

# AP 5110 Counseling

## Reference:

*Education Code Section 72620 and 72621;  
Title 5 Section 51018  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.C.5*

The counseling services available include, at least, the following:

1. Academic counseling, in which the student is assisted in assessing, planning, and implementing his or her immediate and long-range academic goals.
2. Career counseling, in which the student is assisted in assessing his or her aptitudes, abilities, and interests, and is advised concerning the current and future employment trends.
3. Personal counseling, in which the student is assisted with personal, family, or other social concerns, when that assistance is related to the student's education.
4. Coordination with the counseling aspects of other services to students which exist on campus, including but not limited to those services provided in programs for students with special needs, skills testing programs, financial assistance programs, and job placement services.

Counseling services shall be provided to all first-time college students who have declared one of the following educational goals:

1. Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution.
2. Transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution without an associate degree.
3. Obtain a two-year associate degree without transfer.
4. Earn a career technical certificate without transfer.
5. Discover/formulate career interests, plans, and goals.

6. Prepare for a new career (acquire job skills).
7. Pursue educational development (intellectual, cultural).
8. Improve basic skills in English, reading or math.
9. Complete credits for high school diploma or GED.
10. Undecided on goal
11. Move from noncredit coursework to credit coursework.
12. University/4-year college student taking courses to meet university/4-year college requirements.

Counseling services are available to all students on a voluntary basis. Students are encouraged, and may be required, to meet with a counselor under the following conditions:

1. All first-time students who are not exempt from the matriculation process.
2. Students who have completed 15 units and have not declared an educational goal.
3. Students who are not making satisfactory progress.
4. Students on academic and/or progress probation.
5. Students who have petitioned successfully for readmission after academic dismissal and are enrolled in their initial semester.

### **Confidentiality of Counseling Information**

Information of a personal nature disclosed by a student 12 years of age or older in the process of receiving counseling from a counselor is confidential, and shall not become part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the confidential information. However, the information shall be disclosed when permitted by applicable law, including but not limited to disclosure as necessary to report child abuse or neglect; reporting to the Superintendent/President or other persons when the counselor has reason to

believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or other persons living in the college community; reporting information to the Superintendent/President or other persons as necessary when the student indicated that a crime involving the likelihood of personal injury or significant or substantial property losses will or has been committed; reporting information to one or more persons specified in a written waiver by the student.