

Financial Aid Office: SS-130

Phone: 562-908-3411
Email: financialaid@riohondo.edu

Easy Steps to Financial Aid

- 1 Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Our federal school code is 001269.
- 2 Review your required missing information email and submit all "Student Requirements" listed on your AccessRio portal, and submit to financial aid office.
- 3 Once your file is complete, review your "Award Notification Email."

*Accept your Terms & Conditions.

*Review disbursement schedule on the financial aid website.

*All disbursements are issued electronically through "myRHCard." This card is mailed to the address you provided to Admissions & Records. You can view the status of your card at www.myrhcard.com.

Types of Financial Aid:

Federal Pell Grant

The Pell grant is gift aid designed to help with educational expenses. To apply please complete the FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Cal Grant Program

Cal Grant awards are state grants administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). To apply for a Cal Grant, you must complete the FAFSA and have your high school complete a Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form and must be sent to CSAC by March 2 for the following academic year.

Chafee

The Chafee Grant is a federal grant administered by CSAC and provides financial assistance to current and former foster youth for college and vocational training.

Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)

This is a state grant for California residents only. Under this program, enrollment fees (\$46 per unit) are waived for eligible students.

California Dream Act

Allows students who meet AB540 criteria to apply for and receive certain state and institutional financial aid, such as Cal Grants and BOGFW. To be considered for Cal Grants, please complete both California Dream Act application and have your high school complete a GPA Verification form by March 2. **Apply today at www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp**



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SS-Student Services
• Admissions & Records
• Counseling
• Financial Aid
• Freshman Success Center

LRC: Learning Resource Center
• Library
• Assessment Center



SU: Student Union
• Rio Cafe
• Student Life & Leadership
• Student Lounge



IMPORTANT DATES:

January: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available.

April-June: Respond to missing "Student Requirements" via your Access Rio portal.

March 2: Cal Grant application deadline. Submit both FAFSA and GPA Verification form.

July: The financial aid office begins to email "Award Notifications" to students.

Financial Aid Programs	Annual Award Amounts
Federal Pell Grant	\$400 - \$5,500
Federal Work Study	\$3,500
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$600
Cal Grants	B: \$1,473 C: \$547
Chafee	\$5,000
BOGFW	Waives Enrollment Fees



Rio Hondo College Fees

Tuition, Residents: \$46 per unit
Tuition, Out of State & F-1: \$190 per unit (plus the \$46 per unit)
Student Health Fee: \$19
Student Representation Fee: \$1

GO RIO: \$7 (Spring and Fall terms only; this fee was approved by the Associated Students of Rio Hondo College to help cover some of the costs of the GO RIO program.)

Optional Fees College Services: \$7 (Summer term: \$4)

Spring Parking Pass: Autos \$40 / Motorcycles \$10.50

Non-Discrimination Policy
Rio Hondo Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability in any of its policies, programs, and services. Inquiries may be directed to the District's Title IX Officer/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Dr. Dyrrell Foster, Dean, Student Affairs, Student Services Building, 2nd Floor, Room SS-204, (562) 908-3498.

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A Administration	CR Central Receiving	M Music	W Wray Memorial Theater
AJ Administration of Justice	CD Child Development Center	MN Maintenance	
AJA Administration of Justice Annex	CT Courts (Tennis)	O Observatory	
AT Applied Technology	G Gymnasium	PB Information/Parking Booth	
ART Art	HS Community Services/RH PMT/ Administration of Justice classrooms	PE Physical Education	
B Business	L L Building	S Science Building	
BB Black Box Theater	LQ Lower Quad	SS Student Services	
CI Campus Inn	LRC Learning Resource Center	SU Student Union	
CP Central Plant		UQ Upper Quad	



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Steps to Getting Started

***Important:** Rio Hondo College has implemented a **Drop for Non-Payment procedure.** Students must clear ALL prior debts and holds before their registration date. Please visit our website for more information. www.riohondo.edu

1 Apply to Rio Hondo College

Complete an application at www.riohondo.edu and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov for financial aid; Complete a CA Dream Act application online at www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp, if needed. Take advantage of the March 2 priority deadline, submitting it after this date may delay your student award.

2 Activate your AccessRio Portal and begin checking your RioMail account

You will soon receive your Student ID number through your personal email, which is needed to activate your AccessRio portal at www.riohondo.edu. Remember to check your RioMail to receive important information from the College.



3 Take the Assessment Test

Schedule an appointment to take assessment tests in order to enroll in math, English or ENLA and reading. WALK-IN TESTING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. Additional information is available at www.riohondo.edu under Assessment Center. For questions visit the Assessment Office in the Learning Resource Center, room LR141 or call (562) 463-7226.

4 Complete an Orientation

After completing your assessment tests, schedule an appointment to take the online orientation by calling the Assessment Office at (562) 463-7226, located in the Learning Resource Center, room LR140.

5 Counseling

Meet with a counselor to help you create an educational plan to meet your career and educational goals. To make an appointment with a counselor call (562) 908-3410, located in the Student Services building, room SS160.

6 Registration

Check your registration date and time at www.riohondo.edu under Admissions, or log into your AccessRio portal. All students must register through the AccessRio portal.



Student Services



Counseling

The Counseling department assists students with their academic and career goals by offering counseling classes, orientations, assistance with educational plans, choosing a major, graduation requirements and transfer requirements. Students who regularly meet with a counselor are far more successful in college than those who do not. To make an appointment with a counselor contact the Counseling department located in the Student Services building, room SS160 or call (562) 908-3410.

Disabled Students Program & Services

The Disabled Students Program & Services offers support services for students who have disabilities, including those with learning disabilities or who are physically, psychologically, visually or hearing impaired. Resource rooms and specialized staff are available to assist students who have Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) verifiable disabilities. The program also serves individuals who have acquired brain injuries, developmental delays and other types of disabilities that cause educational limitations. For information contact the DSP&S office located in the Student Services building, room SS330 or call (562) 908-3420.

EOPS

The Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOP&S) serves economically and educationally disadvantaged students and assists them with academic support services in order to enhance college success, transfer to four-year colleges, and transition to the workplace. EOP&S personnel provide counseling/educational advisement, tutoring, transfer assistance, partial book vouchers and academic achievement grants. For information contact the EOP&S office located in the Student Services building, room SS240 or call (562) 908-3423.

Freshman Success Center

The Freshman Success Center helps enhance the academic success of all recent high school graduates at Rio Hondo College through a network of student support services. Recent high school graduates are recommended to visit the center for help with registration, financial aid support, and to develop a two-year educational plan. Visit the center located in the Student Services building, room SS350 or call (562) 463-6650 for more information.

Student Health Services

Student Health Services offers students a variety of health services, including first aid and medical care due to illness or accidents, immunizations, women's health clinic, limited laboratory testing, physical examinations, vision and hearing testing, and more. Psychological services – such as personal problem counseling, emergency referral, and stress management training – are also available. Most services are free and some have a minimal charge. The office is located on the Student Services building, room SS230 or call (562) 908-3438 for more information.

Transfer Center

The Transfer Center helps students identify four-year universities at which they are interested in attending and assists with a smooth transition to that institution. Some of the center's services include transfer information workshops, annual transfer information days, college/university fairs, university tours, application workshops, hosting regular visits from university and four-year college representatives, and classroom presentations focused on transfer services and options. The center is located in the Student Services building, room SS205 or call (562) 463-4619.

Additional Student Services (562) 692-0921

Admissions & Records (SS120).....	x3415/7639	CARE (SS240).....	x7275	Outreach and Educational Partnerships (SS307).....	x4693
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Guaranteed Priority Registration for Local High School Seniors

To receive the **GUARANTEED one-time priority registration** at Rio Hondo College, students are responsible for fulfilling the following four requirements prior to **June 30, 2014**:

What is one-time priority registration?

Local High School Seniors can register for Fall classes earlier than other new students.

Who's Eligible?

Spring Graduates of the Following Districts:

- Whittier
- El Monte
- El Rancho

Benefits:

- GUARANTEED one-time priority registration date in July.
- Face-to-Face Orientation and First Semester Educational Plan.
- A Spot at Freshman Welcome Day.
- Linkages to Student Success & Support Programs.

1 Apply

Apply in Spring (March) to Rio Hondo College for the first Fall semester (August) after your high school graduation.

Once you register it takes up to four days to receive a Student ID number which you need to take the assessment test.

Apply: www.riohondo.edu

2 Freshman Assessment, Orientation & Ed Plan

Sign up to attend a Freshman Assessment, Orientation and Ed Planning Session in your high school's College/Career Center, Horizon's Office or call the Freshman Success Center at (562) 463-6650

3 Freshman Welcome Days

Sign up to attend a half-day Freshman Welcome Day (April).

The day will consist of a campus tour, information about campus resources and student life. A Student Success Workshop, led by a counselor, will provide valuable information concerning registration. For more information call the Freshman Success Center at (562) 463-6650.

4 Register for Classes

Priority registration will take place in early to mid-July.

Check your AccessRio account for exact dates.

Starting in mid-June call the **Freshman Success Center** at (562) 463-6650 for registration dates, assistance and detailed information.

Co-Curricular Activities

Student Life & Leadership

Rio Hondo College has a rich tradition of establishing opportunities for students to become involved in activities on the college campus. The Student Life & Leadership program, which includes the Associated Students of Rio Hondo College and Interclub Council, strives to facilitate student interaction and places a high value on multicultural student involvement. Offices are located on the second floor of the Student Union. A variety of campus clubs that provide opportunities for students in social and special interest areas are also available at the College. To find out more about these opportunities visit the Student Union, room SU204 or call (525) 908-3427.

Athletics

Athletics at Rio Hondo College include: men's teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer, swimming, track and field and wrestling; women's teams in basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming, water polo, track and field, tennis and volleyball. To get involved in any of these sports teams visit the Physical Education Complex, room PE104 or call (562) 908-3409.



Academic Programs



Puente Program

The Puente Program is a collaboration between the departments of Counseling and Communication and is designed to enhance student completion of transfer English and increase student transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Students participate in special counseling, receive unique instruction and are assigned to work with a personal mentor. Contact Counselor Jorge Huinquez for more information at (562) 463-3207.

MESA

The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program and the TRiO Student Support Services STEM (TRiO SSS STEM) programs provide services for students intending to transfer as a science, technology, engineering or mathematics major. Academic excellence workshops, tutoring, educational plans, advising, study center and much more are available. Visit the MESA office located in the Science building, room S205 or call (562) 463-3222.

Honors Transfer Program

Students looking to enrich their academic experience should look into the Honors Transfer Program, which offers courses designed to better prepare highly motivated students to transfer to a university and complete a bachelor's degree. The program provides a unique learning environment that stresses scholastic excellence, enriched curriculum, smaller class size and close interaction with Honors Program faculty. Contact the Counseling department for orientation dates and times at (562) 908-3410.

First-Year Experience and Fast Track

The Fast Track Accelerated Learning Communities and the First-Year Experience programs are designed to promote academic achievement among entering college

students in supportive, integrated and innovative learning environments. The Fast Track Program places serious and committed students together into the same cohort classes – or learning communities – for one semester, while First-Year Experience places emphasis on math pathways, transfer exploration and career possibilities for new students. First-year students are placed together in the same math and counseling courses for the fall semester and advance into the following course sequence in the spring. Peer networking and service learning opportunities are also available. For additional information contact Counselor and Basic Skills Coordinator Sergio Guzman at Sergio.guzman@riohondo.edu or stop by LR101B.

Summer Bridge

Summer Bridge students are more likely to pass math and attain higher overall retention rates in other core classes compared to other groups throughout their first academic year as the program empowers students to enter Rio Hondo College with preparedness, confidence and direction. The program, which is held over the course of four consecutive days in July or August, offers light lunch and supplies; academic refresher classes in English and math; campus tours with peer mentors; and educational planning with a counselor. Summer Bridge is open to students who completed high school within the last two years and plan to attend the College full-time. Students must be available to attend an orientation session in June or July and commit to the program days in July or August. For more details visit the office in the Learning Resource Center, room LR101B or call (562) 463-3123.



Certificates and Degrees / AT-A and AT-S / Transfer to a University

Certificates: Certificate programs are designed for students interested in developing advanced levels of proficiency in special occupation subject areas. For a list of certificate programs and requirements refer to the Rio Hondo College Catalog online at www.riohondo.edu/catalog/ or available for purchase at the College bookstore.

Associate Degrees: A variety of two-year programs leading to the Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degrees are available at the College. For a list of degree programs and requirements refer to the Rio Hondo College Catalog online at www.riohondo.edu/catalog/ or available for purchase at the College bookstore.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T, AS-T): Sociology, Psychology, Communication Studies, Mathematics

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) is a special, new degree offered at California Community Colleges. To pursue this special degree rather than a traditional AA or AS degree, you should meet with a counselor to develop an education plan that puts you on the path toward the AA-T or AS-T degree. The guarantee itself means that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU, but not necessarily to a particular campus or major. With the special degree, you may be given a GPA bump when applying to an impacted campus outside your local area or an impacted major that is deemed similar.

Transfer to a University: Students whose goal is to transfer to a four-year university should identify which transferable courses are required for both their major and general education. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor to develop an academic program best suited for their transfer institution and intended major. The Transfer Center is valuable resource for students interested in transferring. Visit the center located in the Student Services building, room SS250.

