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COMMUNITY NEWS



Opportunities to Enroll at **COMPTON COLLEGE**
with **LIMITED COST!**

DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Area high school students can save time and money through Compton College's Dual Enrollment program, where they can earn college credits for free to get ahead with their higher education plans. All high school freshmen in surrounding communities are encouraged to take advantage of this new "12-in-4 Program," which offers students a convenient pathway to earn a minimum of 12 college credits (three to four classes) by the time they graduate from high school in four years. In addition, all area high school students can take Dual Enrollment classes at any time during high school. Contact your high school counselor to inquire about the Dual Enrollment application process or visit www.compton.edu/start-here/high-school-students.

COMPTON COLLEGE offers
3 TYPES of
NO-FEE
Dual Enrollment
Courses
for local
high school students:

- **Afternoon College** courses are offered at high school sites after the regular school day for all local districts served by Compton College.
- For Compton and Paramount unified school districts, **AB 288 courses** provide access to career education and/or university transfer pathways.
- **Compton Early College** and **Paramount College and Career Access Pathways** are partnerships with Compton Unified School District and Paramount Unified School District where students can earn both a high school diploma and two years of college credit toward an associate degree simultaneously.

COMPTON COLLEGE PROMISE: GET YOUR ENROLLMENT FEES WAIVED

The Oliver W. Conner College Promise fee waiver program was expanded in fall 2023 to include all first-time college students regardless of age or residence. First-time college students (full- or part-time) who meet eligibility criteria will have their \$46 per unit enrollment fees waived at Compton College for two years (up to 15 units per term). **Apply at www.compton.edu/college-promise/.**



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Message from Dr. Keith Curry

Compton College President and
Compton Community College District CEO



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At Compton College, every student is a success story! It is my personal belief that every community college student can be successful with the right academic and student support services. Each year, I advocate and lobby at our state capital for assistance with basic needs for community college students and Compton College has become a benchmark in this area.

Compton College offers a convenient, affordable education and essential resources for traditional and nontraditional students—all in a campus environment that provides personalized student support to put you on the road to success. Students of all ages may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university, or train for a job. Learn a new trade, make a career change, and acquire or upgrade skills to reenter the workforce with training that takes as little as 18 months to complete.

We care about our students and provide financial, academic, and technical support for those in need such as financial aid; tutoring; book vouchers, Scantrons and blue books; free laptops, headphones, and Wi-Fi hotspots; free meals, free Metro GoPass for transportation; and referrals for those with housing insecurity. And, I'm proud to report the Compton Community College District has secured a state grant to fund the construction of residential student housing estimated to be completed in 2026.

Compton College is a great option because it is close to home and costs a lot less—enrollment fees are just a fraction of those at four-year universities. As a lower-cost alternative to four-year colleges/universities, Compton College offers top-quality academics and is both a gateway to higher education and for some, an alternative to four-year institutions. Compton College is your community resource for academic and career preparation—we are ready to serve you!

Crystal Moore

Class of 2024

Major: Nursing & Psychology

"Compton College is extremely supportive. I have attended other community colleges and never felt personally supported. Compton College's faculty and staff acknowledge me personally."



Armando Arguello

Class of 2023

Major: Behavioral & Social Science;
Transferred to Avila University on a
baseball scholarship

"I never felt like just a number at Compton College, but rather felt like I was in the right place. I used the smaller class sizes to my advantage and was able to get a lot of assistance from my instructors."





For Those Who Need Extra Support

Compton College offers several state-funded programs for eligible students who want to get an education, are economically and educationally disadvantaged, and do not have the resources to enroll in college. The programs are:

- EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) – assists eligible students challenged by language, social, economic, and/or educational disadvantages.
- CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) – provides support and services to students who are eligible for EOPS and are receiving cash aid assistance.
- NextUp (Foster Youth Student Support Program) – offers eligible current and former foster youth support and services.

These programs offer students many benefits including priority registration, referrals to student support services, educational supplies, transfer assistance, student enhancement workshops, book vouchers, transportation assistance, academic achievement grants, and more.

“The EOPS program helped me complete a double major in two years,” said **Yahziq Ohmn-Drayden**, who graduated from Compton College (2020) and California State University, Dominguez Hills (2022), and is currently a Ph.D. candidate. *“The book vouchers EOPS provided helped alleviate some financial stress, and the counseling was one of my favorite services offered. Every EOPS counselor I talked with totally kept me on track to take the classes I needed.”*



The EOPS application and more information are available online at www.compton.edu/student-support/eops/

THE EOPS OFFICE IS LOCATED IN SSB 280, OR CALL 310-900-1600, EXT. 2912.

Removing Barriers to Education by Addressing Basic Needs

Compton College President Keith Curry is at the forefront of advocacy for assisting community college students by ensuring basic needs are met. Enrolled students at Compton College receive many free resources including:

- Parking permits
- Metro GoPass for transportation
- Wi-Fi, headphone, and laptop loans
- One free meal per day at the on-campus Everytable Café
- \$20/week in free vouchers for the on-campus farmers’ market
- Free printing
- Free blue books and Scantrons
- Access to on-campus food pantry and locker rooms for showers



Your Career is Calling!

Get Affordable Job Training at Compton College

Enroll in one of Compton College's 17 different Career Education programs to get on the fast track to a stable, fulfilling, high-paying job. Our Career Education programs are carefully created to prepare students and adult learners for real-world, hands-on work in the field of their choice. From the diverse film and television industry to the fast-paced environment in welding, Compton College supports students from all walks of life and with a variety of skill sets and strengths.



Nicole Aguirre was the only woman in her automotive technology classes and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in order to pursue a career as an independent consultant for automotive companies.

"The Compton College Career Education staff helped me every step of the way," she said. "We went through all the classes I needed step-by-step to earn my two certificates and an Associate of Science degree, which I accomplished in three years while also working. I don't think women should shy away from non-traditional career paths."

INCREASE WAGES, QUALIFY FOR PROMOTIONS, LEARN A NEW TRADE

Discover more about Compton College's Career Education Programs:

www.compton.edu/career-education/

New Academic Programs at Compton College

Each year, Compton College continues to introduce exciting and relevant programs to meet the demands of today's workforce. Interested students are advised to plan ahead and register for classes as early as possible at www.compton.edu.

Biomanufacturing & Biotechnology Certificate Programs

Interested in working in a lab to run specific scientific tests, experiments, and analyses? Compton College has two new certificate of achievement programs. These programs train students to work in a variety of jobs, including bioprocessing technicians, research and development lab technicians, and quality control/quality assurance associates.

Biomanufacturing Technician - In the biomanufacturing program, students will gain key knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to work in the biomanufacturing industry, which uses biological systems to produce biofuels, vaccines, pharmaceutical drugs, and other therapeutic agents. Students will get hands-on experience with the production and analysis of biologically relevant molecules. Students learn both basic and advanced techniques in biotechnology and biomanufacturing such as genetic engineering, cell culture, chromatography including HPLC, and biochemical analysis, as well as technical writing, approaches to quality in the biomanufacturing industry, and requirements to work in a regulated environment.

Biotechnology Laboratory Assistant - This certificate program prepares students with the technical skills needed to work in a biotech laboratory. Students in this program receive hands-on training in basic laboratory skills including preparation of buffers and other reagents, proper documentation, DNA manipulation, enzymatic assays, protein separation methods, antibody-based methods, and data collection. This program emphasizes cell and molecular biology techniques such as culturing and manipulating both bacterial and mammalian cells using genetic engineering, as well as performing protein purification and analysis. This program is ideal for students who want to gain the technical expertise to work effectively in a bioscience laboratory in a supportive role like a laboratory assistant.

Real Estate Certificate Program

Explore the many options available in Compton College's new Real Estate Salesperson Certificate of Achievement program. Now is the time to tap into California's red-hot real estate market! Real estate agents have the opportunity to maximize their income, enjoy a flexible schedule, and work in an interpersonal environment. Compton College's Real Estate Program qualifies and prepares students to earn their California Real Estate Salesperson license. Program courses educate students about the real estate market, property management, tenancy, and more. Students will learn to effectively communicate and collaborate in real estate sales, property management, appraisal, loan or investment to work with both licensees and buyers in a typical real estate transaction.

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CERTIFICATE
PROGRAMS
OFFERED

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DEGREE
PROGRAMS
OFFERED

2022-2023 Compton College Course Catalog

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

- Business Administration
- Administration of Justice
- Childhood Education • Nursing
- Psychology • Sociology



MOST POPULAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Automotive Collision Repair & Painting
- Automotive Technology • Childhood Education
- Cosmetology • Liberal Studies

Serving Those Who Served: Our Veterans Resource Center

Compton College helps veterans, military members, and their spouses and dependents get the support they need to continue their academic careers and succeed. We are approved as a degree-granting institution for the attendance of veterans and participate in the CalVet Fee Waiver program.

Our Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is a hub for everything from helping veterans through the enrollment process and providing counseling to identifying financial aid and processing students' educational benefits. It's also a place to use a computer, relax or study between classes.

Oscar Espinoza enlisted in the Air Force after high school where he served as an aircraft mechanic. After completing his service, he enrolled at Compton College as a physics major and earned an associate degree for transfer. *"It was difficult for me to put my education on hold when my friends were starting college and new jobs," he said. "But earning my degree at Compton College made it worth it."* He went on to obtain a master's degree in space systems engineering while working in the aerospace industry.



Whether you plan to earn an associate degree or certificate or to transfer to a four-year university, Compton College looks forward to assisting veterans achieve their educational goals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

call 310-900-1600, ext. 2925, stop by the Veterans Resource Center in SSB, Room 220, or visit:

www.compton.edu/student-support/veterans/



NEW!
ESPORTS

For more information about the Athletics Program and to view the 2023-2024 sports schedule, go to

www.comptontartars.com

6 MEN'S TEAMS

Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country
Football • Soccer • Track & Field

7 WOMEN'S TEAMS

Badminton • Basketball • Cross Country
Soccer • Softball • Track & Field • Volleyball



English as a Second Language (ESL)

¡Mejore sus habilidades en el idioma inglés en Compton College con clases de ESL gratuitas (sin crédito)! Las clases de ESL cubren vocabulario y gramática básica, habilidades para escuchar, hablar, leer y escribir sobre temas relacionados con intereses personales, carreras y experiencias de la vida cotidiana. Las clases de ESL de Compton College ayudan a los estudiantes a desarrollar habilidades en el idioma inglés para ser un trabajador productivo, un miembro efectivo de la comunidad, un miembro de la familia que contribuye y un aprendiz de por vida.

¡Podemos ayudarlo a inscribirse en las clases de ESL que sean adecuadas para usted!

Llame al 310-900-1600, ext. 2020.

Karneisha Christian-Stewart Class of 1995

Major: Ethnic and African American Studies

"Compton College definitely prepared me to transfer to a four-year university and really prepared me for life. I was influenced by a wide range of people, backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge."



Mayra Fuentes Pineda Class of 2022

Major: Health Science
Transferred to USC

"I would have never thought I would end up at pharmacy school at USC! I'm so grateful to Compton College for offering an affordable foundation leading to admission in 2021 to a prestigious pharmacy doctoral program."



OUR PROMISE, OUR FUTURE

The Compton College campus continues to transform, thanks to funds from Measure CC and Measure C supported by voters in 2002 and 2014, respectively. Recently completed facilities and upcoming projects in the design and/or construction stages at Compton College include:



STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING

\$25.2 million, new construction
Completed: Spring 2023



INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING 2

\$25.6 million, new construction
Estimated Completion: Spring 2024



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS COMPLEX

\$13.4 million, new construction
Estimated Completion: 2026



PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX

\$52 million, new construction
Estimated Completion: To be determined



RESIDENTIAL STUDENT HOUSING

\$80 million
(Funded by state grant under AB 183)
Estimated Completion: Spring 2026



Foundation for the Compton Community College District

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District provides financial support, scholarships, and other needed resources to Compton College students, faculty, and staff for ongoing improvement of the academic environment. This is accomplished through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas.

PURPOSE

The Foundation’s purpose is to help the District fulfill its role in serving the community in the following areas:

- Solicit contributions and raising working capital to support the educational endeavors of the District;
- Provide financial assistance to the District by acquiring equipment, property, and supplies for the benefit of students, faculty, and staff;
- Establish and support programs/activities within the District that maximize academic achievement and enrichment;
- Raise and award scholarship funds for Compton College students; and
- Provide assistance to needy and underprivileged members of our college community.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE

While much of our funding for the District comes from the State of California, it requires strategic effort to make a lasting impact in the communities we serve. Compton College programs and the lives of enrolled students can be greatly enhanced by the generosity of private contributions from individuals, corporations, and private foundations. All donations of any amount are welcome.

The Foundation looks forward to working with all community members to ensure we create an environment that not only supports the dreams of our community, but transforms them into a reality.

For more information, scan the QR code.



Many Scholarships Available!

In addition to the state and federal financial aid that many students are eligible to receive, the Foundation for the Compton Community College District annually awards numerous scholarships to students to help pay for college. In the past five years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$160,000 in scholarships to Compton College students. All current students are encouraged to apply for scholarships.

Scholarships are beneficial to students trying to offset the cost of a college education. Scholarships do not need to be paid back and are awarded based on specific qualifications, talents, or merit often without regard to financial need. Current Compton College students may apply online for multiple scholarships with just one application.

The 2024-2025 scholarship application is open now through February 29, 2024.

APPLY ONLINE AT

www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/scholarships

Scholarship Recipient Spotlight



Bryan Benitez

Class of 2023, Presidential Scholar

Major: Arts & Humanities, Behavioral & Social Science; Transferred to UC San Diego

“Compton College’s rigorous curriculum helped develop me into the person I am today. The classes not only helped me grow personally, but also prepared me for university life and academics. The challenging courses have increased my knowledge, and I have noticed significant personal development since I began Compton Early College.”



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Apply and Register Today for Spring 2024!

Saturday classes begin February 10 and weekday classes begin Monday, February 12

Accepting Applications for 2024-2025

Visit our all-new Student Services Building & Welcome Center — a one-stop shop for student enrollment and resources to put you on the path to educational success! Services include Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, CalWORKs, EOPS, Transfer and Career Center, Counseling, and more.



Jairo Salgado

Class of 2022

Major: Earned Certificate as CNC Machine Operator

"When I reflect on how I got to where I am now (working full-time as a machine operator), it was through the alignment of social services, Compton College, and employers — and their shared culture of supporting the whole student."



OPPORTUNITY TO WIN \$500 & \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS!

CA\$H for College Event

Saturday, January 27 | 9am to 1pm

Compton College | Open to the Public

Receive hands-on support completing the 2024-2025 FAFSA, CADAA, and the Chafee applications.

Come Prepared! Create your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at studentaid.gov/.



Scan the QR code to RSVP

Stay Connected with COMPTON COLLEGE

