# EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS

The Office of Educational Partnerships and Programs (EPP) is dedicated to planning and coordinating the District's K-16 activities to support collaborative partnerships and create a positive and constructive connection with college, school districts, and higher education relations in order to best serve our students.

#### Programs and Services Include:

- · K12 Articulation, Pathways, and Dual Enrollment
- Cerritos Complete Promise Program
- · Learning Communities/First Year Experience (FYE) Program
- Teacher TRAC Program

For more information, visit us on the web at www.cerritos.edu/epp (http://www.cerritos.edu/epp/) or call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2212.

## **K-12 Articulation Agreements**

An articulation agreement is a formal document verifying that Cerritos College faculty accept a course from a high school, ROP, or Adult School as aligned to a course at the college. It includes what criteria students must meet to be eligible for college credit for that course. Students may earn college credit at Cerritos College for an articulated K12 course through the Credit by Exam process. Cerritos College has waived residency requirements for the students to receive college credit.

#### **Benefits**

- Students earn college credit while in high school, ROP or adult school program.
- Students do not need to repeat coursework at the college.
- · Students get basic skills and knowledge prior to college.

Ultimately, students decrease the cost of college tuition and textbook fees, and can complete their college program sooner.

For more information, please visit our website at www.cerritos.edu/epp/articulation\_agreements.htm (http://www.cerritos.edu/epp/articulation\_agreements.htm).

### **Dual Enrollment**

Dual Enrollment is the term used to describe enrolling in a college course and earning college credits while still enrolled in another K-12 institution.

There are many benefits to participating in Dual Enrollment:

- Research shows that students who participate in Dual Enrollment programs are more likely to graduate and continue into completion studies.
- Dual Enrollment provides an introduction to higher education for future students.
- · Offers a low-cost or no-cost way to earn college credit.
- · Courses may be offered in-person on the high school campus.
- · Courses may be taken in person on the Cerritos College campus.
- · Students may participate in asynchronous online course offerings.

- After completing a Dual Enrollment course, students gain confidence in knowing that they are capable of successfully completing a college course.
- Access to community college facilities including the library, student resource center, counseling.

The ability to take classes of interest that may not be offered at the high school level.

In addition to individual dual enrollment courses, some local high schools offer an Early College Program where students may earn up to 46 UC/CSU transferable units. Students participating at designated partner school sites who complete the entire program will earn a high school diploma while also completing the entire inter-segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Students interested in participating in dual enrollment should visit the dual enrollment website: www.cerritos.edu/epp/Dual\_Enrollment.htm (http://www.cerritos.edu/epp/Dual\_Enrollment.htm).