

Riverside City College
Workforce Preparation Programs

Fact Sheet

Overview

The Workforce Preparation Program at Riverside City College (RCC) provides a wide variety of services to students on a daily basis. Most of these students participate in the programs or classes offered through Workforce Preparation which are: the RCC CalWORKs Program, Gateway to College Early College High School, the Independent Living Program, the Workforce Preparation Skills Classes, Student Employment and job placement.

CalWORKs Program: CalWORKs is designed to promote self-sufficiency through employment and education. TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients with minor children who are employed at least 20 hours per week and attending or planning to attend college are eligible to receive supportive services including but not limited to counseling, priority registration, work study, job search & resume assistance and parenting/childcare workshops. The CalWORKs program is supported by intensive joint case management with county GAIN program. For more information call **(951) 222-8648**.

Gateway to College Early College High School: The mission of Riverside Gateway to College Early College High School (ECHS) is to provide at-risk youth, 16 through 20 years of age, who have dropped out of school or are near dropping out of school, with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while achieving college success. Students simultaneously accumulate high school and college credits, earning their high school diploma while progressing toward an associate degree, certificate or college transfer program. For more information call **(951) 222-8934**.

Completion Counts: Riverside City College, the City of Riverside, Riverside Unified School District, Alvord Unified School District and the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce are partners in a concerted effort to improve college going rates and college completion rates in the city of Riverside. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation this partnership is committed to building a college-minded culture and creating systemic change to improve college-readiness, college going, degrees and certificates with value in the market place and employment outcomes for ages 16 – 26. For more information call **(951) 222-8380**.

Independent Living Program: The Independent Living Program (ILP) at Riverside City College provides training, advocacy, mentoring and support services to assist foster youth referred by Riverside County Department of Public Social Service (DPSS) in developing pathways to success in areas including education, employment & career development, health & safety, and housing. Funding is made available through a grant from Riverside County DPSS providing staffing and support services. Our primary mission is to assist current and former foster youth transition from full support to independence. For more information call **(951) 222-8198**.

Foster/Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Program: This program provides the state mandated continuing education workshops, for kinship care providers and licensed foster parents in Riverside County.

The FKCE Program provides over 600 hours of education/training to potential and existing foster parents, as well as kinship (grandparents, etc) providers on topics including, but not limited to: age appropriate child development, attachment, positive discipline, self esteem, substance abuse, health concerns, emancipation and other relevant teen issues. Workshops are offered in English and Spanish. For a catalog of current workshop offerings or more information call **(951) 222-8198**.

The Workforce Preparation Skills Classes: The Skills Classes are open to all students. Workforce Preparation offers open-entry Skills Classes to students interested in building a strong foundation of reading, writing, business English, mathematics, and computer keyboarding applications to enhance success in the workplace and in further college courses. The Skills Classes offer fundamental building blocks for both workplace skills and academic coursework. There are a wide variety of students who have benefited from the skill classes including first-time college students to those with college degrees who are seeking to enhance their workplace and academic skills. The skills classes are presented in a student-paced, instructor-led format with multiple entry dates per week. Dependent upon the class, there are multiple course offerings per day. Our instructors are student-centered and class sizes are relatively small. We serve a diverse student population who seek to develop workplace skills, students who are pursuing occupational training in 100+ certificates, and students seeking a degree or transfer programs. The Skills Classes are offered on the Riverside City College campus. Look for the skills classes in the schedule of classes. For more information, please call **(951) 222-8648**.

Student Employment/Job Placement: The Student Employment Program helps promote student learning by locating on-campus and off-campus work sites through Federal Work Study, District Employment, CalWORKs Work Study or any advertised job opening. Student's employment opportunities often compliment their chosen field of study. Employers and supervisors are encouraged to provide work hours that fit with in the students' class schedule. Hourly pay rates vary and currently start at the minimum wage (currently \$8.00 per hour); however, some positions may start at a higher rate of pay. Students must have a valid social security card and picture ID with the same name in which they register for classes. Additionally, each program requires specific reporting documentation. For more information please refer to our website www.rcc.edu/services/workforce. Student Employment positions may be viewed at www.jobs.rcc.edu 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information call **(951) 222-8291**.