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- How do I get a copy of my transcripts?

Answers to questions asked by students interested in LCC

Who may attend? Lassen is a public institution, open to all high school graduates, or non-graduates over the age of 18. Students under the age of 18 can be enrolled in certain courses. All students who plan to attend are required to complete an Application of Admission, which can be obtained from the Admission and Records Office.

What is the enrollment? The current enrollment is approximately 2,000 on the Susanville campus. Of those, about 700 are full-time students. We have Outreach Centers offering classes in Westwood, Herlong, Big Valley and Modoc, Mono, and Sierra Counties. Our total district enrollment is over 3,000 students.

How large is your campus? The Susanville campus is built on 165 acres and encompasses 18 buildings.

Do you have dorms? Yes, we have a residence hall that accommodates 124 students and an on-campus cafeteria called the "Cougar's Lair". The cost of room and board is between \$4,200-\$5,564 per year, depending on the meal plan you choose.

What kinds of transportation are available? Most students drive their own car to campus. No parking permits are required and ample parking is available. Lassen Community college provides its students with transportation through the Lassen Rural Bus service between campus and the community.

When are the classes offered? Classes are completed during the Fall and Spring Semesters and Summer Sessions. Fall classes start mid-August and are finished by the Christmas break. Spring courses begin mid-January and are completed by the first of June. Summer sessions are offered. Schedules of course offerings are made available to all Lassen County residences in the Lassen Community College District and outreach areas. To obtain a schedule, contact the Admissions and Records office at (530) 251-8808.

Where are classes offered? The main campus of Lassen Community College is in Susanville, California. We also offer courses through our outreach program in Alturas, Bieber, Herlong, Westwood, Mono County, Sierra County, Owens-Valley and the California Correctional Center. For more information about our outreach program, please contact our Outreach Program Coordinator' office at hnoc@lassen.cc.ca.us. Or call (530) 251-8829.

What kind of assessment testing do I need? You will take a placement test when you enroll. The testing takes place on campus and is given by appointment. We do not require SAT or ACT test results.

How many courses do I need to take to be full-time? A student must be enrolled in 12 units to be considered full-time. Those participating in athletics and certain other student activities must be full-time to be considered eligible.

How much does it cost? The State of California legislature sets the enrollment fees for community colleges. ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Click here to see current enrollment fees.

What kind of assistance programs do you have? We offer assistance through Extended Opportunities Program and Services (EOP&S), Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE), CalWorks, Workability III Program, Learning Disabilities Program, our Learning Center with a tutoring service is free to Lassen Community College students and a computer lab for student use.

How can I get financial aid? Fifty percent of our students receive financial aid of some type to help pay the cost of attending Lassen Community College. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available in our Financial Aid office to apply for federal grants and low interest loans. We also have scholarships, fee waivers, and California Work Incentive and Federal Work-study programs available. Those interested should contact the Financial Aid Office at (530) 251-8849.

Answers to questions asked by LCC students

What if I don't have a major yet? Students are encouraged to meet with Lassen's counseling staff or the Career/Transfer Center to discuss their future. Under our Matriculation Plan, students are assisted with an educational plan and are guided to the appropriate courses to meet their goals.

What if I get a "D," "F" or Non-Credit Grade? Students may repeat a course in which they received a substandard grade, but it is not required. However, a "C" grade in all required courses is necessary in Lassen's programs. If you repeat a class in which you received a "D", "F" or Non-Credit Grade, the new grade will appear on your permanent record (if it is an improved grade).

How do I drop a class? It is the student's responsibility to complete the appropriate "drop" form from the Admission and Records Office. This can be processed through the 14th week of class or 75 percent of the term, whichever is less. A "W" will appear on the permanent record.

How do I get a copy of my transcripts? You must request a copy of your transcripts in writing with your original signature. Your request must include: Your full name while attending Lassen Community College, your Social Security Number, and your date of birth. The first two copies are free of charge and \$3.00 for additional copies. The request should be sent to:

Lassen Community College
Admission and Records
PO Box 3000
Susanville, CA 96130

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Assessment Placement Testing

All new Lassen Community College students should participate in placement testing. Placement testing measures students' abilities in the areas of reading, writing and math and provides useful information for course placement. Counselors use a variety of information in helping students, including assessment tests from other colleges, transcripts of academic course work, career goals, and the Lassen Community College assessment placement test.

To view sample questions: www.act.org/compass/sample

Assessment Placement Test

Students who must participate in the assessment process are:

1. Students taking English, Mathematics or Reading Classes
2. Students seeking a degree
3. Students who wish to demonstrate a prerequisite
4. Special student populations: A) Students who participate in intercollegiate activities on behalf of the school including the Associated Student Body, athletics, judging, rodeo; B) International students; C) Students receiving financial aid; D) Veterans receiving veteran's benefits
5. Special Admit students (students who are under the age of 18 without a high school diploma) should contact the Lassen Community College Counseling Office at (530) 251-8842 for specific instructions

Students may be exempted from some, or all, portions of placement testing if they meet the following criteria:

1. They provide documentation of having received English credit through completion of an Advance Placement Test (score of 3 or higher)
2. They provide documentation of having received Mathematics credit through completion of an Advance Placement Test (score of 3 or higher)
3. They provide documentation of having received a grade of "C" or better in a college prerequisite English course
4. They provide documentation of having received a grade of "C" or better in a college prerequisite Mathematics course
5. They are taking course(s) which do not have a prerequisite
6. They have completed a California Community College Chancellor's Office approved placement test within the last two years (documentation with course level interpretation required)

The Lassen Community Assessment Office is staffed part-time. Assessment placement test results are valid for 2 years. The assessment placement test is available at the following sites. Students must make an appointment at the location where they wish to test.

Lassen Community College, Susanville (530) 257-6181 ext. 8009
Alturas Outreach Center: 802 N. East St. (530) 233-4404

Examinees must come to their testing appointment prepared to:

1. Show a photo identification
2. Enter their social security number

Ability-To-Benefit Test

A student over the age of 17 who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and wishes to receive financial aid must achieve minimum scores on the Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) test. To make arrangements for testing call, (530) 257-6181, ext. 8009.

For more assessment placement or Ability-to-Benefit testing information contact:

Assessment Office
Creative Arts Building, Learning Center (CA-209)
PO Box 3000, Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 257-6181, extension 8009

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How do I qualify for EOP&S?

1. Register as a full-time student
2. Meet low income requirements
3. Be a California resident
4. Be academically disadvantaged
5. Apply for Financial Aid

The Lassen Community College Financial Aid Office will determine student financial eligibility by examining the Student Aid Report.

EOP&S has funds that may be awarded if you qualify. The EOP&S staff will determine if the student meets the educational requirements.

You may qualify for Financial Aid and other services.

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Disabled Student Programs & Services

Disabled Student Programs and Services is a mandated, state-funded program which assists students who have any qualifying type of disabling condition. Services are available for students who have mobility, visual, hearing, speech, brain injury, psychological, and other disabilities. These services assist students in obtaining their educational, vocational, and employment goals. Lassen Community College employs an open enrollment concept designed to provide equal access to all programs, facilities, and activities.

Lassen Community College, in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or non-disqualifying disability in any policies, procedures or practices.

Special classes and services are offered for students with physical, visual, and learning disabilities on an on-going basis. Psycho-educational diagnostic testing is also available for students with possible learning disabilities or acquired brain injuries. Counseling and registration assistance is available for all students with disabilities. Students may contact DSPS Office at (530) 251-8895 or Learning Disabilities Program at (530) 257-6181 x8914.

For more information on the Disabled Student Programs and Services contact:

Sandy Beckwith
DSP&S Coordinator
(530) 251-8895

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Cal Works

The California Community Colleges CalWORKs Program is a state funded program that assists current TANF recipients in achieving long-term self-sufficiency through the attainment of higher education.

At Lassen Community College, the CalWORKs Program focuses on providing CalWORKs students with special support services in order to assist with educational and career planning, as well as, insuring compliance with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) welfare-to-work requirements. We are here for you every step of the way. Our highly-skilled staff will help you in every way possible toward meeting your career and educational goals.

The Lassen Community College CalWORKs Program provides:

- Supportive atmosphere to enable students to achieve self-sufficiency
- Group and individualized assistance
- Educational and career guidance

Opportunities to participate in work-study program on and off campus, enables CalWORKs students to meet work activity requirements, gain work experience and earn money that will not impact their grant.

Information and assistance with unsubsidized employment Career education / Job seeking & retention skills Post-employment services towards the upgrading of skills, and/or job retention and advancement Workshops/Trainings related to the world of work. To be eligible for the Lassen Community College CalWORKs program an individual must be receiving cash aid, be in good standing with the college, and have developed or be in the process of developing a welfare-to-work plan with the local county welfare office.

For further information about the Lassen Community College CalWORKs program, please contact:

Robin Padgett
CalWORKs Job Placement Specialist
(530) 257-6181 x8991
E-mail: rpadgett@lassencollege.edu

Cecelia Frohrib
CalWORKs Administrative Assistant II
(530) 257-6181 x8986
E-mail: cfrohrib@lassencollege.edu

Sandy Beckwith
CalWORKs Director

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Financial Aid

There is a substantial amount of financial aid available for students. Those who apply by the 30th of June and have the greatest need will be funded first. "What! It's after the 30th of June" - then apply as soon as possible! Your application will still be considered, just get busy and complete the Federal Financial Aid form.

Application processing takes about three to six weeks. Information and applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. If you have any questions about filling out the application, please feel free to call the Financial Aid Office at (530) 257-6181 x8940 or (530) 251-8849.

Enrollment Fee Payment

If you apply for Financial Aid and demonstrate financial need, you may be eligible for the Board of Governors Waiver; or if you complete the BOGW application and are determined eligible, your enrollment fee is paid by the State. BOGW applications are available in the Financial Aid Office or EOP&S office located in the Student Services Building.