

# Student Services

## Counseling and Advising Department

**661/395-4421 (Main Campus)**

**661/720-2000 (Delano Campus)**

### Program Mission Statement:

Academic Advising and Counseling at Bakersfield College is an on-going, intentional, educational partnership dedicated to student academic success. The college is committed to an academic advising and counseling system that guides students to:

- Discover and pursue life goals;
- Support diverse and equitable educational experiences;
- Advance students' intellectual and cultural development; and
- Teach students to become engaged, self-directed learners and competent decision makers.

Comprehensive academic and vocational advising and counseling services are available to all Bakersfield College students in the Advising and Counseling Center, located on the lower floor of the Center for Student Success (CSS) Building on the Panorama Campus and at the Delano Campus.

### Educational advising for:

- Career and Technical majors is available in FACE 16 (395-4089)
- Allied Health students is available in MS 153 (395-4476)
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics majors (STEM) in SE 40 (395-4811)
- Student athletes in GYM 9 (395-4681)
- Veterans in CC (395-4312)

Counselors and advisors are able to provide students with guidance in the following areas:

- Reviewing student assessment (placement) test results and other information to determine appropriate course options
- Exploring academic and educational goals and identifying possible educational options
- Developing abbreviated and comprehensive educational plans
- Explaining certificate programs and degrees available at Bakersfield College
- Assisting with identification of transfer options and course requirements for University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), independent, and out-of-state institutions
- Providing referral information to other student support service programs on the BC and Delano campuses, as well as to other off-campus resources.

In addition to one-on-one advising and counseling sessions, the center also provides answers to questions, drop-in advising, New Student Counseling workshops, Educational Planning workshops, and transfer-related workshops throughout the academic year. Counseling faculty also teach student development courses for educational planning, career development, and student success. Students will find these courses listed in the online class schedule under "Student Development."

Other Advising and Counseling functions include:

- Outreach/support to incoming high school students
- Orientations, both face-to-face and online sessions
- International Students Program
- Support for students on probation

The Advising and Counseling Center on the main campus is located in the Larry Robinson Counseling Center, on the lower floor of the Center for Student Success (CSS) Building. In the Delano Center, Counseling Services are located in Science and Technology and the A&R buildings at the Delano Campus.

### Follow Up Support Services

Helping you stay in college is important to us. We realize that there are many reasons why students fall behind in their work, drop classes, and perform lower than the required minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Advisors, counselors, and other support staff will work with students experiencing difficulty. If you fall into academic difficulty and are placed on academic or progress probation or dismissal, counselors can help you create a personalized student success plan to get back on track. If you are on probation, a hold will be placed on your registration, and you will be required to take an online probation workshop.

### Testing and Placement

**661/395-4479**

The Bakersfield College Assessment Center offers the following tests: California Common Assessment or AccuPlacer, the College Level Examination Program, the Automotive Excellence Tests, and other testing programs. Students may call the Assessment Center for schedule information.

A student parking permit is required to park in all parking lots. Day permits are available at the dispensers located in all parking lots.

### Athletics

**661/395-4266**

#### Educational Advisor - Athletics

**661/395-4681**

Since 1922, the Bakersfield College Athletic Program has provided student athletes with opportunities to compete for one of the most storied community college sports programs in the country: The Bakersfield College Renegades.

The Gil Bishop Sports Center, Memorial Stadium, the Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex, Gerry Collis Field, and the BC Tennis Courts are home to 20 sports teams populated by approximately 500 student athletes per academic year.

Representing Bakersfield College as an intercollegiate competitor is a privilege that comes with great responsibility. Those wishing to participate must be enrolled in at least 12 units per semester (see educational– advisor for details) while maintaining a 2.0 grade point average.

Student Athletes also must attend regular practices in season, travel to out of town competitions, and keep themselves in peak

physical condition at the direction of award-winning coaches and certified athletic trainers who specialize in injury prevention. These standards have led to 170 conference titles, 13 state championships, and 10 national championships.

Renegade Student Athletes routinely transfer to four-year NCAA and NAIA schools, and have gone on to professional careers in Major League Baseball, the National Football League, the NBA, and foreign professional leagues, as well as coaching at every level of athletics.

Bakersfield College currently fields Women's teams in basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and beach volleyball. Men compete in baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.

BC Athletic Program is governed by the California Community College Athletic Association, and is a member of the Western State Conference, Southern California Football Association, and the Southern California Wrestling Alliance.

For more information, visit [gogades.com](http://gogades.com).

### **California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)**

**661/395-4351 or 661/395-4047**

The CalWORKs Program is a state funded program. CalWORKs is designed for students enrolled at Bakersfield College who receive CalWORKs/TANF and are not sanctioned. The program can assist these parents with work opportunities and other educational expenses related to attendance at Bakersfield College. CalWORKs also provides special services which include academic, career, and personal counseling; workshops for academic success; work study; holiday celebration/spring picnic; awards/recognition ceremonies. The Bakersfield College CalWORKs Program additionally offers confidential liaison and advocacy between students, the college, the Department of Human Services, and other community agencies. For additional information on CalWORKs and eligibility for these services, please contact the CalWORKs Office. Interested students must attend an orientation. The Kern County Department of Human Services is also on campus at least once a week during the semester to assist students. The CalWORKs Office is located on the second floor of the Center for Student Success (CSS) Building.

### **Child Development Center**

**661/395-4368**

The Child Development Center and State Preschool provide a comprehensive early care and education program that serves college student families and their preschool age children. Placement in the program follows state guidelines to assign each family a priority rank based on income and family size. First priority enrollment is given to those with documented need for services who are Kern Community College District students working towards a specific profession or career goal. Our services support and assist student families to successfully complete their college courses and achieve their goals. In addition, the Child Development Center provides demonstration/ observation laboratory classrooms for college students majoring in child development, health careers, and other helping professions. Student interns can gain hands-on experience in best practices classrooms working with children under the supervision and direction of our

licensed teachers.

The center is primarily funded through the California State Department of Education and is licensed through the California Department of Social Services. All teachers have professional training in child development/early childhood education and are certificated through the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The Child Development Center also has a State Preschool Program on campus offering two part day sessions available to the community. The morning session is 8:30-11:30, and the afternoon session is 12:30-3:30. Both sessions are held Monday through Friday. Lunch is provided for both sessions. Children must be 3-5 years of age and meet state income guidelines.

Applications can be found at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/student/cdc](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/student/cdc). Click on Apply Now! Follow the instructions to drop off or mail in the completed application. Applications are also available at the Child Development Center Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Computers for Student Use**

**661/395-4696**

Use of the instructional computers by students at Bakersfield College is encouraged. Access to academic computing services is a privilege enjoyed by all students. The Computer Commons, located in the Library, is an open lab. Student workers are available to assist students in the use of these computers.

Unauthorized access or use of academic computing facilities is a violation of Section 502.b-c of the California Penal Code. Offenders will be disciplined and/or prosecuted in accordance with existing college policy and California law. For details of campus computer policies, see the student handbook, which is available from the office of Student Life (Campus Center, Room 4).

### **Career Center**

**661/395-4617**

The Career Center is located in the Counseling Center. The virtual Career Center website can be found at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/career-center](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/career-center). The Bakersfield College Career Center provides resources and assists students in making career choices that match their interests and natural talents. Resources include self-assessments and career information. The center is designed to meet the needs of all students in the career development process.

### **Disabled Student Programs & Services**

**661/395-4334 (Main Campus)**

**661/720-2000 (Delano)**

Disabled Student Programs & Services assists the college in providing equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Disabled Student Programs & Services provides reasonable accommodations to students with documented physical, mental health, and learning disabilities who are enrolled in classes through Bakersfield College. The department provides accommodations and support services which may include, liaison with California State Department of Rehabilitation and other community resources, test taking assistance, special equipment, mobility assistance, note taking, assistive computer technology, special classes, sign language interpreters, written materials in alternate format, and learning disability assessment. These

services are intended to prepare and support students to participate on an equal basis with their non-disabled peers. For college material in alternate format, contact Disabled Student Programs & Services.

### **Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP&S) and Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)**

**661/395-4351**

The EOP&S Program is a state funded program serving students from low-income and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Services include academic, career, and personal counseling, peer mentoring, financial aid advising, scholarship information, transfer assistance, books, and other support services. The EOP&S Program's primary goal is to encourage the enrollment, retention, and transfer of students with educational disadvantages to facilitate the successful completion of their goals and objectives in college. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility and be enrolled in full-time coursework (12 units).

The CARE component offers additional grants and/or services to full-time students who are single parents, TANF recipients, and have at least one child under the age of 14. CARE participants must qualify for financial aid. Services offered include peer mentoring, counseling, tutoring referrals, single-parent workshops, follow-up support, and special events.

For additional information on EOP&S/CARE and eligibility to receive these services, please contact the Office of EOP&S/CARE. The Office of EOP&S/CARE is located on the second floor of the Center for Student Success (CSS) Building. EOP&S services are also offered at the Delano Campus.

To apply, print the EOP&S application found at [www.bakersfield-college.edu/student/eops](http://www.bakersfield-college.edu/student/eops) and submit to the Office of EOP&S.

### **Financial Aid**

**661/395-4428 (Main Campus)**

**661/725-2011 (Delano Campus)**

Students seeking financial assistance to meet the costs of education are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid, located in the Center for Student Success (CSS) Building (CSS 150). A variety of grants, scholarships, and part-time employment opportunities are available for students who qualify on the basis of financial need, enrollment in six or more units leading to a degree or certificate, and satisfactory academic progress.

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or a California Dream Application at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> to be considered for the following programs. The financial aid priority filing date is March 2.

#### *Board of Governors Waiver*

The Board of Governors Waiver is supported by the state of California and waives the enrollment fees for eligible California residents. The Board of Governors Waiver is available for students who have already qualified for other types of financial aid and for students who have exceptionally low income including recipients of TANF, SSI, or General Assistance.

#### *BOG Fee Waiver Requirements*

Once you've qualified for the BOG Fee Waiver, it is important to ensure that you are meeting the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing the fee waiver

- Academic – Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two (2) consecutive primary terms you may lose your fee waiver eligibility
- Progress – Complete more than 50% of your coursework
- If the cumulative number of courses you successfully complete falls below 50% in two (2) consecutive primary terms you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.
- Combination of Academic and Progress Standards
- Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0 and/or cumulative course completion less than 50% may result in loss of fee waiver eligibility.
- You will be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if you are being placed on either Academic (GPA) and/or Progress (Course Completion) probation. Your notification will include the information that a second term of probation will result in loss of fee waiver eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, you may lose eligibility for the fee waiver at your next registration opportunity.

If you have further questions BOGW appeal process, please contact the Admissions and Records Office for clarification.

#### *Federal Pell Grant*

Federal Pell Grants are a grant program based upon need, cost of attendance, and level of enrollment.

#### *Book Vouchers*

Book vouchers are available for Pell Grant-eligible students to purchase books and supplies.

#### *Cal Grant A*

Cal Grant A is for low to middle incomes students enrolled in the Baccalaureate program

#### *Cal Grant B*

Cal Grant B is for students from disadvantaged and low income families.

#### *Full Time Student Success Grant*

FTSSG is a financial aid program for Cal Grant B recipients attending a California community college full-time.

#### *Cal Grant C*

Cal Grant C is for students enrolled in a vocational program.

#### *Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S)*

Extended Opportunity Program and Services is a state-funded program offering access and retention services, including books, for low-income, educationally disadvantaged students.

#### *Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)*

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education is a state-funded program offering supportive services and financial assistance for low-income, single parent EOP&S students.

#### *Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant*

Federal program that provides additional grant assistance for students with exceptional financial need.

*Federal Work Study*

On campus employment is available through Federal Work Study, a federally funded program for students who can demonstrate financial need and enrollment in six or more units. Employment is used to fund college expenses.

*Full Time Student Success Grant*

FTSSG is a financial aid program for Cal Grant B recipients attending a California community college full-time.

*Scholarships*

Cash awards provided by the Bakersfield College Foundation and local groups and organizations for students who can demonstrate academic merit and/or financial need.

*Satisfactory Academic Progress*

To be eligible to receive federal and state aid, you must be maintaining progress toward a degree, certificate or transfer.

Maintaining SAP means that you must: 1) complete at least 67% of the units you attempt (pace calculation); 2) maintain a cumulative institutional GPA of 2.0 or higher; and 3) complete your educational program within the Maximum Timeframe allowed.

*CashCourse*

A personal online financial tool to assist students with building essential financial skills. CashCourse promotes positive money management skills to students and recent graduates. To access CashCourse visit: <http://www.cashcourse.org/>

Information concerning financial aid programs at Bakersfield College can be obtained by personal contact, by phone, or at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finaid](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finaid). After you have applied for financial aid, you may check your financial aid status by logging in to InsideBC at [inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu).

**Student Health and Wellness Center****661/395-4336**

The Student Health and Wellness Center is located in the Campus Center. To schedule appointments for any services, come to the clinic. Walk-ins are also welcome.

*Medical Services*

The Student Health and Wellness Center provides diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of general medical conditions.

The services meet many student healthcare needs, including acute conditions such as fevers, respiratory illnesses, stomach pains, sprains and strains, skin rashes, and minor surgical procedures. The Center also treats and manages patients with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and other diseases. Physicals, TB testing, and some vaccines are available free of charge. Students can access medical services free five times per semester. Student health insurance coverage is available for campus-related injuries.

Health-related literature and a variety of over-the-counter medications are available free of charge.

*Mental Health Services*

The Student Health and Wellness Center offers services to address students' mental health concerns. Students are eligible to receive six free one-hour short term counseling (talk therapy) sessions per semester. Group therapy self-improvement classes are also available.

**Clinica Sierra Vista-Delano Campus****Mental Health****661/720-2003****Medical****661/725-4780**

Students at the Delano Campus receive free medical and mental health services from Clinica Sierra Vista. Delano Campus students can access MAPS services, free over-the-counter medication, and health-related literature in the Delano Science and Technology Building. Student health insurance coverage is available for campus-related injuries.

**Student Employment****661/395-4550**

Student Employment assists students and alumni in finding both part and full-time jobs. The center offers various workshops and assistance with job search strategies, resume writing, interview skills, labor market information, job coaching, and skills identification. The College Central Network website is the central location for both on and off-campus job postings. The website also provides information about Bakersfield College career events, workshops, hot job e-mails, and access to community employers. Visit the Student Employment website at [www.collegecentral.com/bakersfieldcollege](http://www.collegecentral.com/bakersfieldcollege). Student employment services are free to students and Bakersfield College alumni.

**Office of Outreach and School Relations****661/395-4276**

The Office of Outreach and School Relations' primary focus is to facilitate the entry and transition of prospective students into the Bakersfield College community by providing services, resources, and support to enhance academic development and success.

Staff is available to provide general information about the campus, answer questions related to the application process, and to inform students about the many opportunities available at the college. Visit our office and take a tour of the campus.

**Office of Student Life****661/395-4355**

The Office of Student Life works collaboratively with the Bakersfield College Student Government Association (BCSGA) and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs to engage, educate, and empower students to take action in the best interest of the student body and the college community. The Office of Student Life provides learning, leadership, and service opportunities outside the classroom. Research indicates that engagement theory suggests that students involved in any activity on campus or outside of the classroom are more likely to persist and graduate. The Office of Student Life provides participating students the opportunities to develop and hone their leadership skills, ultimately supporting student learning by providing a plethora of programs in which students can be engaged.

The Office of Student Life nurtures a culture that fosters learning outside of the academic classroom by creating an educational environment that connects the campus community to the importance of processes that lead to student self-governance. The Office of Student Life fosters the development of students' civic responsibility, community engagement, leadership, and personal growth. Through innovative experiences in a co-curricular classroom, the Office of Student Life engages students in meaningful interactions and hands-on skill development that fosters aca-

democratic progress, student success, social justice, and citizenship while serving the diverse breadth and scope of the Bakersfield College's student community through recruitment, persistence, retention, and graduation efforts. The meaningful interactions are the root of our student advocacy that contributes to effective pathways via the leadership and service opportunities provided.

The Office of Student Life provides advising to BCSGA's appointed and elected officers, all student organizations, and its entities. Additionally, the Office of Student Life provides learning opportunities for students to enhance their overall educational experience through involvement with the programs and services funded by BCSGA, the college, and the community. The Office of Student Life makes a concerted effort to recruit, educate, inform, and retain students through student organizations, the student government, and the assorted student activities and workshops hosted. To that end, the Office of Student Life supports student organization development whose focus is to build community through groups focused on academics, culture, campus life, specific interests, community service, and social bonding.

The Office of Student Life recognizes that its mission, in cooperation with the learning mission of the College, is accomplished through cultivating a personal standard of ethics and values while providing opportunities that enhance a sense of community between students, the campus, and the local community. Therefore, the Office of Student Life supports Bakersfield College's mission and core values by contributing to student access, and fostering students' abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills.

For more information, visit [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentlife](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentlife)

### **Bakersfield College Student Government Association 661/395-4614**

Bakersfield College Student Government Association (BCSGA) is the student government at Bakersfield College that voices student concerns. BCSGA presents student opinions, needs, and concerns to such groups as the College Council, the State Student California Community College, and many campus- and district-wide committees. BCSGA also allocates Campus Center and Representation fees to programs and services that directly benefit students. Students are urged to become familiar with the BCSGA constitution and to become involved with the student government. BCSGA meetings are held biweekly and are open to the public. Meeting times are posted on the BCSGA website.

BCSGA has implemented the BCSGA Student Services Program to maintain and strengthen existing programs as well as to establish new programs that will enhance the student academic experience at Bakersfield College. BC Students are eligible to receive a the student services or new validation sticker, when the student opts to pay a \$15 fee each fall and spring semesters. To receive your services, bring your BC Renegade Card to the Office of Student Life (Campus Center, Room 4) during regular office hours. Funds collected from the fee are used to support entertaining, diverse and educational events around campus and student organizations. You can enjoy access to concerts, comedy shows, guest lectures, dances and other special events for little to no cost.

Signature BCSGA events include homecoming and traditional events, diversity activities, student forums, Health Fair, free food, student organization funding, leadership workshops, etc. These

events are a great way to meet new students while having fun on campus.

The authority of BCSGA is contained within the Executive Board and Student Senate which is comprised of 30 student officers. The President, Vice President, Director of Student Organizations, and 12 Senators are elected by the students each spring semester. All other positions in the government are appointed by the President. All official actions undertaken by BCSGA stem from the decisions of the Executive Board and Student Senate.

For more information, visit [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/bcsga](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/bcsga)

### **Student Conduct 661/395-4614**

The Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District, in support of public education and the exercise of general supervision of the campuses of the district, believes that student conduct must reflect the standards of good behavior expected by society. Since public education is furnished by the people of the district, it becomes a privilege for students to have this opportunity to further their education.

When working with student complaints, sexual harassment, discrimination, students with reported behaviors, academic integrity, or students of concern, the Office of Student Life at Bakersfield College reviews, investigates, and works with each student case carefully while integrating several student development theories that model after the restorative justice practices. The fundamental premise of restorative justice practices is to engage with the student to lead to a helpful outlook, more cooperative and productive interactions, with students becoming more likely to make positive changes when the Office of Student Life and the Bakersfield community interact with them. It has a greater impact on student learning and success than the typical punitive models. The Office of Student Life approaches restorative justice with five objectives in mind to assist the student through their development.

1. Reflecting with the student in question about their purpose through self-authorship giving them constructive instruction that allows for self-reflection and clear understandings of self-beliefs.
2. Aiding the students to self-acknowledge their responsibility and resulting in a willingness to gear their situation toward a positive outcome.
3. Providing and connecting students to various on and off campus resources in hopes to achieve positive student success.
4. Assisting the students in connecting their energies and interests with meaningful activities.
5. Finding closure while supporting the students through facing their consequences, learning from their situation, and moving past it for future success.

Taking a restorative justice approach requires a philosophical shift and a personable professional to interact with the students, parents, faculty, and the community to repair the balance back into the students' life, rather than simply following protocol and penalizing. Students are expected to observe a proper standard of conduct, showing such respect for order, morality, personal honor and the rights of others as demanded of good citizens. Failure to do so will be sufficient cause for disciplinary action.

The Student Code of Conduct and the Student Conduct Policy are available in the Office of Student Life, Campus Center 4, or online at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentconduct](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/studentconduct)

### Transfer Center

**661/395-4881**

The Transfer Center offers resources and services to all students. The center facilitates the transition of students from Bakersfield College to a baccalaureate college or university. The center helps reduce the complexity of transferring by helping students through the articulation and transfer agreement process, major planning and preparation, and application/personal statement workshops.

Bakersfield College has guaranteed transfer admission agreements with University of California, Davis; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Merced; University of California, Riverside; University of California, Santa Barbara; and University of California, Santa Cruz. Admission advisors from California State University, Bakersfield are housed in the Bakersfield College Advising and Counseling Center and regularly work with students to ease the transition between Bakersfield College and California State University, Bakersfield. Other college representatives visit campus periodically; a current schedule can be found on the Transfer portal at [inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu](http://inside.bakersfieldcollege.edu).

Transfer workshops are offered throughout the year. The Transfer Center maintains current catalog information for California public and private schools. Computers with access to online resources such as [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to help students with choosing major preparation courses for transfer to California State University and University of California are available. The Transfer Center is located in the Larry Robinson Counseling Center, Center for Student Success (CSS) building.

### Veterans Services

**661/395-4760**

#### Veteran Certifying Official

**661/395-4760**

#### Educational Advisor – Veterans

**661/395-4312**

Bakersfield College is approved as an institution of higher learning for the training of veterans and military connected dependents entitled to educational assistance.

#### *Educational Benefits for Veterans and Military Connected Dependents*

To be eligible for veterans benefits the veteran must have an educational objective for an associate or baccalaureate degree or a certificate of achievement. The Veterans Administration will not pay benefits for courses that do not fit in a veteran's selected program. The following students may be eligible for veteran's educational benefits:

1. Veterans who were separated from active duty with the armed forces within the past 10 years who participated in the following programs:
  - a. Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty Educational Assistance program (Chapter 30).
  - b. The Post - 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Chapter 33).
  - c. Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1606).

- d. Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31) - Veterans who served in the Armed Forces are eligible for vocational rehabilitation if they suffered a service-connected disability while on active service. A veteran who plans to enter Bakersfield College under Chapter 31 is required to have the Veterans Administration approve his/her occupational choice prior to enrollment in college.

2. Spouses and/or children may be eligible for:
  - a. The Dependent's Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35). A student must be the child or spouse of a veteran who is deceased or who has a service-connected disability rated at 100 percent.
  - b. Chapter 33 benefits if the veteran elects to transfer benefits.

California Department of Veteran Affairs, College Fee Waiver Dependents of veterans with disabilities (spouses and/or children) may be eligible to receive tuition-free assistance at any California post-secondary educational institution. This program is California Department of Veteran Affairs, College Fee Waiver Program For Veterans Dependents. More information can be found at: [www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx).

Veteran students using their benefits for the first time students who believe they are eligible for veterans or military connected dependents educational benefits must apply for benefits with the Veteran Administration (VA). Veterans apply by completing VA Form 22-1990 and military connected dependents by completing VA Form 22- 5490. An application and further information may be obtained online from the VA website: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) via the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP).

Veteran students who have used their VA Benefits in the past The VA will not reimburse students for courses that are not necessary for the completion of the student's educational objective. Any student who has received veterans' educational benefits while attending another college should complete VA Form 22-1995 (veterans) or VA Form 22-5495 (veterans' dependents) to request a change of program or place of training. This form is available online from the VA website: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

In order to remain eligible, students receiving benefits must comply with the college's veteran standards of attendance and academic progress policy. A student who fails to maintain the school's academic standards of progress and is suspended or dismissed from school must be terminated from receiving further VA benefits for unsatisfactory attendance, conduct, or progress.

#### *All Veteran Students Must Bring In The Following Documents*

- DD-214 – Member, Page 4
- Copy of 22-1990 (Application for Veteran Benefits) or Copy of 22-5495 (Dependent Application for Military Connected Benefits)
- Certificate of Eligibility – This is mailed to Veteran students once they complete the 22-1990 or 22-5490 application
- NOBE – 2384 (Notice of Basic Eligibility) \*\*For Reserve Students Only\*\*
- Comprehensive Educational Plan – Make an appointment with Veteran Educational Advisor to complete this form
- Enrollment Card – This card is used to inform the VA how many units the Veteran student is enrolled in and for which semester. The Enrollment Card MUST be completed each semester.

*Priority Registration*

Priority Registration is available for Veteran students. In order to receive priority registration a student must self-identify as a Veteran by:

1. Providing a copy of their DD-214 Member Page 4, to Admissions Window 6 and using their Educational benefits *or*
2. Be militarily connected to a Veteran who is using Veteran Educational Benefits: Chapter 35 or Post 911 that was allocated from the Veteran to his/her dependent.

Veteran students who do not want to use their Educational benefits at Bakersfield College but still wants to receive Priority Registration must turn in a copy of their DD-214 Member Page 4 to Admissions, Window 6 and indicate that they only want Priority Registration.

Students who are using the California Department of Veteran Affairs, College Fee Waiver do not qualify for Veteran priority registration.

*Veteran Status and Priority for the Allied Health and Nursing Program is as follows*

A 'covered person' is entitled to priority of service under all WIA Title I funding programs e.g. adult, youth, dislocated workers, 10% funded projects, and National Emergency Grant (NEG). For purposes of this policy, the term 'veterans priority of service' means that a covered person shall be given priority over non-veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under that program, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

A 'covered person' is one of the following:

1. A Veteran who is an individual who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable (WIA definition);
2. A recently separated Veteran who applies for participation under this title within 48 months after the discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service (WIA definition); or

The Spouse of:

1. A Veteran who died of a service connected disability;
2. A member on active duty who (at time of spouse's application) is listed as missing in action, captured in the line of duty, or forcibly detained; or
3. A Veteran with a total disability from a service connected disability or one who died while being evaluated for it.

Additional information may be obtained at Window 6 in the Office of Admissions and Records in the Administration building or at the Veterans Lounge.