

# DID YOU KNOW?

## RÍO HONDO COLLEGE...

- Offers one bachelor of science degree, 96 associate degrees, 30 of which are associate degrees for transfer that guarantee transfer to California State Universities, 125 certificates of achievement 12 career and skills proficiency certificates and 19 noncredit certificates.
- Offers FREE tuition for two years to first-time, full-time students as part of the Río Promise.
- Is recognized as one of the top community colleges in the state at transferring underrepresented minorities to California State University campuses.
- Has been named among the top 25 community colleges for Latinx students in the U.S.
- Offers a pathway to law school program to eight top California law schools.
- Is nationally ranked in police, fire and wildland academies, and has a homeland security program and an emergency medical technician program.
- Is the only California community college to offer a four-year bachelor's degree in automotive technology.
- Offers instruction in multiple science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas valued by four-year universities as well as employers.
- Provides a Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program that is nationally recognized by Excelencia in Education for increasing academic opportunities and achievement for students.
- The ADN program (Registered Nursing), has had a national exam pass rate of over 95% for the last 5 years.
- Provides collaborative enrollment for nursing students at University of Phoenix, Chamberlin College, Azusa Pacific University, and Cal State Los Angeles.
- Offers accounting, business management, computer information technology courses taught by business professionals, including new courses and programs in cybersecurity and cloud computing.
- Offers welding courses that lead to the American Welding Society (AWS) and City of Los Angeles certifications.
- Offers courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Surveying.
- Offers architecture drafting classes using computer-aided design and drafting (CADD), Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) applications.
- Offers Alternative Energy Technology classes in photovoltaic, wind, home management and green building designs.
- Offers comprehensive fire academy training available to beginning and advanced firefighters across the nation. The Wildland Fire Academy posts a 100 percent job placement rate for its graduates.

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# STUDENT SERVICES GUIDE

**ADMISSIONS & RECORDS** is the first point of contact for all students entering Río Hondo College. This office helps students from the application process to graduation as it pertains to a student's academic record. This includes: application for admission; residency issues; registration; enrollment and degree verifications; transcripts; evaluation of external transcripts; grades from faculty; course repetitions; pass/no pass grading option; evaluation of degree and certificate eligibility; and processing student ID cards, parking permits and Transit Access Passes. (562) 908-3415 (Room SS 120)

**CENTER FOR CAREER & RE-ENTRY SERVICES** provides comprehensive major and career exploration and support for students ages 23 or older who are beginning their higher education journeys or returning after an absence of five years or more. Approximately 1,200 adult re-entry students constitute about a quarter of all new Río Hondo College students each fall. (562) 908-3407 (Room SS 350)

**COUNSELING** assists students with their academic and career goals through counseling classes, orientations, assistance with educational planning, choosing a major, graduation requirements and transfer requirements. Our counselors are available at (562) 908-3410 (Room SS 160)

**DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS & SERVICES (DSPS)** is committed to providing students with verified disabilities the opportunity to effectively matriculate into the mainstream of college and community life. We do this by providing counseling services, academic adjustments (accommodations), and specialized instruction that promotes equal access to educational programs, self-advocacy, and personal growth opportunities that foster individual student success. More information is available at [www.riohondo.edu/dps/](http://www.riohondo.edu/dps/) (562) 908-3420 (Room SS330)

**EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES (EOP&S)/COOPERATIVE AGENCIES RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION (CARE)** is a comprehensive program committed to providing compassionate and innovative services to students facing economic and educational challenges. Its mission is to work in partnership with students and the campus community to enable students to fulfill their highest educational potential. Services include priority registration, specialized counseling and educational advice, tutoring and book vouchers. Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is a supplemental component of EOP&S that specifically assists students who are single/head of household with children, by offering supportive services so that they can acquire the education, training and marketable skills needed to transition from welfare-dependency to employment and eventual self-sufficiency for their families. To apply visit [www.riohondo.edu/eops](http://www.riohondo.edu/eops) (562) 908-3423 (Room SS 240)

**FINANCIAL AID** assists students with accessing financial aid resources for higher education. All students are strongly encouraged to apply for financial aid, even if they believe they may not qualify. Types of financial aid available include fee waivers, grants, student loans and work-study. (562) 463-3370 (Room SS 130)

**GUARDIAN SCHOLARS** assists current and former foster youth/students who are or were in the foster care system with successfully transitioning into college life and independent living. (562) 463-7472 (Room SS 307)

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM** at Río Hondo College is certified to accept non-immigrant F-1 visa students. Acceptance into the International Student Program is necessary before Immigration and Naturalization Service Form 1-20 (certificate of eligibility) is issued by the College. International students are assisted through the application process and are provided support in understanding the admissions requirement. Once accepted to the College students will continue to receive support. (562)463-4643 (Room SS 120)

**LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER (LAC) & MATH SCIENCE CENTER (MSC)** provides students with the tools needed to achieve academic success through one-on-one tutoring and study groups. Empowering students to cultivate the abilities, tactics and behaviors of confidence, self-reliance and enduring learners. The centers contribute to the College's focus on student-driven learning, increased retention, and success rates. LAC (562) 908-3418 (Room LR 114) and MSC (562) 463-7571 (Rooms S103 and S300)

**MESA|TRIO SSS STEM PROGRAM** – The MESA Community College and TRIO SSS STEM Programs support students who plan to graduate from Río Hondo College with an Associate degree and transfer to four-year institutions in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). (562) 463-3221 (Room S205).

**PUENTE PROJECT** is a collaboration between the departments of Counseling and Communications 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 mentor. (562) 463-7008 (Room A203)

**RISE SCHOLARS** at Río Hondo College is an award-winning program recognized by NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) for its commitment to educate and empower formerly incarcerated students, as well as those impacted by the criminal justice system, with the knowledge, skills and resources to make their educational or vocational journey at Río Hondo successful and meaningful. Additional services are offered to those on adult felony probation. Call (323) 374-3824 or e-mail [risescholars@riohondo.edu](mailto:risescholars@riohondo.edu).

**STEM-CTE TEACH** strives to be an exemplary teacher preparation program, allowing students and working professionals to gain access to quality teacher education and explore a career in teaching. The program serves as a community college TPP model statewide. (562) 463-3152 (Room T123)

**THE STUDENT SUCCESS & DREAM CENTER (SSDC)** is a safe and caring place for all students to receive support as they navigate college. The SSDC staff provide a welcoming experience while helping students navigate matters related to educational planning, financial aid and scholarship applications, registration process, AB-540 / AB-2000/ SB 68 petitions, educational and legal workshops, legal services (DACA renewals, U-visas, and other related immigration issues), and referrals to Mental Health Services and other supportive services and resources available to students on and off campus. We are dedicated to empower and encourage our students to strive for excellence and foster their success through various resources available to make their educational journey successful. Call (562) 463-6650 or email [studentsuccess@riohondo.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@riohondo.edu).

**TRANSFER CENTER** – The mission of the Transfer center is to ensure a transfer cultural that provides comprehensive support services to empower students seeking transfer to a four-year university. The Transfer Center offers transfer counseling, university representative visits, transfer fairs, transfer conferences, workshops, university tours, transfer programs and pathways, and application workshops. Visit our Transfer Center website at: [www.riohondo.edu/transfer-center/](http://www.riohondo.edu/transfer-center/) (562) 317-0518 (Room SS 250)

**TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) PROGRAM** provides support to first-generation, low-income and students with disabilities. The program's objective is to increase student retention, graduation and transfer rates. The TRIO SSS Program provides students with educational counseling and advisement, student success workshops, financial and economic literacy workshops, transfer assistance and cultural field trips. To apply visit [www.riohondo.edu/trio/eligibility-requirements/](http://www.riohondo.edu/trio/eligibility-requirements/) (562) 463-3216 (Room SS 140)

**VETERANS SERVICE CENTER** is a one-stop center for veterans of the U.S. armed forces to conveniently obtain a host of critical services such as counseling services, Veterans Administration benefits, financial aid, tutoring, a computer lab and even a graduation cap-and-gown loan program. (562) 463-3117 (Room SS 150)

**WRITERS' RESOURCE CENTER** offers one-on-one help with writing assignments, researching, UC and other college personal statements, bibliographies and other work that needs pre-writing, crafting or revisions. (562) 463-3122 (Room LR 117)

**NONCREDIT COUNSELING** assists students interested in taking noncredit courses with college transition, educational planning, program orientation, and course selection. Noncredit courses do not provide any units or credits toward associate degrees or credit certificates. To make an appointment with a counselor call (562) 463-4606.