Promise Program Eligibility

Policies and Procedures

1. To be invited to participate in the Promise Program, students must:

- Complete the Promise Eligibility Checklist, watch the video, and Secure your Summer Experience ticket via Eventbrite.
- Attend a Summer Experience Session before starting the first Fall semester and sign the agreement. (Enrollment in the Promise Program is incomplete until the Promise Agreement is signed).
- Enroll full-time (minimum 12 or more units in Fall/Spring and 3 units in Winter/Summer-if needed to reach 30 units)
- Check your RCC email regularly for updates.

2. Maintaining Active Status

- The academic year includes the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer terms.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Students who complete less than 30 units each year will become ineligible for the program. (Note: Specialized programs may be exempt from this requirement).
- One-time appeal: Students who do not meet eligibility requirements are eligible for a one-time appeal option to remain in the program. Documentation is required.
- Specialized programs: Nursing, Culinary, and Cosmetology students may maintain full-time status within their programs, which may be fewer than 12 units during Fall/Spring semesters.
- DRC students may maintain full-time status with fewer than 12 units by submitting a Reduced Course Load Letter to the Promise program during their first Fall semester.
- Requirements may vary in Winter and Summer.
- Program durations are limited to two years, except for STEM and Nursing majors. For details, contact your program's educational advisor or counselor.

3. Courses Prior to Promise Program Enrollment

- Please note: The summer session tuition before you officially begin the Promise program is not covered by the program.
- Courses taken before enrolling in the program, including AP, CAPP, dual enrollment and other college credits, do not count toward the enrollment requirement or program coverage but can be included in your Student Educational Plan (SEP).

4. Promise Program Duration

- Eligible students receive two years in the program.
- Eligible STEM and Nursing students receive three years in the program.

5. Tuition and Fee Waiver

- Tuition and fees are covered after the 10th week of Fall/Spring and the 4th week of Winter/Summer.
- Students will not be dropped for non-payment. Please avoid paying balances during this period to prevent delays in reimbursement.

6. Priority Registration

- Priority registration is limited to three days per term for RCC classes only.
- If priority registration is missed, students must wait until their regular registration date, and class availability is not guaranteed.
- Students eligible for priority registration will be emailed via their RCC email about Promise priority registration dates.

7. Book Voucher

- Book vouchers are provided for Fall and Spring terms only and can be used exclusively at the RCC Bookstore. Book vouchers are not provided during Winter or Summer terms.
- Book vouchers cover rentals; however, a credit card is required to cover potential fees, such as damages or late returns.
- Students must present a photo ID and class schedule at the time of purchase.
- Please note: Third year students do not receive a book voucher.
- Students will be notified via their RCC student email once the voucher is available at the RCC bookstore.

8. Student Educational Plan (SEP)

- Students must develop and update their official Student Educational Plan (SEP) with an RCC counselor every academic year.
- Students must enroll in courses as outlined in their SEP.
- Upload your official SEP plan on the Promise Program Canvas Shell every academic year.
- If students change their major, they must update their SEP with an RCC counselor and submit the updated plan to the Promise program.

9. FAFSA/DREAM Application

- Submit a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) annually to maintain program eligibility.

10. Engagement Requirements

- Promise students must complete two activities, workshops or a combination of activities that total two, during the Fall and Spring semesters:
  - Campus workshops
  - Tutoring appointments
  - Writing center appointments
  - Other campus academic events

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Accommodations: If you had an IEP, 504 Plan, medical, or psychiatric diagnosis, visit the DRC office to continue receiving accommodations. For DRC accommodations, including unit reductions, email drc@rcc.edu and cc the.promise@rcc.edu.
For more information, visit: www.rcc.edu/become-a-student/promise-program.html or email the.promise@rcc.edu.