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There are currently no events.



## Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

Welcome to the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) providing services to students at the Ridgecrest/IWV, Kern River Valley (KRV), and Eastern Sierra (ESCC) Bishop and Mammoth Lakes campuses. The Cerro Coso Community College EOPS Program was developed in 1975 to give community people who have financial and academic need an opportunity to obtain their dreams. EOPS assists and aids in meeting the needs of all eligible students with grants and services such as: assessment, counseling, peer counseling, career development, academic monitoring, priority registration, transportation, and textbook vouchers.

### EOPS Qualifications

- Enrolled in 12 units
- California resident
- Demonstrate a financial need by qualifying for a Board of Governors Grant Waiver A or B (BOGW) through [Financial Aid](#)
- Demonstrate an Academic Need
  - Placement Exam requires you to take a preparatory class in math, reading or English or
  - Did not graduate from high school or
  - Have 2.4 GPA or below in high school
- Be able to come to the Ridgecrest/IWV, KRV, and ESCC Bishop and Mammoth Lakes campuses for onsite counseling and complete EOPS activities
- Attend a mandatory EOPS orientation

### How do I apply?

Complete and submit application by faxing to (760) 384-6320 or email to [robin.duff@cerrococo.edu](mailto:robin.duff@cerrococo.edu), or turn in to your local campus (Ridgecrest/IWV, KRV, and ESCC Bishop and Mammoth Lakes ).

- [EOPS Application](#)
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### CARE Qualifications

- Accepted into the EOPS program
- Single Parent and head of household
- On AFDC with a Passport to Services (parent or child)
- 1 child under 18 at acceptance into program

### Services that are available

- Additional grants based on funding
- Childcare Allowance
- Meal tickets
- Supplemental books and supplies
- Workshops/Conferences
- Club Activities

### How do I apply:

Complete an EOPS application. CARE eligibility is determined through this application and you must also submit a copy of your Passport To Services to the Access Programs Office. (IWV campus WV 2 and KRV campus Rm 3).

- [EOPS/CARE Application](#)
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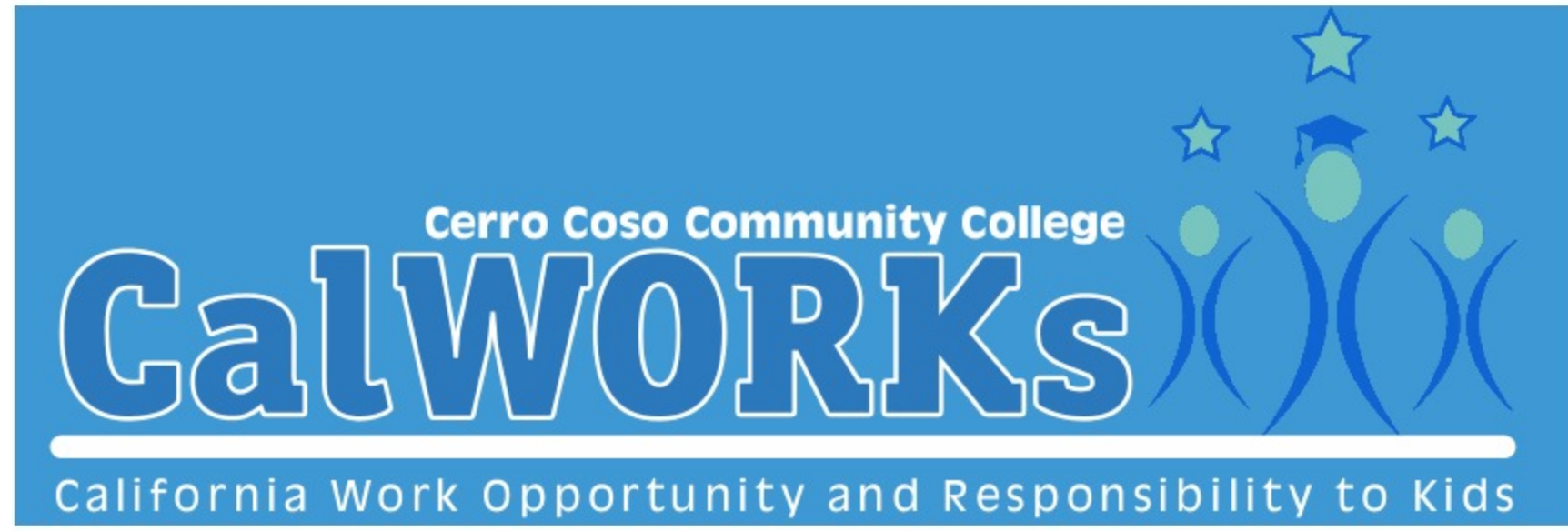
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## CalWORKs

*Creating self-sufficiency through education, training, and employment.*

### What is CalWORKs?

**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act**  
Replaces "AFDC/TANF"  
Provides short-term training and job transition services for persons receiving Welfare assistance

### Who is eligible for the program?

Any student enrolled at Cerro Coso Community College receiving AFDC/TANF benefits, 18 years or older, and in good academic standing.

### How do I get started?

Students interested in participating in the CalWORKs program can contact a CalWORKs representative at (760) 384-6219 or (760) 384-6250 at the IWV campus or (760) 379-5501 at the KRV campus.

- [CalWORKs Checklist](#)
- [Student Application](#)
- [Consent Form](#)
- [Needs Assessment](#)
- [CalWORKs Brochure](#)

### Services available to eligible participants.

#### Priority Registration Scholarship Opportunities On Campus Work/Study

Cerro Coso's CalWORKs Work/Study program is designed to provide qualified students with practical training in their chosen fields of study. Students are required to enroll in training courses at Cerro Coso, maintain a minimum 2.0 G.P.A., work for a maximum of 19 hours per week (depending on their course load and needs of the student) at placement, and meet program attendance requirements. Students are referred to employers for interviews as Work/Study positions become available.

#### Off Campus Work/Study

Cerro Coso's Off-Campus Work/Study program is also designed to provide qualified students with practical hands-on training in their chosen field of study. Students are required to maintain a 2.0 G.P.A., work for a maximum of 20 hours per week (depending on their course load and the needs of the employer and the student) and meet program attendance requirements. Even though the student will be the employee of the employer, students are still required to comply with all paperwork and reporting guidelines. Students are referred to employers for interviews as Work/Study positions become available.

#### Internship and Volunteer Placement Opportunities

#### Limited book/laptop loan

#### Counseling and Career Classes

#### Short term educational programs including:

- Basic Skills Classes (reading, writing, math)
- Business
- Business Office Technology
- Computer Technology
  - Computer Information Systems CIS-A+, Network Plus and Security

- Web Professional
- Paralegal
- Welding
- Child Development
- Human Services
- Health Careers
  - Administrative Medical Assisting
  - Clinical Medical Assisting
  - Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
  - LVN- Certificate
  - RN- Prep

#### Liaison and coordination with social service agencies

#### Individualized support services

## Employer Services

Provide an on going pool of eligible applicants  
Subsidize up to 75% of participants payroll cost for on campus positions and 75% for off campus positions.  
Maximum time of any one participant placed at a Work/Study site is 12 months.

#### Work Activity Hours

Enrollment in Tutorial Labs can count as part of your Work Activity Hours. See Paula Suarez for more information.

#### Check Bulletin Boards for Info

Don't forget to check the Bulletin Board on campus for up to date information, which is located on the second floor next to the West Entry Doors from the parking lot. It is clearly marked CalWORKs.

## CalWORKs Team

### Ridgecrest / Main, Tehachapi, and Eastern Sierra campuses

Phone: (760) 384-6250  
Fax: (760) 384-6320

**Pamela Campbell**  
Director of ACCESS Programs

**Ana Mora**  
Counselor

**Karee Hamilton**  
Counselor

**Jackie Stoner**  
Counselor

**Cheryl Fitzsimmons**  
Department Assistant III

**Ashlin Mattos**  
Job Development Specialist

### Kern River Valley

Phone: (760) 379-5501

**Jeffrey Welsh**  
Counselor

## Mission of Program

To provide participants with quality education programs and employment training experiences that lead to economic self-sufficiency.

## Community Partners

- Cal Learn
- Career Service Center
- College Community Services
- Community Connection for Child Care
- DART
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Employment Development Department
- Employment Training Resources
- Fleet & Family support Center
- Family Advocacy Program
- Goodwill Industries of Southern California
- High Desert Pathways
- IWV Family Resource Center
- Naval Air Warfare Center
- Navy Relief Society
- Ridgecrest Community Health Care
- Senior Services of I.W.V.
- Tribal TANF-OVCDC
- Women's Center- High Desert

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## Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS)

### DSPS Mission

Our mission is to provide access and support to students with disabilities. We function as a resource to Cerro Coso Community College faculty in offering students equity and excellence in education, maximizing each student's educational potential while helping him or her develop and maintain independence. Our philosophy is one that encourages self-awareness, self-determination, self-advocacy and independence in a comprehensively accessible environment.

### DSPS Qualifications

DSPS serves students with a verifiable disability that results in an educational limitation and who would otherwise be qualified to meet the requirements of a college education. Accommodations and [Alternative Media](#) are provided for qualifying students to assist in providing accessible class materials and an equitable opportunity to complete the college course successfully. Students must request these services. It is important that students needing services meet with a DSPS counselor each semester to review progress and arrange accommodations for the semester.

### How do I apply?

Complete the application and consent for release forms (below) and fax (760-384-6320), or bring the forms to the Access Programs Office IWV W2 or KRV Rm 3 or mail the forms to:

Access Programs  
Cerro Coso Community College  
3000 College Heights Blvd.  
Ridgecrest CA 93555

### DSPS Documents & Resources

- [DSPS Application](#)
- [DSPS Consent for Release of Information](#)
- [DSPS Fee Disclaimer](#)
- [DSPS Brochure](#)
- [DSPS Web Resources](#)

It is highly recommended that students served by DSPS complete the DSPS orientation, either in person or online. If you are not located near any of the Cerro Coso campuses, or if you prefer, the online student DSPS orientation is available.

[Launch DSPS Orientation](#)

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<a href="#">Determining Your Residency Status</a>

## Admissions for International Students

International Students must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid F1/M1 Visa, I-20 form, and student passport.
- Be enrolled full-time (12 semester units).
- Maintain good academic standing by maintaining at least a 2.0 GPA and completing all coursework.
- Be timely in registering and paying for their classes.
- Maintain F1/M1 student visa status.
- Have health insurance.

## Becoming a Student at Cerro Coso

1. Fill out the [application form](#) online.  
Apply by April 15th for the fall semester that starts in August.  
Apply by October 15th for the spring Semester that starts in January.
2. Fill out and return the [International Admissions Packet](#) to Kim Blackwell in Counseling.
3. Send us your high school and college transcripts.  
Credit earned from other accredited colleges or universities may be transferred to Cerro Coso upon admission. Students will need to provide official transcripts showing satisfactory scholarship and an honorable dismissal. Transcripts from all previously attended colleges must be mailed directly to Admissions and Records:  
  
Admissions & Records  
Cerro Coso Community College  
3000 College Heights Blvd  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
Phone: (760) 384-6357  
Fax: (760) 384-6377
4. Attend [orientation](#).
5. Take the [assessment tests](#).
6. Meet with Kim Blackwell once you have completed your orientation and assessment tests to develop a [Student Education Plan \(SEP\)](#) for your first semester at Cerro Coso. The SEP must be completed by October 1st.
7. [Register](#) for classes.
8. Pay [fees](#) within ten days of registering for classes.
9. Attend classes. Students who do not attend the first day of class will be [dropped](#).
10. Meet with Kim Blackwell, DSO in Counseling each semester to update your I-20, further develop your [SEP](#), and discuss meeting your education and career goals. Please make an appointment late March/early April for summer and fall registration and in late October/early November for spring registration.

## Resources for International Students

- [International Student Guidelines](#)

Kimberly Blackwell, DSO  
[kblackwe@cerrococo.edu](mailto:kblackwe@cerrococo.edu)  
(760) 384-6219

PDSO, Jill Board

- [Foreign Transcript Evaluation List of Agencies Approved by the State Of California](#)
- [Student Process Steps: How to Navigate the U.S. Immigration System](#)
- [International Student & Scholar Health Insurance](#)
- [2015 Recommended Immunizations for Adults](#)
- [Cerro Coso International Club](#)

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## Military & Veteran's Service Center

[Air Force GEM program](#)

[Thank You to Our Veterans](#)

[Write a Thank You Note to a Veteran](#)

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Admissions & Records  
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(760) 384-6291

### Resources

[Admissions](#) steps for military and veterans

[Counseling](#) can help you enroll and fulfill paperwork requirements

[Financial Aid](#) can help you with tuition assistance

[Proctoring](#) can help you take exams wherever you are



## Military & Veterans' Service Center

### Military Student Information

*You make sacrifices for our nation. With Cerro Coso Community College, education does not have to be one of them!*

[Air Force GEM Program](#)

### Veteran Student Survey Spring 2018

Cerro Coso Community College is interested in hearing from our military students (veterans, currently enlisted, or a military spouse/partner) in order to learn more about your unique needs as a college student. The input you provide will help the college improve our support services for our military students.

To participate, [please advocate for yourself by filling out the survey.](#)

- Access survey online or mobile
- Information is strictly confidential
- Approximately 5 minutes to complete
- Helps the college improve services to students like yourself!

Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

(Survey closes May 1, 2018)

### Veteran Student Information

Cerro Coso Community College maintains a full-time program of Veterans' services to assist veteran students and their dependents. The staff of the Counseling Office and Veterans Affairs representative at the Ridgecrest campus and at the other campuses with veterans and their dependents in claiming and receiving the educational benefits to which they are entitled.

We support the following programs:

- Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty)
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units to receive benefits beyond tuition reimbursement
  - No restriction on location of class, so all units can be taken online
- Chapter 31 (VA Vocational Rehabilitation)
- Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill)
  - Students meeting eligibility requirements qualify for payment of Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), book stipend and tuition
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of 7 units to receive housing allowance. Still eligible for tuition reimbursement and book stipend if less than 7 units
  - BAH awards depend on current enrollment. See VA Office for details.
- Chapter 35 (Dependent's Education Assistance)
  - Veteran parent of dependent student must be either deceased or 100% disabled for student to qualify
  - Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units to receive benefits beyond tuition reimbursement
  - No restriction on location of class, so all units can be taken online
- Chapter 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill - Selective Reserves)

This information is specifically designed to assist students in registration and is not in any way meant to advise students of which chapter is best for them.

### What you need to do

- Meet or speak with our campus VA Office representative, to discuss the best option for you. Bring Certificate of Eligibility.
- Meet with a counselor to discuss your career/educational goals and the best way to achieve those goals. A copy of any transcripts you have (both military and those from other colleges), required by the second meeting with a counselor/educational advisor.
- Meet with a counselor/educational advisor EVERY SEMESTER to complete a VA Program Approval.
- Notify your counselor/advisor of ANY CHANGES to schedule-VA must be notified of changes in schedule EVERY SEMESTER or student may owe money back.

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