Matriculation Bulletin: Student Success

Faculty:

Please consider using the **LACCD Student Early Alert System** to reach your students that are demonstrating “high risk” signs. This system allows us to be proactive in reaching our students before we loose them and is another way of moving toward “Student Success”.

[http://albacore.laccd.edu/inst_sys_ref/](http://albacore.laccd.edu/inst_sys_ref/)

The Following Resources are Available to Students:

- **Pre-Assessment/ Placement Prep Course!**
  - To make certain you are successful in your college courses a College Assessment Test is given to every student in English or ESL and Math [http://www.wlac.edu/matriculation/Assessment.html](http://www.wlac.edu/matriculation/Assessment.html).
  
  - You are strongly advised to review Math and English or ESL subject topics through the “Placement Test Prep” program in the HLRC see [http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html](http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html) and visit the test prep link [http://testpreview.com/compass_practice.htm](http://testpreview.com/compass_practice.htm) and [www.act.org/compass/sample](http://www.act.org/compass/sample) before taking the Assessment test.
  
  - The results of this Assessment equate to your time and money so be serious and intentional. The Assessment results will provide critical “Placement Recommendations” for you and for your Counselor. You will be “placed” in a specific Math and English or ESL course. You may or may not place into Pre-requisite Math or English or ESL courses. **Pre-requisite courses are courses you have to take before you can enroll in the course you plan to take for your general education or for your major** see [http://www.wlac.edu/matriculation/Pre-Requisites.html](http://www.wlac.edu/matriculation/Pre-Requisites.html).
  
  - You are advised to take these courses right away as they are designed to support your rapid and successful progression toward your educational goal whether it is to transfer to a university, or obtain your AA degree.
Heldman Resource Center: The HLRC offers:

- **Learning Skills Courses**
  LSK courses are computer assisted instruction courses as well as laboratories that are designed to assist you in building the essential skills to rapidly progress in all college courses. 
  http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html

- **Tutorial Assistance:** Tutorial Assistance is your insurance for success in your classes. Do not wait to fall behind in your classes before seeing a tutor. 
  http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html

- **Placement Test Prep:** Every student should review for the Assessment Test prior to testing. You can save time and money and rapidly progress toward your goal by taking the “Placement Test Prep” course.  
  http://www.wlac.edu/library/index.html 
  http://.testpreview.com/compass_practice.htm 
  http://www.act.org/compass/sample

- **ATB Test Prep:** Every student preparing for the Ability to Benefit (for Financial Aid) test should take the ATB test Prep before taking the test to ensure success on the test. 
  http://www.wlac.edu/matriculation/ATBInfo.pdf. The ATB guidelines will change effective July 1, 2012. Please consult the LACCD website for additional information concerning ATB.

**Counseling**

- To reach your educational goal whether it is to obtain a Certificate, an AA degree or to transfer you will need a map or Student Educational Plan that lists all of the required courses to get you to your goal. A qualified WLAC Counselor is here to do this mapping with you using a software program called Degree Works  
  http://www.wlac.edu/graduation/degree_audit.html.

- Your Counselor will help you schedule your classes as well as provide you with referrals for other services that may be of benefit to you as a student 
  http://www.wlac.edu/studentlife/index.html. You are strongly advised to see a Counselor once a semester so make your appointment right away! 
  http://www.wlac.edu/counseling/counselor.html
Financial Aid

- Setting up your Financial Aid well in advance of the semester will allow you to begin the semester with the financial support you will need to rent or buy books and supplies, a bus pass or gas, and other items that are necessary to success in your college courses. Also remember that “failure is not an option” every semester you must maintain a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible for Financial Aid see http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html.

- You will also need a Student Educational Plan from a Counselor every semester, so be certain to schedule your Counseling Appointment early http://www.wlac.edu/counseling/counselor.html.

- You must submit a FAFSA (Financial Aid Federal Student Application) every academic year. Remember the following dates for Financial Aid
  - January 2nd Apply for financial aid 2012/2013 Academic Year
  - March 2nd Deadline for Cal Grant Application

Student Information: Please share this information with your class.

1. Change in No Penalty Drop Date-Effective Summer 2012
LACCD is changing the No Penalty Drop Date to the day before census, ensuring that we are in compliance with state apportionment requirements. For Full term courses, this means that the No Penalty Drop Date will be the end of the second week. The Drop Date for short term courses will be calculated accordingly.

2. Title 5 Changes Repetitions and Withdrawals- Effective Summer 2012. Change in The new limit of 3 attempts to take the same course considers both grades and non-evaluative symbols on a transcript (see below).

- Students will not be allowed to register for any course within the LACCD if there are 3 recorded attempts for that course in any combination of “W”, “D”, “F”, Incomplete or “I”, “NC” or “NP” grades.
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See the Office of Admissions and Records for information concerning “Waivers”.
3. **West Los Angeles College and the Transfer Degree Guarantee:**

   Senate Bill 1440-Padilla- Associate Degrees for Transfer enables the collaboration between Community Colleges and the California State University system in the creation of Associate in Arts Degree (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) Degree transfer programs. This new law mandates that the Community Colleges grant an Associate degree for transfer to the student that has met all of the specified general education and major requirements for the degree. Upon completion of the Associate degree the student is eligible for transfer as a junior to the California State University system (CSU) system. These students are also given priority consideration in application for the major of their choice that is similar to their major at the Community College. West Los Angeles College currently has three (3) Associate transfer degrees in the following: **Math, Administration of Justice, and Psychology.**

4. **Student Fees (ABX1 32)**

   This bill amends, adds, and repeals multiple sections of the Education Code and delays the implementation of the $10 per unit student fee increase from winter term to the summer term of the 2011-12 academic year. This bill requires college districts, to the extent possible, make every effort to implement reductions in a manner that will minimize the impact on course offerings and programs needed by students to achieve their basic skills, workforce training, or transfer goals.

   This legislation reflects the changes to the budget trailer bill that called for trigger reductions that were to be made operative by January 1, 2012. **The fee increase is now to take place in the summer 2012 calendar year instead of the winter term.**

   For the text of this bill, please see: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/abx1_32_bill_20110921_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/abx1_32_bill_20110921_chaptered.pdf)

5. **Parking Fees (SB 774)**

   This bill amends sections 76360 and 76361 of the Education Code to raise the statutory limits for parking and transportation services fees CCC districts are allowed to charge by authorizing governing boards to charge up to $50 per semester and $25 per intercession for parking services, and up to $35 per semester and $15 per intercession for students who certify that they regularly carpool with two or more passengers in a vehicle parked at the community college.
Fees may be increased by the same percentage increase as the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services published by the United States Department of Commerce.

For the text of this bill, please see: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0751-0800/sb_774_bill_20110906_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/sen/sb_0751-0800/sb_774_bill_20110906_chaptered.pdf)