

Mandatory Orientation

Getting familiar with college terms and resources available to you



Coastal Bend
COLLEGE



Mission Statement

Coastal Bend College is a student-centered community college committed to delivering superb educational and life enriching opportunities to its students and the communities it serves.



CBC at a Glance

- Locations
 - Beeville
 - Alice
 - Kingsville
 - Pleasanton
- Enrollment
 - About 4,400
- Quality education at an affordable cost
- We offer Academic Associate Degrees (Arts and/or Science offered on all sites) & Applied Science Associate Degrees (Vary by Site)





COLLEGE TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

College Terms

- **Student ID Number : 0012345** Your ID number will start with 2 zero's. Please contact admissions or IT if you do not know your ID.
- **Academic Calendar**: A list of important dates throughout the semester. Ex) First day of class.
- **Degree plan**: A list of courses that you need to earn an Associate's degree at Coastal Bend College.
- **FERPA**: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. We cannot release information about your classes to anyone (even your parents) unless there is a form on file with the Office of Admissions.

College Terms

- **Transcript**: A list of all the classes you have taken and grades earned.
- **Transfer credit**: Most Core classes and some Workforce courses are transferable between Texas colleges. There is a form you need to fill out to have your credits transferred in from another college. That form is located in the Office of Admissions.
- **Reverse Transfer**: If you leave CBC before you earn your Associate's degree, request that CBC be mailed a copy of your transcript when you have taken all the courses needed to complete your Associate's (called reverse transfer) and we will award you a degree!
- **Credit Hours**: Most classes are worth 3 credits. Classes with labs are worth 4 credits. Most degrees at CBC require 60 credits to graduate.

College Terms

- **Syllabus**: Information about your class, professor contact information, and course schedule. This is given out by each professor at the beginning of every semester.
- **Student Ambassador**: a student who represents the college and assists with student events/activities on campus, as well as outside in the community. Student ambassadors get paid for their time.
- **G.P.A.**: Grade Point Average. This is your overall grade of all your classes combined. A 4.0 means all A's. Financial Aid does look at your GPA!
- **Major**: The field you have chosen to study.
- **Pre-requisite**: Classes you need to take before being accepted into a program such as Nursing.

College Terms

- **Blackboard 9**: If you are taking an online class, Blackboard will be your primary resource for completing the class. All classes have a Blackboard link where your instructor may post assignments.
- **Distance Learning**: your classroom will be connected to all 4 sites! Your instructor may or may not be in your physical class.
- **CBC Student Email** is where you will receive official CBC correspondence. Your email address ends in @study.coastalbend.edu. Your email address may be:
 - Ex) first initial middle initial last name @study.coastalbend.eduPlease call IT to verify your email address.

College Terms

Cougar Den

This is your student data base, where you can access:

- the course catalog
- Course Registration
- your degree plan
- grades
- schedules
- billing statements
- your unofficial transcript

You can also register for classes, pay your tuition, and review your financial aid status!



College Terms

Drop (Withdraw)

- It is **your responsibility** to drop a class if you are failing or not attending.
- If you take a class 3 or more times the fees get higher!
- Keep in mind the 67% rule: You must pass 67% of all attempted classes to be eligible for financial aid!
 - This is all of your classes combined, not by semester!

College Terms

Drop (Withdraw)

- A withdrawal from a course resulting in a grade of “W.”
- A drop is better than an F, a Drop does not count toward your GPA.
- You can only drop **6** classes your **WHOLE** college career so choose wisely!
- Students must drop classes with an advisor after the first class day.
- There is a deadline to add/drop classes! If you miss the deadline, you will be graded on what you have.



COLLEGE SERVICES YOU NEED TO KNOW

Cougar Center Services

- **Registrar/Admissions**: Bacterial Meningitis vaccine submission, Add/Drop, Transcripts, Graduation Application.
- **Financial Aid**: questions, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) help, loan sessions, scholarships, DreamKeeper, work-study program.
- **Veterans Affairs**: help with VA educational benefits including Hazelwood, advising for Veteran's and their dependents.
- **Career Services**: career fairs, mock- interviews, workshops!

Student Development Services

- **Advising**: add/drop courses, declare a major, degree plans, assign dedicated advisor, and transfer questions.
- **Disability Services**: classroom accommodations and campus accessibility.
- **Online Resources**: Health 101, Transfer Resources, Financial literacy Resources, E-tutoring.
- **Counseling**: Please see Student Services for a referral to a Licensed Professional Counselor if needed. We pay for 3 sessions!

Student Development Services

Dedicated Advising

Your assigned Dedicated Advisor will:

- help you create an Degree Plan
- help you set short- & long-term goals
- refer you to Student Support Services
- review your grades with you
- help you register for the next semester & decide the best schedule for YOU (Are you a morning or night person?)
- help you apply for graduation

Student Success Center Services

- **Tutoring:** FREE face to face tutoring is available by appointment during the semester at every site. Subjects vary by site and semester.
- **E-Tutoring:** Tutor Me! Students can get FREE tutoring for a variety of subjects through online tutoring through Blackboard.
- **Calculator & Laptop Loan Agreements:** we check out calculators and laptops for up to 2 weeks at no charge!
- **Testing Centers:** offers college entrance exams, competency exams and internet testing for courses.

District Services

- **Business Office:** Pay tuition and fees, payment plans available, parking permits, inquire financial aid balance amount, (on sites: TSI scheduling and payment)
- **Library:** CBC site and online access to databases, EBSCOhost eBooks, and scholarly journals.
 - Your Cougar Card Student ID can be used as a debit card!
 - Any financial aid refunds will be sent to your Cougar Card.
- **Computer Lab Access:** Computers available Monday through Friday and there is Wi-Fi access in different locations on all CBC sites
- **Bookstore:** Only on the Beeville Site. Bookstore set-ups occur on the sites at the beginning of each semester.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Activities

CBC hosts educational and cultural activities throughout each semester such as:

- Veteran's Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Join a Club Day
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Black History Month
- Spring Fest
- Intramurals
- Pool Tournaments
- Ping-Pong Tournaments
- Games
- Movie Night

Student Activities

Clubs/Organizations

- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Ambassadors
- Radiology Club
- Criminal Justice Club
- Cosmetology Club
- Power Lifting Club
- STEM Club
- Dental Hygiene Club
- Biology Club
- Kappi Chi Club



HELPFUL HINTS!

Helpful Hints

Be Aware of Important Deadlines

Refer to the academic calendar for the following:

- Register for classes before the first day of class!
- Be aware of deadlines for adding and dropping classes.
- Pay tuition & fees early to avoid being dropped from classes.
- Be on the lookout for your Final Exam Schedule.
- Graduation applications must be submitted on time!
- Renew your FAFSA every year!
- Scholarship applications are also due by **April 1st**

Helpful Hints

Classroom Etiquette

- Be respectful of your instructor!
- Do not have your phone out during class!
- Do not fall asleep in class!
- Do not talk to each other while the professor is lecturing!
- Turn in assignments on time!
- If you must miss class, contact your instructor!
- Visit with professors during office hours to discuss any problems you are having with assignments. Professors try to work with you when you work with them!
- Ask for help when necessary!

Helpful Hints

Study Time Suggestions

- Avoid Cram Sessions!
- Manage your time effectively. Keep a calendar!
- Remove distractions - turn off the TV and put your cell phone in the other room.
- Study in 20-50 minutes increments.
- When you finish a chapter in your textbook, write a summary or make flash cards.
- Organize a study group.
- Study in between classes.
- Make a quiz for yourself.
- Go to tutoring!

Helpful Hints

Make the most of your time

- Help is ALWAYS available from all CBC faculty and staff members.
- Attend workshops and events! These activities are FREE!
- Get involved!
- You are in charge of how you want to remember your college experience.
- This is college: study, study, study!
- Make smart choices.
- Did we mention . . . HAVE FUN!!



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STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Rights & Responsibilities

At Coastal Bend College, students have [rights and responsibilities](#) with which they should familiarize themselves. Student rights include complaint and grievance procedures and responsibilities include expected student conduct.

These rights are provided to assure students are treated fairly and responsibilities are necessary for a safe and productive learning environment.

The Student Code of Conduct is located in the Student Handbook in the CBC Catalog.



Student Rights & Responsibilities

Student Rights & Responsibilities are outlined in the following policies referenced in *italics*. To access the policy just type the italicized section in the search feature of the policy manual.

<http://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/155>

Examples of policies that you can find:

- Complaints *FLD (LOCAL)*
- Conduct - Alcohol and Drug Use *FLBE (Local)*

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Title IX

Coastal Bend College prohibits:

- Domestic violence
- Dating violence
- Sexual assault
- Stalking

Any student in need of reporting a concern or incident may contact the members of the Title IX Task Force listed below:

Hector Villarreal-Title IX Coordinator

361-664-2981 x3051

hvillarreal@coastalbend.edu

Amanda Barrera- Title IX Investigator

361-354-2599

Amanda@coastalbend.edu





COMMUNITY RESOURCES YOU NEED TO KNOW

Community Services

Awareness and Prevention

The Purple Door (formerly Women's Shelter of South Texas)

www.thewomensshelter.org or 1-800-580-HURT

Coastal Plains Community Center / Coastal Plains MHMR

Crisis Line: 800-841-6467

To find a service location nearest to you: 1-888-819-5312

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255



Community Services

Workforce Solutions Partnerships assist with Career Services!

**Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend
Coastal Bend College Campus - Beeville
3800 Charco Rd., Beeville, TX 78102
Phone: 361-358-8941
www.workforcesolutionscb.org**

**Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend
Coastal Bend College Site - Kingsville
1814 Brahma Blvd., Kingsville, TX 78363
Phone: 866-262-1615
www.workforcesolutionscb.org**

**Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend
Coastal Bend College Site - Alice
704 Coyote Trail, Alice, TX 78332
Phone: 361-668-0167
800-388-5813
www.workforcesolutionscb.org**

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206 N Smith Street, Pleasanton, Texas 78064
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