

Community College, Career Pathways, and Financial Aid

Bonita High School

Exploring the California Community Colleges

- ❖ The purpose of the community colleges is to provide **academic and vocational instruction** to students of all ages.

- ❖ Top Reasons many are choosing to attend community colleges after high school:
 - Easy admission process
 - Educational options based on future goals
 - Smooth transition from high school
 - Increase cost of college education, resulting in student debt crisis



Admissions Process at our Local Community Colleges

❖ Many BHS Students attend Citrus College or Mt. San Antonio College

➤ Citrus College

- Representatives come to Bonita in January of senior year for Application Workshops
- Four step process through the PROMISE Program
 - Application Workshop
 - Orientation
 - Student Education Plan with Citrus Counselors
 - Register for classes PRIOR to graduating from high school
 - Intended for students who are looking to transfer to a university or complete a certificated program
 - Currently, Citrus offers **FREE Tuition and Priority Registration for all first year college students**
 - ◆ No Minimum GPA Requirements
 - ◆ Must be a full time student and apply for Financial Aid



Admissions Process Cont'd

❖ Mt. San Antonio College

- Also comes to Bonita in the Spring of Senior year
- Connect 4 Program offers workshops for each step of the application process
 - Application
 - Orientation
 - Course planning
 - Registration
 - Mt. Sac offers **ONE YEAR of priority registration, and free for eligible students** based on financial need
 - For students interested in transfer or Career Tech Programs



Available Options at the Community College

- ❖ Best to have an idea as to **WHY** you are attending Community College
 - **Transfer to a university** for a Bachelor's Degree
 - Complete a **Certificate/Career Tech Program**
 - **Transfer Pathway:**
 - Must complete 2 years (60 units) at the community college
 - Explore majors and classes for little to no cost
 - Determine Major and possible career goals
 - Get connected- honors program, internships, extracurricular activities, etc
 - Apply for universities in the Fall of your 2nd year
 - ◆ ASSIST <https://assist.org/> website for transferring units
 - Meet with counselors regularly to discuss plans and goals

**TRANSFER
STUDENTS**



Available Options Cont'd

❖ Certificated Career Programs

- 1-2 year Programs
- Goal is to find a career path that matches YOU and will provide you with a sustainable income to support you.
- Various Career Programs at various community colleges
 - Cosmetology
 - Nursing,
 - Auto
 - Welding
 - Fire Science
 - HVAC
 - Culinary Arts



Local Community College Career Tech Programs:

Citrus College: <https://www.citruscollege.edu/academics/cte/Pages/default.aspx>

Mt Sac: <https://www.mtsac.edu/ce/>

Chaffey College: <https://www.chaffey.edu/cte/index.php>

Pasadena City College: <https://pasadena.edu/academics/divisions/career-technical-education/#programs>

Union and Apprenticeship Career Pathways

❖ There are many local Union and Apprenticeship Programs in our local community!

- Ironworker Union- Fontana, CA
- Heat and Frost- Ontario, CA
- HVAC and Plumbing- Anaheim, CA
- Sheet Metal Union- Glendora, CA
- Carpenters Union- Ontario, CA
- Career Training Apprenticeship in Colton, CA
 - Welding
 - HVAC
 - Automotive
 - Electrician
 - Building and Construction



Start NOW!

- ❖ This is the time to start self-reflecting
 - Strengths
 - Interests
 - Lifestyle/Income level

Resources to start this process:

O"net: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

My Next Move: <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

Career One Stop: <https://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/explore-careers.aspx>



Financial Aid at a Glance

- ❖ Whether you are attending a 4-year college or a community college, you are required to complete a Financial Aid (FAFSA) Application
 - The Window of time is from **October 1st–March 2nd for Priority Filing**
 - Add **ALL colleges** that you plan to apply (community and 4-year)
 - Based on the **previous year's tax returns (parents) who provide more than 50% support for the student**
 - Important to submit even if you do not think you will qualify
 - Many colleges will not provide aid (even loans) without the FAFSA
 - Can be eligible for merit based grants
 - Submit EVERY year
 - Important to look at EFC in FAFSA



Types of Aid

Free Money

Grants- Cal Grant, Pell Grant etc

Scholarships- either institutional or application based

Money that will need to be paid back

Loans (student/parent)

Work-study: Campus job to apply to student tuition and fees



Important to Note: Student Debt is NORMAL

Consider your Return on Investment.

Does the Intended Career Field match what you will be paying for this education? For entry level jobs?



THANK YOU!