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Cabrillo College Launches Transfer Pathways

Two-Year Cohorts Prepare Students for Transfer to CSU or UC System

APTOS, CA — Cabrillo College today announces Transfer Pathways, a cohort-based program for high school graduates who have completed their college-preparatory coursework with the goal of completing community college within two years and transferring on to a four-year university to complete a liberal arts degree.

Transfer Pathways are initially available in two fields of study, Anthropology and History. The two majors were selected because they provide efficient pathways to completion of a standard, liberal arts undergraduate curriculum.

“With state budget cuts increasing tuition at four-year universities and reducing the availability of courses, this program eases the financial burden on our students, gets them through community college efficiently, and prepares them for success upon transfer into the CSU and UC systems,” said Renee Kilmer, Vice President of Instruction at Cabrillo College.

High school graduates enrolling in Transfer Pathways register once, then move through a full time, four-semester program of undergraduate coursework as a cohort. At the completion of the cohort, successful students will graduate with an Associate in Arts (AA) degree, and will be prepared to transfer into a liberal arts bachelor’s degree program at a four-year university such as CSU or UC.

“We graduated 165 Anthropology majors and 205 History majors in 2011, so we are pleased to see Cabrillo College offer the new Transfer Pathways,” said Michelle Whittingham, Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management at the University of California, Santa Cruz. “Major preparation is critical to ensure students finish in a timely fashion, saving students both precious time and money, so this is an excellent option for students throughout the county.”

Cabrillo College Transfer Pathways is an initiative of the Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C), a historic, countywide partnership comprised of public education institutions including all K-12 School Districts, Cabrillo College, CSU Monterey Bay, San Jose State University (SJSU) and the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), formed with the goal of increasing the college readiness and success of every student in Santa Cruz County.



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Program Requirements and Admissions

Each Transfer Pathways cohort has a maximum capacity of 30 students. In order to be successful in the program, incoming students will have:

- Graduated from a Santa Cruz County High School
- Assessed into English 1A (College Composition) and Math 12 (Elementary Statistics)
- Committed to completing the Anthropology or History Pathway Program
- Obtained the recommendation of their high school counselor

Transfer Pathways is a full time, four-semester program beginning in fall 2012. The first cohort will complete in spring 2014. Qualified students will be accepted into the program on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits. Interested high school seniors should review the list of coursework and then complete an inquiry form online, at <http://go.cabrillo.edu/transferpathways> or contact the Cabrillo College Learning Communities Office at (831) 477-3340.

About Cabrillo College

Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Cabrillo College is a dynamic, diverse and responsive educational community that is dedicated to helping all students achieve their academic, career, and personal development goals.

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