

# College of Alameda Overview Presentation Voiceover

## Welcome

Welcome to College of Alameda, one of the four Peralta Community College District Campuses. Our mission at College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources that empower students to achieve their goals.

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At College of Alameda you have options for selecting an educational path that feels right for you. You can earn an Associate of Arts Degree, Associate of Science, chose to follow a Career Education path, or start at College of Alameda and Transfer to a four-year institution.

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## Steps for Success for New Students

As a new student, in order to successfully complete the enrollment at College of Alameda, you should follow these six steps to success:

### 1. Apply Online for Admission and Financial Aid

To apply, go to [alameda.peralta.edu/apply](http://alameda.peralta.edu/apply) – Please note that there are two steps to completing the application process. First, you will need to create an OpenCCC account. Your next step will be to create a College of Alameda application.

Then, check your email for the 8 digit student ID number and password.

Apply for Financial Aid at [fafsa.edu.gov](http://fafsa.edu.gov) or in person at the Welcome Center, located in the A Building.

Non-US Citizens may be eligible for some state financial aid through the California Dream Act. Visit [caldreamact.org](http://caldreamact.org). For additional assistance and information, visit the Financial Aid Office in the A Building.

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### 2. Complete Placement

Placement will help identify an accurate placement of your English, Math and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) levels. Math and English placement will take place with your counselor. Students interested in ESOL should contact the Learning Resource Center (LRC): 510.748.2307

The Learning Resource Center is located in the L-Building (Library), second floor.

### 3. See a Counselor

See a counselor for placement in a Math/English courses, to complete your Educational Plan, and to get your enrollment hold removed

Schedule an Appointment to Meet with a Counselor

In-Person: Welcome Center, A-Building

Phone: (510) 748-2209

Online: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/counseling/>

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#### **4. Enroll in Classes**

Once you have completed the Application, Placement and created an Educational Plan, you are ready to enroll in classes!

To enroll, go to [passport2.peralta.edu](https://passport2.peralta.edu) or visit the Welcome Center.

#### **5. Pay Your Fees**

Go to [passport2.peralta.edu](https://passport2.peralta.edu) or visit the Cashier's Office.

Please note that to avoid your classes from being dropped, fees should be paid within two weeks after the semester starts.

#### **6. Student Identification Card**

Bringing a valid picture ID and your current class schedule as proof of enrollment to the Welcome Center to get your student ID card.

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### **Timelines**

Applications for the Summer/Fall Semester regularly open mid-March. Summer classes traditionally begin in the middle of June. Fall classes begin in late August.

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Spring semester applications open in late October. The Spring semester classes traditionally begin in late January.

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### **Career Education**

All of the Career Education programs at College of Alameda are hands on programs. That means that you are able to gain experience as you learn! With any of our Career Education programs you can either earn a certificate or a degree. All of our Career Education programs allow you to make a decent salary and be highly employable after graduation.

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We offer:

Apparel Design and Merchandising

Alameda Transportation & Logistics Academic Support (ATLAS) – or warehouse logistics.

Auto Body and Paint  
Automotive Technology  
Aviation Maintenance Technology

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Business  
Computer Information Systems  
Dental Assisting  
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### **Transfer**

Students who would like to transfer to a 4-year institution after attending College of Alameda have many options and supports for doing so. Students can begin by visiting the Transfer Center at the A Building.

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At the Transfer Center students can obtain Online application assistance, information on the Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG), tours of local four-year colleges and universities, Transfer Workshops, Access to a resource library of online and hard copy catalogs for in and out of state colleges/universities, and more!

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The TAG or Transfer Admission Guarantee is partnership that the College has with six of the UC's. These include, UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz. When a student works with their counselor to ensure that they have completed the process and requirements of the TAG, they are guaranteed admission to the UC of their choice (as long as it is within the six mentioned schools).

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Students who are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) should also inquire about our already established HBCU partnerships. Once a year, one of our administrators and a counselor take a group of second year students who are close to completion on a HBCU tour where students are often admitted on the spot.

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### **How Much Does College Cost?**

The cost of attending a University of California is more than \$12,000 a year. Attending a California State University costs more than \$5,700 year. In comparison, it costs an estimated \$1,104 to attend a California Community College, such as College of Alameda. These costs do not include housing, transportation, or the cost of books.

Your \$1,104 at a California Community College is broken down into \$46 per unit for California residents. Classes can range anywhere from half a unit up to 10 units per class. Non-California residents are charged more than \$200 per unit. There is a \$2 per semester, per campus, campus center use fee; a \$2 per semester, per campus, student representation fee; \$42.29 per semester AC Transit EasyPass fee; and a \$18 per semester health fee.

These fees do not include optional parking fees. It is also important to note that there are additional fees that non-resident students incur.

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### **How to Pay for College**

The best way to pay for college is by completing a financial aid application. This can be either a Federal Application for Financial Aid or a FAFSA application; or a California Dream Act Application. The FAFSA is money that comes from the federal government and should only be completed by students or potential students who have a valid social security number. The California Dream Act is an application for financial aid from the state of California. Undocumented students who are AB540 eligible should complete the California Dream Act.

By completing a Financial Aid application, students are able to obtain the maximum allowable financial assistance. Including grants, scholarships, loans, and work study opportunities. While grants and scholarships are money that does not have to be paid back to the government, loans are money that MUST be repaid. Federal Work Study opportunities are only available to students who complete a FAFSA application if they are found to be eligible. Work study places the student in a job that is on campus and often flexible to the needs of a student.

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### **FAFSA vs. DreamAct**

Important things to keep in mind:

- FAFSA is an application for Federal Financial Aid. Undocumented students should not complete the FAFSA application.
- The California Dream Act is an application for financial aid that is provided by the state of California.
- DACA students should NOT complete the FAFSA application, because although they do have a social security number, that number has restrictions placed on it.
- SB 68 has expanded the provisions under which a student may be eligible for the California Dream Act.

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### **Peralta Promise**

The Peralta Promise guarantees that eligible students receive their first year free at the Peralta Colleges.

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In order to be eligible students must:

- Graduate of OUSD or Oakland Charter School
- Enroll in 12 Units throughout Peralta
- Maintain academic progress, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and complete at least 50% of your classes.
- Complete a comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) by the start of the semester
- Participate in counseling support, workshops, and other services designated to get students off to a good start.

In order to enroll students must:

- Complete the OpenCCC community college admissions application
- Complete a financial aid application (FAFSA or California Dream Act).
- Complete the required Student Support Services.
- Enroll in, and remain enrolled, in at least 12 units at the Peralta Colleges.

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### **Alameda Promise**

Alameda Promise provides a pathway for eligible Alameda high school graduates to attend CoA for one year without paying enrollment or other fees.

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Interested applicants must:

- Complete a COA Cougar Scholars Application before the *August 10th, 2020 DEADLINE*
- Follow the [New Students Steps to Success](#)
- Be a first-time college student
- Enroll in 12 units per semester (fall and spring) at COA
- Be a graduate of Alameda, ASTI, Encinal or Island high school
- Submit a [FAFSA](#) or [Cal Dream Act](#) application and include COA (006720)
- Attend a Mandatory Cougar Scholars Orientation

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### **Support Programs and Services**

Need help? We have resources!

At College of Alameda we understand that life happens. That's why it is important to know what resources and support programs are available.

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- Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities or DSPS is available to aid students with any number of disabilities. Disabilities can be physical, mental and/or emotional.
- EOPS stands for Equal Opportunities Programs and Services. It is a resource for low-income students who have an academic disadvantage.
- CARE/CalWorks is a program for students who are parents who receive cash aid from the government.
- NextUp is a program for current or former Foster Youth.
- UMOJA is a learning community rooted in African principals that aims to help students experience themselves as valuable and worthy of an education
- New D.R.E.A.M is a program for returning citizens who are on parole or probation and for those family members who have been impacted by the justice system.
- The Veteran's Resource Center or the VRC provides assistance to veterans and their dependents in their pursuit of an education at College of Alameda while utilizing veterans and /or dependents benefits.
- MESA or Math Engineering Science Achievement is a peer and professional support community whose aim is to increase access and opportunities of success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)-related fields for first-generation, low-income, and under-represented college students.
- Puente students, or Puentistas, work closely with their counselor, English instructor, and mentor to prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The writing curriculum focuses on the development of college-level essay writing, reading, research, and critical thinking skills, a necessary foundation for educational success.
- The Adelante con Comunidad, Excelencia, Sabiduría y Oportunidad, or ACCESO Program serves and supports Latinx students to plan for and attain a certificate, degree, or transfer within three years. While our mission is to expand opportunities and improve the educational attainment of Latinx students, the ACCESO Program is open to all students at College of Alameda.

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### **A Note on DSPS**

It is important to note that from K-12 to College, the responsibility shifts from school/parent to the student themselves.

In college, the responsibility of the institution is to:

- Provide equal access through accommodations
- Promote Student Independence
- Assist in transfer, degree, personal growth, and employment

Once a student has completed the College of Alameda application they should come in to the DSPS office to set-up an appointment. Students should bring copies of all documents (IEP, 504, medical reports) with them and bring them to DSPS

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### **Things to Keep in Mind**

1. Understand which financial aid application you should complete
2. Make sure that you have access to transcripts for placement purposes
3. Make an appointment with a counselor & develop a Student Education Plan (SEP).
4. Look into support programs that you feel you may benefit from

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### **Outreach**

If you ever need assistance, Outreach is here to help you with Campus Tours, Presentations, Tabling Events, Mobile CoA, and more!

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We are located in the second floor of the Library at L235. Our website is [alameda.peralta.edu/Outreach](http://alameda.peralta.edu/Outreach).

Contact our Outreach and Retention Specialist, Natalie Rodriguez at [nrodriguez@peralta.edu](mailto:nrodriguez@peralta.edu) or by phone at 510.748.5223.