Overview

Workforce Preparation offers the CalWORKs Program, funded through the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges. CalWORKs was designed to promote self-sufficiency through employment and education. The population that is eligible to receive services via CalWORKs is TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) recipients with minor children. Welfare recipients face a four-year lifetime limit, and CalWORKs is one of the ways California is meeting the challenge of welfare reform.

CalWORKs Program

Current and prospective RCC students who meet the criteria for eligibility may receive services through the CalWORKs Program. Each CalWORKs student then is given the opportunity to meet with a CalWORKs counselor, develop an educational plan, and receive supportive services to maximize their success at RCC and in the workplace. Students are referred to and assisted with other resources on campus as necessary, including Financial Aid, Disabled Student Programs & Services, Admissions, etc.

CalWORKs students receive support services such as priority registration, work study, intensive case management, counseling, career advisement, and other services that promote success. Many current CalWORKs students could not get the education they need to break the cycle of poverty and dependency without such assistance. The Workforce Preparation staff continues to seek additional CalWORKs-eligible students so that support services can be provided to ensure their success in school and the workplace. To date, over 6200 students have participated in the CalWORKs Program and received support services with new CalWORKs students enrolling each week.

Students may enroll in courses that will help them obtain basic skills, explore career options, earn degrees, and prepare for employment. RCC provides the necessary education and training that prepares students to compete in an increasingly competitive job market. Partnering with hundreds of local employers, RCC has successfully assisted Career & Technical Education (CTE) program graduates in job placement.

If you would like to know more about the CalWORKs Program, please call the Workforce Preparation office at (951) 222-8648.