Pathway to Law School

The California Community Colleges and the State Bar of California selected Riverside City College to participate in a new initiative that will provide a direct pathway to six of California’s top law schools.

The Community Colleges Pathway to Law School Initiative (CCPLSI) is an unprecedented effort within public higher education to enhance opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly those who have been under-represented.

The initiative, sponsored by the State Bar’s Council on Access and Fairness, established agreements with twenty-four community colleges and six law schools and their respective undergraduate institutions. Students in the program will receive assurances that credits in prescribed courses will transfer. Admitted students are required to participate in various CCPLSI activities.

Participating law schools are: University of Southern Gould School of Law; University of San Francisco School of Law; University of California Davis, School of Law; University of California Irvine, School of Law; Santa Clara University School of Law; Loyola Marymount Law School; and their respective undergraduate institutions.

The Riverside City College Pathway to Law School Initiative requires students to complete eight courses based on a defined set of “success factors” that help make effective lawyers. The transfer initiative will align criteria from these success factors with community college courses already approved in corresponding Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) to prepare students for law school.

Students graduating from our program will earn the title of COAF Scholar.

Requirements:

- Complete Pathway to Law School Application.
- A Pathway to Law School Student Educational Plan (SEP) with a RCC counselor and submit it with this application.
- Statement of Interest (MLA Style, no more than two pages).
- Have direct contact with a Faculty Champion a minimum of once per month.
- Attend all required program orientations and workshops.
- Complete a progress report each fall and spring semester.
- Enroll in only courses designated on Pathway to Law School Student Education Plan (SEP).
- Complete 30 units each academic year (including spring and summer) — understanding that dropping courses will jeopardize eligibility for this contract.
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 every semester.
- Participate in Law Society and other Pathway to Law School activities and scheduled events.

Required Courses:

- English 1A
- English 1B
- Communications 3
- Math 12
- History 6
- Political Science 1
- Business 15
- Interdisciplinary Studies 5

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Support for Pathway to Law School Students may include but are not limited to:

- Mentoring
- Debate competitions
- Statewide Law Day conference
- Legal writing competition
- Law Society
- Advisement from law schools
- LSAT preparation
- Assistance into University and Law School
- Exposure to the legal profession
- Service learning
- Additional related law school activities

Please visit the following websites for additional information:

- Twitter#Pathway2Law
- DiscoverLaw.org
- https://sites.google.com/site/calbardream/

Being accepted as a Pathway to Law School student is on a competitive basis. I understand in order to be considered as a Council of Access and Fairness (COAF) Scholar by the participating colleges I must participate in required activities. I also understand that by participating in this program, I will not have guaranteed admission into the universities or the law schools mentioned. However, I will be entering into a special agreement designed to prepare students for admissions into the aforementioned law schools. I understand that Riverside City College Pathway to Law School Program will support my success in completing an Associate’s degree and transferring to one of the six Pathway to Law School Institutions. In order to participate, I must complete and return this application.

Signature ___________________________________________________ Date_______________________

Please forward this completed application by mail or in person to:
Laneshia Judon, JD or Don Ajené Wilcoxson, MBA
Riverside City College, Business Department
4800 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506
Telephone: (951) 222-8551

I understand that my continued participation in the Pathways to Law School Program is subject to review every term according to my compliance of the above guidelines. Failure to meet the above guidelines may result in my dismissal from this program. Furthermore, I understand that to remain eligible for this opportunity I must follow the guidelines of this contract. If I decide to “opt-out” of the 2 Year Contract for whatever reason, I will complete an exit interview.

Signature ___________________________________________________ Date_______________________

Student Name (Print) ____________________________________________ RCC Student ID Number _______________________

Personal Email __________________________ Home or Cell Phone # __________________________ Graduating High School/District _______________________

I am currently enrolled in one of the following programs (check all that apply):

- CAP
- Completion Counts
- Jump Start
- TRIO (Upward Bound or Student Support Services)
- EOPS/CARE
- DSP&S
- Puente
- Ujima
- Honors
- Pathway to Excellence

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