



You're finished with high school...

**NOW WHAT?**

LET RIO HONDO COLLEGE HELP YOU FIGURE IT OUT!



Let's  
**TALK**  
*College!*

[www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu)

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# Why Rio Hondo College now?

**Don't overlook the benefits ..... accelerate your future, save big money, choose from the latest in new careers and majors.**

Rio Hondo College offers you everything you need to prepare for your future ... and you won't break the bank to pay for it.

- ▶ Explore your career options if you are unsure what you want to do next
- ▶ Train for an exciting new career in a 'hot' industry like Environmental Technology
- ▶ Prepare to transfer to a four-year university
- ▶ Earn credentials for jobs with good pay

Rio Hondo College has everything you need to get started

- ▶ Financial Aid and Scholarships
- ▶ Career Center Counselors
- ▶ Online Classes
- ▶ Arts and Cultural Programs
- ▶ Intercollegiate Athletics
- ▶ Clubs Galore and more!

## Take Charge of Your Future NOW – Enroll at Rio Hondo College

You just finished high school. Like many students, perhaps you were so eager to finish, that you did not plan what you wanted to do *after* high school. Or maybe the idea of paying for college seems overwhelming and you aren't sure what to do. In today's economy, more and more students are taking community college courses to start on the next path. Classes are in demand, so it is very important for you to start planning NOW to attend classes at Rio Hondo College.

**Enrolling is Easy!**

**1 APPLY ONLINE** – Complete an application for admission at [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu) by clicking the "AccessRIO" option from the left menu. And, applying to Rio Hondo College is not only easy, it's FREE.

**2 TAKE YOUR ASSESSMENT TESTS** – Make sure to take your math and English skills assessment tests. While this will not affect your admission, it will help the College best place you in courses that match your needs and abilities.

**3 ATTEND AN ORIENTATION** – These orientations only take a short amount of time, but provide you with a lot of information on everything from how to register online for classes to determining your educational goals. For more information, call (562) 463-7226 or go online at [www.riohondo.edu/admissions/assessment](http://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/assessment).

**4 SEE A RIO HONDO COLLEGE COUNSELOR** – Get assistance determining your class schedule and develop an academic plan. Call (562) 908-3410 to make an appointment with a Rio Hondo College counselor.

**5 REGISTER FOR CLASSES** – To ensure you are able to take the classes you want, be sure to get Steps #1 and #2 completed as soon as possible. You will register for your classes online at [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu) by selecting the "AccessRIO" option from the left menu. There's even a lab on campus where you can get assistance with this process.

**6 PAY YOUR FEES** – You can pay your enrollment fees online or in person, and once you do, you're all set!

## At Rio Hondo, it's Up To YOU to Determine What Your Future Holds

### Learn a Trade, Earn a Certificate, Get Your Degree!

Today, more than 500 faculty members and counselors help students reach their goals. And, if you are ready to get a jump start on your career, Rio Hondo College has several cutting-edge areas of studies to make you marketable and ready for today's job market.

**Alternative Energy** – It's no secret that "green" jobs are growing in demand. Maybe you see yourself having a career that helps determine ways to protect the environment. If so, at Rio Hondo, you can earn a certificate in alternative energy and learn about energy efficiency, sustainability, conservation and much more.

**Heavy Equipment Maintenance Program** – This program promises to leave you career ready and prepared. If you are mechanically inclined, self motivated, and would like to work with really big construction equipment, this program is for you. Associate degree graduates of this two-year program have career options in construction, heavy-earth moving equipment and many other applications.

**Environmental Technology Program** – Rio Hondo College is one of 29 community colleges in California approved to offer this curriculum to students. With study options, such as

environmental health and safety, waste management, water resource management and more, graduates can also benefit from the College's alumni network, which helps dozens of students get placed in internships annually. You will have a choice of associate degree or certificate programs.

**Careers in Public Safety and Fire Science** – Rio Hondo College graduates are ready to enter public safety careers. Our programs help you get placed in life-long, solid careers, and they also give you the opportunity to give back to your community. Rio Hondo College has nationally-recognized and prestigious programs available to you.

In addition to these programs, Rio Hondo College has more than 40 associate degree programs and 50 certificate programs of study available for you to choose from. To learn more, visit [www.riohondo.edu](http://www.riohondo.edu).



# Q & A

## Q. What's the difference between an associate degree and a certificate program?

**A.** Associate degrees are a combination of study in a specialized area, called 'a major' and general education coursework. They require a minimum of 60 units of work and usually take two years to complete. Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degrees are available. Examples include Accounting, Automotive, Child Development, Administration of Justice, Mass Communications, Theatre Arts, etc.

Certificate programs take less time to complete and are designed for students interested in developing advanced levels of proficiency in career subject areas. There are three types of certificates:

- 1) Certificate of Achievement prepares students for entry-level employment in a vocational area. Examples include Architectural Design and Drawing Technician; Automotive Collision Repair and Painting; Business Management and Supervision; Retail Management; Child Development Preschool Teacher; Environmental Technology.
- 2) Certificate of Skill Proficiency provides you with skills designed to improve job marketability. Examples include Alternative Energy Technology; Geographic Information Systems; Logistics; Geographic Information Systems; Emergency Medical Technician.
- 3) Career Certificate prepares you for specific job opportunities. Examples include Engine Repair; Forensic Identification; Home Health Aide; Basic Police Training; Transmission Service; Alternative Energy Technology.

## Q. How can I apply for financial aid?

**A.** You should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online before you register for your classes. The information you put on this application helps determine what type of financial aid (i.e. grants, loans and/or work study options) you may receive. For more information, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Rio Hondo College's school code is 001269.

## Q. Does Rio Hondo College give out scholarships?

**A.** Yes, in fact, last year, Rio Hondo College helped hundreds of students afford their college education by awarding more than \$164,000 in scholarships.

## Q. How do I know if College is for me?

**A.** College is so much different than high school. Not only do you get to take the classes you want, but you get to study a subject area that interests you. Plus, you get to pick what times your classes are to find a schedule that works best for your lifestyle, including the job you may already have. Everything is on YOUR terms. All you have to do is enroll and let your academic journey at Rio Hondo College begin. You deserve it.

## RHC Fire Academy Graduates Cadets Who Are Job Ready

More than 50 cadets from Rio Hondo College's "Wildland Fire Academy, Class #13" graduated this year. Nearly all of them were already hired by the Angeles National Forest when they graduated.

"During tough economic times there is nothing better than to see our graduates immediately employed upon graduation," said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President. "Not only is our academy among the best in the nation, but our graduates are obviously in demand, which is a winning combination for them and the region's public safety organizations."

Each of the graduating cadets has completed 360 hours of Wildland Training, CPR and first aid as well as hazardous material training at Rio Hondo College. Rio Hondo College has an aggressive Fire Technology program. **The Academy, which ranks as one of the largest fire academies in California, specializes in wild fire fighting techniques and prevention.**



## ABC Reporter Encourages YOU to Try Rio



Rio Hondo College alumna Alysha Del Valle wasn't always the best student, but look at her now! She is the weekday morning traffic reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News. Born and raised in Southern California, she attended Rio Hondo College and then transferred to the University of Southern California, where she majored in communications and graduated with honors.

At this year's graduation, Alysha thanked Rio Hondo College for its strong and supportive community. "It nurtured my confidence," she said. "I felt good returning every semester and eager to participate and volunteer with many of the activities and programs on campus. I am proud to have earned my associate degree there."

*"Rio helped expand my dreams and realize my goals, and I know it can do the same for others."*

# EXPERIENCE COLLEGE LIFE

Rio Hondo College truly offers every student the college experience. In addition to learning, you can also participate in other activities you are passionate about, including everything from art and culture to intercollegiate athletics and fitness.

## Arts & Cultural Programs

([www.riohondo.edu/arts/](http://www.riohondo.edu/arts/))

- ▶ Animation
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Theatre
- ▶ Lectures and Exhibits

## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

[www.riohondo.edu/pe/athletics/](http://www.riohondo.edu/pe/athletics/)

### MEN'S SPORTS

- ▶ Baseball
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Track & Field
- ▶ Wrestling

### WOMEN'S SPORTS

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Softball
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Water Polo
- ▶ Track & Field
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Volleyball

## GETTING YOUR DEGREE OR CAREER CERTIFICATE CAN BE AFFORDABLE!

### Breaking It All Down:

Getting your college education can be expensive, but at Rio Hondo College, you can get a great education at a small fraction of the cost others charge. And often, that's for the same classes you would take during the first two years at a university or at those expensive trade schools!

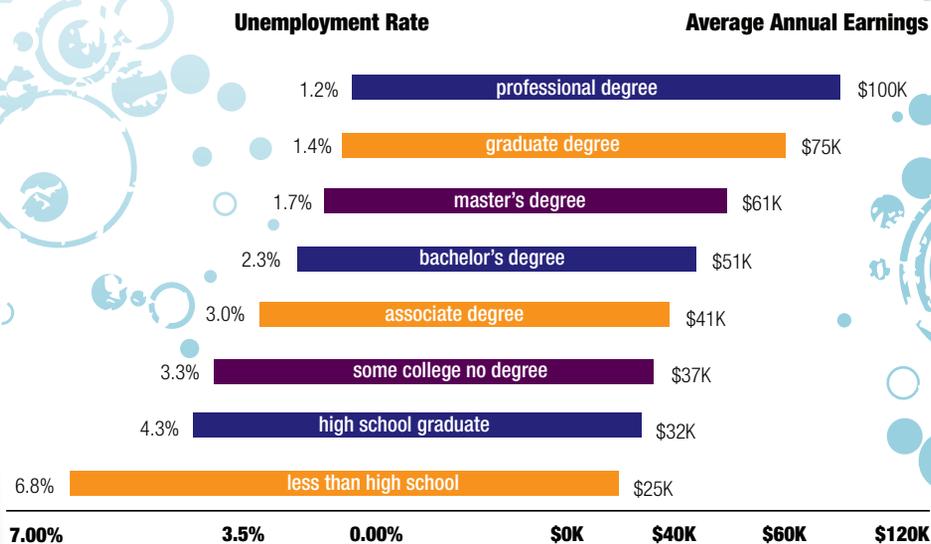
See the chart for a comparison of approximate annual enrollment fees for full-time students.\* You can see how much money you and your family can save by starting at Rio Hondo College.



University of Southern California . . .	\$40,384
DeVry . . . . .	\$17,400
University of California (UC) . . . . .	\$12,149
California State University (CSU) . . . .	\$5,390
<b>Rio Hondo College . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,080*</b>

\* 2011-2012 fees established by the California State Legislature are subject to change

## It's a fact...Earning a degree means higher earnings and less risk of unemployment!



Source: Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics; published by Postsecondary Education OPPORTUNITY; 2006 unemployment rate, 2005 earnings.

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