

# Golden West College Services/Resources for Students

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<b>Alliance for Cultural Advancement</b>	The purpose of club is to foster an in-depth and multicultural approach and understanding to contemporary and historical topics that include issues of race, class, or gender.	
<b>Assessment Center</b>	The Assessment Center provides English, English as a Second Language (ESL), and math placement test services for prospective and current students at Golden West College. The results from the placement tests are used to determine course enrollment. Students must take placement tests to receive priority registration.	
<b>CalWORKS/reentry</b>	Services for students on welfare: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individualized academic, vocational, career and personal counseling with a CalWORKs program counselor to develop a long range student educational plan that is personalized for your educational/career goal.</li> <li>• Advocacy on your behalf with your county caseworkers. Assist in completing county paperwork.</li> <li>• Assistance with cost of textbooks, school supplies, gas vouchers, bus passes.</li> <li>• Assistance in resume preparation and job interviewing skills</li> <li>• Referrals to outside agencies.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)</b>	The C.A.R.E. Program is designed to assist the single parent receiving public (TANF) assistance. Provides academic and vocational counseling, emergency transportation assistance and gas cards, book services, tutoring, support Groups, referrals for health care, housing, food, clothing, etc. They have a Mentor program, Food Pantry, and offer Merit Grants.	
<b>Career Center</b>	We offer a variety of Career Assessment tools, career workshops, access to career planning and job websites, and a wide variety of career resources such as printed materials, videos, and computerized programs to help you in the career planning process. These resources include computer programs, mock interviewing, online job boards, resume templates, information sheets about jobs related to college majors.	
<b>Counseling (Academic)</b>	Professionally trained counselors are available to assist you with clarifying career and educational goals, educational planning and course selection, university transfer, and personal counseling. <b>Counseling Appointments:</b> Student educational plans require a one hour appointment <b>Walk-in Counseling:</b> designed for brief questions. Students are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-in is limited to 5 minutes and is appropriate for general questions only. Walk-in is not appropriate for transcript evaluation or Student Education Plans.	
<b>Child Development Center</b>	A licensed <b>preschool</b> offering child daycare and development programs to infants as young as six weeks old through pre-kindergarten. Offers discounted rates for Golden West College students and staff	
<b>Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS)</b>	Provide programs and assistance to ensure that all students with disabilities have equal access to educational opportunities at Golden West College, so they can participate freely and actively in all facets of campus life. Includes a High Tech Lab for disabled students	
<b>Emancipated Foster Youth Services (EFY)</b>	Offers support and resources for housing, transportation, food and health services for former foster youth, youth on probation, and adopted youth. Services include: textbook services, food pantry, scholarships, some college fees paid, financial aid assistance, and lists of resources. This falls under the EOPS umbrella of services.	

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<b>Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP/S)</b>	Services for educationally and financially challenged students. They offer free individual tutoring for 2 courses, academic, career and vocational counseling, transfer assistance, UC and CSU application fee waivers, personal letters of recommendation for private universities, referral services (on campus and off campus), free workshops, emergency loans, priority registration, text book assistance, book service program, computer lab.	
<b>Financial Aid</b>	Offer a full array of student financial aid programs, grants, work study, and loans to full-time and part-time students. Aid may include enrollment and tuition fees, books, supplies, food, and housing. Student financial aid is available to assist you with the cost of education transportation, computer, and personal expenses.	
<b>Gay Lesbian Alternative Straight Alliance (GLASA)</b>	The purpose of this club is to raise awareness of the rights of the GLBT community and to promote a safe environment for greater understanding of the GLBT community.	
<b>Grievances</b>	A grievable action is an action that is alleged to be in violation of federal or state law, a violation of an applicable district/college policy or procedure, or that constitutes arbitrary, capricious, or unequal application of written policies or procedures. The purpose of the student grievance procedure is to provide an impartial review process and to ensure that the rights of students are properly recognized and protected.	
<b>International Students Programs</b>	Provides comprehensive outreach, programming, and support services to all new and continuing international students. Includes: specialized academic counseling, expert visa/practical training guidance, on-going personalized advising, homestay services and special student activities to make your college experience in the U.S. as rewarding as possible.	
<b>Office of Student Life</b>	Encompasses all student clubs, Student Council, Student Senate, and Associated Students of GWC. They also run campus events.	
<b>Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)</b>	PASS provides peer-led study groups that focus on integrating course content (what to learn) with study skills (how to learn). Study sessions are facilitated by PASS Leaders-students who have successfully completed the targeted course, or a similar course, and who have demonstrated subject matter competency. The PASS Leader facilitates the group study sessions using collaborative study techniques and strategies. Sessions last 50 minutes each and are held two times per week. During a typical PASS session, students compare and clarify lecture notes, review textbook readings, and discuss key concepts and difficult course content. PASS Leaders do not re-lecture, introduce new concepts, or help complete homework.	
<b>Psychological Services</b>	The Student Health Center has licensed clinical psychologists and social workers who offer psychological counseling for students who are dealing with family and social relationships, romantic relationships, life transitions, sexuality, grief, stress, sexual assault, anxiety, loss of motivation, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, and anger management. We offer individual counseling, consultations, crisis intervention, referral services, and referrals to community agencies.	
<b>Puente Program</b>	The Puente Program is a two semester learning community that includes three main components. The accelerated writing course sequence incorporates multicultural/Latino authors with emphasis on English writing skills. Intensive counseling provides students with sustained, in-depth career and academic guidance throughout their enrollment in community college. Students then receive mentoring from members of the community who are recruited, trained, and matched with students to share career advice and personal experiences. Students in the Puente Program enroll as a cohort in required coursework each semester and participate in the program as a true learning community that supports personal, academic, and cultural development of students. Benefits include: intensive writing training, mentoring, transfer counseling, career development, identity development, and inclusion in an active learning community. Once enrolled in the Puente Program, students can continue to take advantage of Puente mentoring, counseling, and guidance while enrolled.	

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<b>Regional Testing Center (CAN)</b>	The purpose of the center is to assist students with completing their educational goals of becoming certified in their chosen health occupation. The testing center collaborates with your educational facility, professional testing companies and certifying boards to provide access to required CAN certifying exams and live scan fingerprinting for any health care profession. Discount to GWC employees and students for rolling fee for fingerprints.	
<b>Scholarship office</b>	Assist students in applying to scholarships, both those available through GWC and outside scholarships.	
<b>Student Health Center</b>	Healthy students learn better and stay in school. Your Student Health Center provides free or low-cost medical and psychological services. We are staffed with Registered Nurses, Physicians, and licensed Psychotherapists. Our services are confidential. teachers, parents, other students, and administrators do not have access to your health records. The Student Health Center provides medical care for conditions that are short-term (episodic) in nature. This includes basic medical care and first aid, medications, birth control methods, vaccines, physical exams, well women exams, TB skin testing, vision and hearing screens, blood pressure screening, wellness programs (weight loss, smoking cessation, nutrition), orthopedic supplies, mental health therapy, social services referrals, information and referrals for obtaining health insurance, referrals to community agencies, and referrals to community health care providers (specialists, primary care, radiology, urgent care, emergency care that go beyond our scope of practice.	
<b>Student Veterans Organization</b>	Student club whose purpose is to assist in veterans' transition from military to student life.	
<b>Veterans Resource Center (VRC)</b>	VRC provides an on-campus point of contact to address the unique needs of our veteran student population and provide the tools that each individual veteran needs in order to navigate the college system to meet their educational goals. Additional information about VA benefits, housing, personal counseling, and referrals to other services are available. Most importantly, the VRC provides students with a place to socialize with fellow veterans and is a meeting place for the newly established GWC Student Veteran Organization.	
<b>Veterans Services</b>	Golden West College is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education for the training of veterans seeking benefits under state and federal regulations. Application and certification for benefits are provided by the Veterans Clerk located in the Admissions and Records Office.	
<b>Writing and Reading Center</b>	The Writing and Reading Center offers many short courses that help students improve their reading and writing skills. The courses focus on understanding college-level texts, writing essays and research papers, and improving vocabulary and grammar skills. All courses include one-on-one tutoring with experienced instructors and active English faculty. Each course can be taken for units of credit, and many courses are open for enrollment until week eight of the semester. Fees vary from course to course.	