critically and creatively and apply reasoning.
2. Communication – Students who are completing a program will be able to communicate ideas, perspectives, and values clearly and persuasively while listening to others openly.
3. Information Competency – Students who are completing a program will be able to access, evaluate, and effectively use information.
4. Citizenship – Students who are completing a program will be prepared to engage in responsible citizenship at various levels.

History

Cerro Coso Community College was established in 1973 as a separate college within the Kern Community College District. Cerro Coso Community College has five instructional sites (Ridgecrest/Indian Wells Valley, Eastern Sierra Centers in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes, Kern River Valley, and East Kern), which together form the largest geographical service area (18,000+ square miles) of any community college in California and which serve a population of approximately 85,000. A leader in online education, Cerro Coso Community College has been offering online courses since 1997 and offers more than a dozen Associate degrees entirely online and as many as 160+ courses online each year, with approximately 180 sections per semester. Cerro Coso Community College is a member college of the Kern Community College District and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and approved by the University of California and the State Department of Education.

Notices

Accreditation

Cerro Coso Community College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204, Novato, California, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. It meets all standards of the California State Department of Education. The college and its programs are also approved by the California Community College Board of Governors, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, the Kern County Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Division, and the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE). The University of California, the California State University System, and other universities and colleges give full credit for appropriate courses completed at Cerro Coso Community College.

Student Right-To-Know

In compliance with the Student Right-To-Know (SRTK) Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-542), it is the policy of the Kern Community College District and Cerro Coso Community College to make available its completion and transfer rates

Allied Health

Vaccination Requirements for Allied Health Students

Allied Health Department Courses

Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

Human Services AS

Human Services Worker Certificate

Medical Assisting AS

Administrative Medical Assisting Certificate

Clinical Medical Assisting Certificate

Vocational Nursing AS

Vocational Nursing Certificate



Allied Health

Medical Assisting

Cerro Coso Community College offers the following medical assisting options:

- [Administrative Medical Assisting](#)
- [Clinical Medical Assisting](#)
- [Medical Assisting AS Degree](#)

The first step is to take the core classes, which are offered online in the spring, summer, and fall. The next step is to take either the administrative and/or clinical medical assisting classes. You will need to contact counseling to take the administrative or clinical medical assisting classes, because they are listed as "restricted" on the schedule. The counseling team will verify that you are either currently enrolled in the core classes or that you have completed them.

Please note that you need to have a grade of "C" or better in all your medical assisting core classes to move on to the administrative or clinical medical assisting classes, and a grade of "C" or better in all your administrative and/or clinical medical assisting courses to earn the certificate(s) or degree.

If you have any questions, please contact your local counseling department.

Medical Assisting Resources

[California Certifying Board for Medical Assistants](#): examination application, testing, and other resources.

This program is authorized by California Certifying Board for Medical Assistants. To learn more about the agency or to submit a complaint about Cerro Coso Community College's program after trying to resolve the issue through the local [Student Complaint Policy](#), contact the agency at www.ccbma.org.

Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)

[CNA/HHA Application](#)

Contact information by site:

- [Ridgecrest/IWV](#): 760-384-6219
- [Lake Isabella/KRV](#): 760-379-5501
Bishop: 760-872-1565

After passing the CNA course, students will need to contact the Red Cross, pass the [Nurse Assistant Competency Exam](#), and obtain a Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate. Keep your receipt, because some long term facilities reimburse your fees after working for them for a year.

All students must complete a [Certified Background Check](#) before participating in the program.

This program is authorized by California Department of Public Health. To learn more about the agency or to submit a complaint about Cerro Coso Community College's program after trying to resolve the issue through the local [Student Complaint Policy](#), contact the agency at www.cdph.ca.gov.

Home Health Aide (HHA)

The HHA class is offered at IWV/Ridgecrest. You MUST have current CNA certification before you can enroll in the class. Students must also complete a Certified Background Check (instructions in CNA Applications).

Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN)

LVN Programs start in January. Take the pre-reqs now!

LVN Prerequisites

HCRS C055 – Certified Nurses' Aide
 CSCI C070 – Computer Literacy or CSCI C101 - Intro to Computer Information Systems
 HCRS C150 – Medical Terminology
 PSYC C101 – General Psychology
 BIOL C125 – Survey of Human Anatomy & Physiology with a lab
 (Recommended for those just pursuing LVN)

OR

BIOL C251 – Human Anatomy AND BIOL C255 – Human Physiology
 (Recommended for those going on to RN afterwards)

Nursing students must have a high school diploma or GED before applying to the program.

All prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better have to be done prior to the start of the LVN Program. It typically will take a student 2 years to complete both the prerequisites and the LVN Program. Completing the AS degree in Vocational Nursing is strongly encouraged.

All students must complete a [Certified Background Check](#) before participating in the program.

- [LVN Prerequisite Checklist](#)

Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Pass Rates

2010: 86% 2011: 100% 2012: 90% 2013: 77% 2014: 77% 2015: 78% 2016: 84% 2017: 88%
[Source](#)

Programs Offered

Emergency Medical Technician

[Emergency Medical Technician Certificate](#)

Human Services

[Human Services AS](#)
[Human Services Worker Certificate](#)

Medical Assisting

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[Medical Assisting: Administrative Medical Assisting Certificate](#)
[Medical Assisting: Clinical Medical Assisting Certificate](#)

Vocational Nursing

[Vocational Nursing AS](#)
[Vocational Nursing Certificate](#)

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Public Services

Public Services Department Courses

Administration of Justice AS-T

Private & Proprietary Security Academy Certificate

Public Services

Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) Academy

Classes in Bishop!

Interested?

- Meet with a Counselor or Educational Advisor, 661-258-8644.
- Contact Faculty Chair, Jarrod Bowen, 760-384-6304 jarrod.bowen@cerrocoso.edu.

Pre-Academy Orientation ADMJ C140

This will be a one-day course held at the Bishop Campus, January 13, 2018 from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Modular III Academy ADMJ C142

January 16 - March 24, 2018. This course provides basic instruction designed to prepare students for the performance of limited peace officer duties. The curriculum is established through the requirements set by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.), which include: introduction to law enforcement; administration of justice; criminal law; evidence; community-police relations; patrol procedures; juvenile procedures; defensive tactics; firearms; First Aid/CPR; vehicle operations; domestic violence and related topics. 45 hours lecture/135 hours laboratory.

Modular II Academy ADMJ C143

March 27 - June 10, 2018. This course is designed to fulfill State of California Peace Officer Standards and Training requirements for Level I academy certification. This course prepares students to successfully transition to the Basic Academy Modular Level I Course. 180 hours lecture/108 hours laboratory.

The POST program is authorized by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. To learn more about the agency or to submit a complaint about Cerro Coso Community College's program after trying to resolve the issue through the local [Student Complaint Policy](#), contact the agency at post.ca.gov/Home.

Programs Offered

Administration of Justice

[Administration of Justice AS-T](#)

Private and Proprietary Security Academy

[Private and Proprietary Security Academy Job Skills Certificate](#)

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