

# Welcome to Central Pacific College! Conversation Program (CP) Student Handbook

# **Our Vision**

To transform people's lives through English language learning for self-realization.

# **Our Mission**

To provide high-quality English language teaching for multicultural communication among all learners.

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### **Central Pacific College**

## 2019-2020 Overarching Goals

A. To provide high quality English-language educational programs at reasonably competitive prices.

B. To familiarize English language learners with a recognized framework of linguistic skills known as the Global Scale of English (GSE) so that they can take control of their learning at an individual pace in a program at CPC.

C. To empower English language learners with strategic communicative skills for academic, professional, or personal purposes.

D. To diversify our student population through increased efforts to recruit English language learners from various learning backgrounds and academic purposes.

E. To provide English language learners with qualified instructors who have the education, training and teaching experience to develop, guide, enhance, and assess students' language and cultural competence.

F. To provide English language learners with activities to practice English and become aware of local celebrations, traditions, and attractions.

# **CPC** Principles of Ethics

\*Adapted from the ACCET Principles of Ethics

- Integrity is a central, indispensable, and defining characteristic of Central Pacific College. It is demonstrated by striving to uphold the following principles of professional ethics:
- To provide programs of study that are educationally sound, up-to-date, of high quality and integrity, and visibly effective.
- To prevent and do not tolerate discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or religion.
- To maintain fair, ethical, and clear advertising, admission, and enrollment campaigns by accurately and fairly representing the institution and its services to all people.
- To provide effective student services that recognize individual differences and promote high student retention, enrollment completion, and personal success.
- To demonstrate the benefits of Central Pacific College educational language programs through satisfied students.
- To ensure proper and ethical administration of all financial aspects of the institution.
- To embrace voluntary self-regulation through an accreditation process supervised by ACCET.
- To demonstrate a commitment to the people of Hawaii by promoting local community involvement and outings in Honolulu.
- To increase the effectiveness of Central Pacific College educational programs by providing essential intercultural skills to support students' cultural adaptation.

# Conversation Program (CP) 24 months in total

The Conversation Program (CP) is an eighteen-hour per week program for international students who have an F-1 student visa. This four-level program enhances students' fluency and conversational/public speaking skills. Classes are Monday to Thursday (four lessons per day).

The four levels are Level A Conversation and Drills, Level B Conversation and Confidence, Level C Conversation and Fluency, and Level D Business Conversation. Many students begin at different levels and stay for different numbers of weeks. Therefore, everybody's time of study varies. If you make faster progress, you can take an Achievement Test to move up faster. Students may be enrolled at CPC for a maximum of three years regardless of the programs that they take.



All 24 weeks

# **Conversation Program Can-do Goals per Level**

Each level has specific performance goals that students should meet. These are benchmarks that will allow them to be successful oral communicators in a private or public setting.

# Level A Conversation and Drills for True Beginners and Beginner Speakers (432 hours / 24 weeks / 6 modules)

This level <u>familiarizes learners</u> with new sounds, simple vocabulary, and intonation patterns in common phrases in English.

Listening: Students can understand basic questions about personal details if addressed slowly and clearly.

Speaking: Students can ask and answer simple questions about things they have in a limited way.

# Level B Conversation and Confidence for Beginner to Low Intermediate Speakers (432 hours / 24 weeks / 6 modules)

This level <u>provides learners</u> with the confidence needed to participate in <u>spontaneous</u> <u>English conversation</u>.

Listening: Students can follow simple, everyday transactions [interactions] if carried out slowly and clearly.

Speaking: Students can use brief, everyday expressions to describe wants and needs, and request information.

# Level C Conversation and Fluency for Intermediate to Advanced Speakers (432 hours / 24 weeks / 6 modules)

This level prepares learners to gain speaking fluency by increasing the use of idioms and the mastery of pronunciation in English.

Listening Benchmarks

Students can recognize a speaker's feelings or attitude in linguistically complex speech. Students can infer meaning, opinion, attitude, etc. in fast-paced conversations between fluent speakers.

Students can understand the details in a linguistically complex audio recording. Students can understand the details of extended and linguistically complex talks on a range of political, environmental, and social issues.

Students can recognize a wide range of idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms, appreciating register shifts.

Speaking Benchmarks

Students can use a wide range of persuasive techniques in presentations and discussions to encourage others to take a course of action.

Students can join a conversation already in progress between fluent speakers on complex topics.

Students can manage the participants in a fast-moving discussion to keep it on course. Students can tell a detailed anecdote using linguistically complex language.

Students can summarize group discussions on a wide range of linguistically complex topics.

# Level D Business Conversation for Low Advanced to Proficient Speakers (432 hours / 24 weeks / 6 modules)

This level <u>emphasizes the use</u> of business English (vocabulary/idioms in professional or personal purposes.

Listening: Students can distinguish facts from opinions in a simple [conversation], presentation, or lecture.

Speaking: Students can explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision.

# Making Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (CP)

To comply with their F1 Visa guidelines, students must adhere to the following:

- 1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. in order to make adequate academic progress.
- 2. Attend 80% (or higher) of classes per term and cumulatively across all terms (see Attendance Policy).

Students who fail to achieve the minimum cumulative GPA necessary to move to the next academic level will be notified of their failure. They must retake from one to four modules (repeat the level). The student meet with the Director of Studies before the start of the module to work on a study plan that will enable the said student to make satisfactory progress. Students who fail to make progress above 80% a third time will be dismissed from CPC.

Students can take the achievement test to move up a level at the end or beginning of each module. They need to schedule the test in advance.

## Assessment and Evaluation (CP)

Each term, both instructors meet individually with all EPP students to discuss their personalized learning plan for 5 minutes during the first weeks and weeks 7 or 8. CP students will receive their previous term grades at the beginning of the term, and a copy of the report will be placed in their file.

Students will complete their weekly assessments every Friday and take quizzes every three weeks depending on the syllabus. For students who are unable to do their weekly assessment or their quiz they must inform their instructors or the director of studies at least <u>a week in advance</u>. Makeup assessments or quizzes will only be administered (no later than one week) to students who have a valid (e.g., sickness, travel) reason for missing their assessments or quizzes. Proof (e.g., doctor's note, plane tickets, etc.) must

be provided to the academic staff before the make-up assessment or quiz. Students who miss a chapter quiz or a weekly assessment without a valid excuse will be given a zero.

All **completing students** must take an **exit exam** and an **exit survey** before leaving CPC. The exit survey will allow the student to evaluate such areas as curriculum, instructors, facilities, student services, housing (if applicable), and administrative staff. The office assistant will notify the completing student of the dates/times that are available for taking the exit exam.

#### **Completing a Level Using the Modular System**

All students must complete a level (three full modules) to move to the next level. Completing a level is defined as having completed all required coursework (three full modules), receiving a minimum GPA of 3.0, and attending a minimum of 80% of scheduled class hours. The sequence of the modules might be different for each student.

| Globa<br>For A | al Scale of English<br>dults |   | Th | iree Fu | Ill Modules per Term |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|----|---------|----------------------|
| Range          | 2                            |   |    |         |                      |
| 10 Cc          | onversation                  | 1 | 2  | 3       | PASS                 |
| an             | nd Drills                    | 4 | 5  | 6       | PASS                 |
| Cc             | onversation                  | 1 | 2  | 3       | PASS                 |
|                | id Confidence                | 4 |    |         | PASS                 |
| 50             |                              |   |    |         |                      |
|                | onversation                  | 1 | 2  | 2       | PASS                 |
|                | id Fluency                   | 4 | 5  | -       | PASS                 |
|                | Business                     | 1 | 2  | 3       | PASS                 |
| 100            | Conversation                 | 4 | 5  | 6       | PASS                 |
|                |                              |   |    |         |                      |

To pass a term, follow a sequence of 3 modules:

#### \*Take the Achievement Test if you would like to move up faster.

1 2 3 or 4 5 6 PASS

| 2 | 3 | 4 | PASS | 3 | 4 | 5 | PASS |
|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|------|
| 5 | 6 | 1 | PASS | 6 | 1 | 2 | PASS |

V = F1 Vacation

| 1        | V | 3 | 4     | PASS | 5 | V | 1 | 2 | PASS |  |
|----------|---|---|-------|------|---|---|---|---|------|--|
| 1        | 2 | V | 4     | PASS | 5 | 6 | V | 2 | PASS |  |
| 2        | V | 4 | 5     | PASS | 5 | 6 | 1 | V | PASS |  |
| 2        | 3 | V | 4     | PASS | 6 | V | 2 | 3 | PASS |  |
| 2        | 3 | 4 | V     | PASS | 6 | 1 | V | 3 | PASS |  |
| 3        | V | 5 | 6     | PASS | 6 | 1 | 2 | V | PASS |  |
| 3        | 4 | V | 6     | PASS |   |   |   |   |      |  |
| 3        | 4 | 5 | V     | PASS |   |   |   |   |      |  |
| 4        | V | 6 | 1     | PASS |   |   |   |   |      |  |
| 4        | 5 | V | 1     | PASS |   |   |   |   |      |  |
| 4        | 5 | 6 | V     | PASS |   |   |   |   |      |  |
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Other possibilities can be discussed on a one-on-one basis.

### **CP Grading and Advancement**

CP Students will be graded in different areas: Attendance, Participation, Weekly Assessments, Midterm and Final Exams, Quizzes, and Weekly/Term Projects. Adequate progress through each level requires the students to achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or 80%. A failed level may be repeated a maximum of two times with the approval of the Director of Studies. The students must meet with the Director of Studies to devise a study plan to ensure that the student makes progress towards the next level. Students who fail to make progress a third time will be automatically dismissed from CPC.

| Grading criteria              | % of grade | Course grade   | GPA |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----|
| Participation and<br>Homework | 15%        | A (90-100)     | 4.0 |
| Weekly Assessments            | 30%        | B (80-89)      | 3.0 |
| Midterm Exam                  | 10%        | C (70-79)      | 2.0 |
| Final Exam                    | 10%        |                |     |
| Quizzes                       | 25%        | D (60 & below) | 1.0 |
| Weekly/Term Project           | 10%        |                |     |

Students who fail to achieve a cumulative level GPA of 3.0 (80%) will be notified by the Director of Studies of their failure to adequately complete the level. They will be given the opportunity to repeat a number of modules or the level.

In some cases when the number of students makes it hard to open a class per each level, all students can be placed in bilevel classes. CPC will monitor and track their progress towards their level goals.

#### **Attendance Policy**

All students must attend <u>all</u> classes so that they can make adequate progress (a minimum of 80% cumulative attendance per quarter and across all quarters for VISA purposes). Please refer to the example below for information on maintaining student status.

Instructors will take attendance at the start of every class, and will follow the below guidelines:

- 9:00-9:05: Present
- 9:06-9:10: Tardy
- 9:11 ~ : Absent

Students who leave their classroom for twenty minutes or more or leave class twenty minutes or more earlier will be marked as absent for the entire class (unless they have a medical reason or emergency).

- Students will not be allowed to enter class twenty-five minutes after it has started.
- Students who have accumulated ten consecutive days of absences will automatically have their I-20 terminated.

| Student A   |  | Student B   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Enrollment<br>dates:                                  | 4/6/2020 –<br>6/25/2020  | Enrollment<br>dates:                                  | 4/6/2020 –<br>4/30/2020   |
| Total # of<br>class hours<br>(excluding<br>holidays): | Class #1: 46hours<br>Class #2: 46 hours<br>Class #3: 92 hours      | Total # of<br>class hours<br>(excluding<br>holidays): | Class #1: 16 hours<br>Class #2: 16 hours<br>Class #3: 32 hours    |
| Maximum #<br>of absence<br>hours<br>allowed:          | Class #1: 9.2 hours<br>Class #2: 9.2 hours<br>Class #3: 18.4 hours | Maximum #<br>of absence<br>hours<br>allowed:          | Class #1: 3.2 hours<br>Class #2: 3.2 hours<br>Class #3: 6.4 hours |

Students who accumulate more than the maximum number of absence hours allowed per class will have their I-20 terminated and will have to leave the United States immediately. For students who extend their program in the middle of the term, the number of absences allowed will be recalculated from the point of extension.

#### For Example, Student A:

Original enrollment dates: **4/6/2020 – 6/25/2020** Class hours: <u>Class #1 (46)</u> + <u>Class #2 (46)</u> + <u>Class #3 (92)</u> = **184 total class hours** Max. absence hours allowed: Class #1 = **9.2 hours**; Class #2 = **9.2 hours**; Class #3 = **18.4 hours** Dates of extension: **7/6/2020 – 7/16/2020** 

Class hours: <u>Class #1 (8)</u> + <u>Class #2 (8)</u> + <u>Class #3 (16</u>) = **32 total class hours** 

Max. absence hours allowed: Class #1 = 1.6 hours; Class #2 = 1.6 hours ; Class #3 = 3.2 hours

#### **One-on-one Meetings with Instructors**

Once per term, students will meet with their instructors to discuss their academic goals so their instructors can get a better idea of the best way to assist them in class.

### **Changing Class Levels For New Students**

- Incoming students who receive a placement score, putting them between levels can start in either level depending on their level of confidence. Student input is important in the CP program.
- If they feel that the level is too challenging, they may request to move to a lower level within the first week of class or vice versa. The Director of Studies will review their placement test scores.
- Students who have achieved a 'solid' placement test and their instructors confirm that the students are placed correctly will be advised to remain in the level and to consult with the instructors for additional assistance and to increase their self-confidence.

## **Changing Class Levels For Continuing Students**

• CP continuing students may ask their current instructor permission to change levels during the first or last week of each module. The current instructor notifies the Director of Studies who consults with the student's previous instructors. At the instructors' recommendation or the students' initiative, all students can take the Achievement Exam for the term they wish to skip one time each term. The student must receive a score of 80% or higher to move up levels. Please check with the Director of Studies for further information.

### **Leave of Absence Policy**

Students may be granted an emergency leave of absence (LOA) **only** if they need to be absent for more than five **consecutive** days. Students may be granted an LOA for a maximum of 30 days.

- 1. **Medical Leave of Absence**: If a student or their child gets sick or injured, they may be granted a medical leave of absence. To be granted a leave of absence, the student must provide an official doctor's note that meets the following conditions:
  - a) It must be written on the doctor's regular letterhead, not on a notepad.
  - b) It must give the exact beginning and end dates that the students will not be able to attend classes, and it must have the doctor's signature.
  - c) It must indicate that the severity of the illness prevents the student from attending regular classes. It must include a description of the symptoms (the name of the disease must be specified; "injury and other vague descriptions are not acceptable) and the diagnosis.
- 2. **Bereavement**: A student may be granted emergency leave in the event of a death of a family member or close friend, and they need to attend the funeral.
- 3. Other such emergencies of extraordinary circumstance that have been approved by the administration.

#### **Vacation Policy**

Students are allowed to take one of two options:

- 1) A three-month vacation after being enrolled at CPC for at least one academic year (three terms);
- 2) A one-month vacation after being enrolled at CPC for a full term and at least 16 continuous weeks (four months). Students must start this vacation period only on the start dates set for CP enrollment (F1 students) and must to return to class on the next enrollment date.

The vacation will be approved provided that the student meets the following criteria:

- Have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (80%).
- Have maintained a minimum cumulative attendance average of 80%.
- All students requesting a vacation must complete and submit the Vacation/Emergency Leave Authorization Form to the Front Desk at least two weeks before the start of their vacation period.
- After grades have been submitted, the vacation request will be verified by the Director of Studies. Students will be notified whether or not their application has been approved after all grades have been reviewed in the system.
- Students must report back to the school on the return date indicated on the Vacation/Emergency Leave Authorization Form (see the appendix for additional information). Failure to report by the return date will result in termination of their I-20.

• After returning from their vacation, students must take a placement exam to reassess their level if they have been gone for three months.

#### **Other CPC Programs**

#### English Proficiency Program (EPP) 32 months in total

The English Proficiency Program is a twenty-hour per week program for international students with an F1 student visa. This program develops students' communicative skills and grammar use with the purpose of mastering the English language for academic purposes. Classes are Monday through Friday (four lessons a day).

#### Short-Term English Program (STEP) 1 to 12 weeks

The Short-Term English Program (STEP) is a sixteen-hour per week program for temporary visitors who do not hold an F-1 student visa. This eight-level program mirrors the EPP and enhances the students' communicative skills and grammar use. Classes are Monday through Thursday (four lessons per day),

**TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication)** 24 weeks The TOEIC program is a twenty-hour per week program designed for students who have completed at least the Low Intermediate level. This course provides students with an overview of the exam as well as the necessary strategies and practice needed to successfully take the TOEIC exam.

#### TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) 24 weeks

The TOEFL program is a twenty-hour per week program designed for students who have completed at least the Low Intermediate level. This course provides students with an overview of the exam as well as the necessary strategies and practice needed to successfully take the TOEFL exam.

#### Club Keiki Seasonal Program 1-5 weeks

The Club Keiki program is a seasonal children's program held in the spring and summer. Children enrolled in this program are engaged in four hours of activities in the morning and two and a half hours of study in the afternoon. Students may enroll for one week in the spring and a maximum of five weeks in the summer.

### **Immigration Information**

#### Legal Responsibilities of International Students PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT REGULATIONS CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME! FOR IMMEDIATE UPDATES, go to www.ice.gov

1. Your passport must be valid at all times. It can be renewed in the United States at your country's embassy or consulate. See the administration for assistance.

- 2. You may only attend the school that is written on your I-20. If you entered the United States on a Central Pacific College I-20, you must attend Central Pacific College until transfer to another institution is processed.
- 3. Your I-20 must remain current at all times. If your I-20 is near expiration, consult with the front desk to apply for an extension.
- 4. You must be registered as a full-time student.
- 5. Working without employment authorization is illegal. Doing so can cause extreme difficulties and financial expense for legal fees.
- 6. Make photocopies of your I-20 and sections of your passport: i.e., pages with passport number, issued date, expiration date, picture page, visa stamp page, and the I-94, and keep them in a safe place.
- 7. U.S. Customs & Immigration Enforcement (USICE) requires students to notify them of a change in address within ten days. Should you decide to move, pick up a change of address form at the reception desk, or you can download the form at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/ar-11">http://www.uscis.gov/ar-11</a>

Student Code of Conduct

Students are expected to follow these guidelines of appropriate student behavior. Depending on the severity of the violation, students will be subjected to the following procedures:

If a student violates any of the rules, they will be subjected to the following:

- a. A verbal warning and counseling by the Director of Studies
- b. A written warning issued by the Director of Studies
- c. Dismissal from school

#### I-20 Meetings

Every term, EPP students with an F1 visa will meet with the Director of Studies to confirm the information on their I-20 is up to date and discuss their academic status and future plans to study in the United States.

#### **Requesting to View Information from Student File**

Students may request access to information from their student file from the front desk staff.

### **Dismissal Policy**

A student will be dismissed from school for the following violations:

- Violation of the student code of conduct
- Violation of the attendance policy
- If they become a risk to students, teachers or staff

#### Attendance

CPC requires that international students attend twenty hours of class per week. Students must attend classes every day and bring all relevant school materials (i.e., textbooks, writing utensils) every day. Instructors will take attendance daily at the start of the class. Students must maintain at least 80% attendance per term and cumulatively across all terms. Accumulating less than 80% attendance per term will result in a terminated I-20. Please see the Attendance Policy for more details.

#### Participation

Active participation in class is assessed by regularly completing assignments, homework, quizzes, midterm and final exams, and projects. Your teachers will assess your participation daily, and this will serve as part of your total course grade.

#### Respect

Respectful and appropriate behavior is expected toward classmates, teachers, and staff. Bullying or harassment (physical/verbal) in class or on school premises towards anyone <u>will not be tolerated</u>. Students who are caught doing so will be automatically dismissed from CPC and will have their I-20 terminated.

# **English Only**

To enhance the students' learning experience while studying at CPC, all students are asked to follow the English Only Policy:

\* Students must speak **ONLY ENGLISH** during class and in the lounge. If a student speaks another language in class, he/she will receive a red warning card if there is valid excuse.

If you receive ...

- 1 Card = There will be a warning.
- 2 Cards = Meeting with teachers and Dr. Gonzalo Isidro Bruno.
- 3 Cards = Meeting with Dr. Isidro Bruno and Ms. Yuka Nishimoto.
- 4 Cards = Can not continue at CPC and will be dismissed.

#### **Course Materials**

All students are required to purchase at CPC and elsewhere, and to have the appropriate course materials ready in class.

## **Copying Materials**

Students are not allowed to make copies of their textbooks or exams for themselves or their peers. Copying textbooks (and other copyrighted material) is against the law. Any student caught copying material (or in possession of copied material) is violating the Student Code of Conduct and will be subjected to the full range of consequences.

#### **Cheating And Plagiarism**

In American schools, there are strict rules about cheating and plagiarism that may be different in your home country:

- **Cheating** includes giving or receiving answers on assignments and tests, submitting someone else's work as your own, or using notes, books, or dictionaries for a test when these are prohibited.
- **Plagiarism** is copying from a book or other sources and submitting it as your work. Plagiarism or cheating on exams will result in automatic dismissal from school.

#### Cleanliness

CPC wants its campus to look as clean as possible. All students must clean up any messes they have made and dispose of it properly. Please clean after yourself.

#### **Cell Phones**

Using a cell phone to make or receive phone calls, to text, and to surf the internet during class time is **prohibited**. If your phone has access to the internet, you may use it only for class

related activities, such as consulting a dictionary.

# Smoking

It is illegal to smoke inside the building. It is also unlawful to smoke in front of the entrance to CPC. Electronic cigarette smoking is banned from school property.

### Belongings

Please take your belongings home every day. If you wish to leave your belongings at CPC, please store them in the bins in the student lounge.

#### **Bulletin Board**

It is your responsibility to stay informed. Please check the bulletin boards daily so you do not miss any important announcements and activities. Please sign up for activities or follow posted rules.

### Food and Drink

Students may drink tea, coffee, or water in the classroom. However, it is prohibited to eat in the school during class hours. Please eat in the lounge before or after classes or during breaks.

#### **Extending Course of Study**

To extend their course of study students need to fill out an **Intention for Continuation/change of status Form** at the office and submit it two weeks before the student's last scheduled day of class (the student's "program end date"). If this form is not submitted two weeks in advance and payment is not received at least one week in advance, the student will not receive the usual discount for continuing studies at CPC. Please inform the Office Assistant right away of any changes in your course of study.

### **Transcripts and Academic Records**

Continuing students will receive an updated copy of their transcript during the first weeks of the new term or once they complete four modules in their level. Once they have left CPC, students may request an additional copy of their transcripts or academic records from the admissions staff in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Students can refer to §99.10, §99.11, and §99.12 of the FERPA for more information.

#### Certificates

CP students who complete their intended program with a passing grade (cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher) and cumulative attendance of 80% may request a Certificate of Participation upon request after paying a fee. If they complete the highest level in the program, they will be awarded a Certificate of Program Completion upon request. If students shorten their original enrollment, they are not eligible for a certificate.

### Students with a Child or Children

CP students who are parents need to inform Central Pacific College if they intend to bring their child(ren) to school for the day if they are not able to find childcare. CPC does not have designated staff to attend to the needs of minors and must be given 24-hours-notice should a student decide to bring their child(ren).

#### **Natural Disasters**

If CPC must cancel classes due to the possible danger of natural disasters or other unforeseen circumstance, classes will have to be canceled. In such an event, teachers and staff will be able to provide students with possible ways to make up classwork on their own, but no make-up classes will be held for lost time.

## **Refund and Cancellation Policy**

Students may request a refund at any time during the program. Students must cancel their enrollment before the start of the program to receive a full refund. If a student is expelled from CPC, they may still receive a refund. Please see the CPC refund and cancellation policy form located in the Appendix for more details.

#### Late Payments

#### New students:

Tuition payment must be submitted no later than the first day of classes. Students who fail to submit payment by the deadline will be charged a \$100 late fee and will not be able to attend classes. After the period, students must pay their tuition fee in full along with the \$100 late fee before they can attend classes.

#### **Continuing students:**

Tuition payment must be submitted no later than one week before the start of classes. Failure to pay by the deadline will result in a \$100 late payment fee. If payment is not made before the first day of the extended period, the student will not be able to attend classes until payment is submitted.

#### **Student Complaint Policy and Procedure**

Students who have questions/concerns or complaints about their classes or the program may consult directly with their instructors. The students or instructors will be asked to fill out an Academic Difficulty Form. The instructor will inform the Academic Program Assistant, the Senior Instructor or the Director of Studies immediately of the grievance/concern/feedback. The Director of Studies will address the issue as needed. If the Director of Studies is unable to come to a satisfactory resolution, the Managing Director will be consulted and will assist making the final decision.

Central Pacific College is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) as meeting and maintaining set standards of quality. It is the mutual goal of ACCET and CPC to ensure that educational programs of quality are provided. When problems arise, students should make every attempt to find a fair and reasonable solution through CPC's internal complaint procedure, which is required by ACCET, and which requires the submission of a written complaint. Note that ACCET will process complaints which involve ACCET standards and policies and, therefore, are within the scope of the accrediting agency.

In the event that a student has exercised the institution's formal student complaint procedure, and the problem(s) have not been resolved, the student has the right and is encouraged to take the following steps:

1. Complaints should be submitted in writing and mailed, or emailed to the ACCET office. Complaints received by phone will be documented, but the complainant will be requested to submit the complaint in writing.

- 2. The letter of complaint must contain the following:
  - a) Name and location of the school,
  - b) A detailed description of the alleged problem(s),
  - c) The approximate date(s) that the problem(s) occurred,
  - d) The name and titles/positions of all individual(s) involved in the problem(s), including faculty, staff, and/or other students,
  - e) What was previously done to resolve the complaint, along with evidence demonstrating that the school's complaint procedure was followed prior to contacting ACCET,
  - f) The name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the complaint. If the complaint specifically requests that anonymity be maintained, ACCET will not reveal his or her name to CPC, and,
  - g) The status of the complainant with the school (e.g. current student, former student, etc.).

3. In addition to the letter of complaint, copies of any relevant supporting documentation should be forwarded to ACCET (e.g. student's enrollment agreement, syllabus or course outline, correspondence between the student and the institution).

#### 4.Send to ACCET

CHAIR, COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE 1722 N Street NW Washington, DC 20036 Telephone: (202) 955-1113 Fax: (202) 955-1118 Email: <u>complaints@accet.org</u> Website: <u>www.accet.org</u>

Note: Complainants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 15 days.

## **Financial Aid**

CPC currently does not offer this kind of assistance to students.

#### Job Placement Assistance

CPC currently does not offer placement assistance to students.

# **Student Safety Tips**

Although Hawaii is one of the safest states in the United States, please be aware that it may **<u>NOT</u>** be as safe as in other places. Here are a few tips that can keep your property and person safe.

- Be aware of your surroundings: Avoid going alone to areas that are unfamiliar or have few people around. Avoid going out late at night by yourself.
- **Do not leave bags and things unattended**: Thieves will often take the opportunity to steal things that are left alone.
- Do not leave purses, shopping bags, suitcases, cell phones, or valuables visible in vehicles: Thieves will often break into cars if they see such valuables.
- Lock your cell phone with a PIN or biometric lock: Cell phones contain valuable information which thieves can take advantage of.
- Be cautious of who you trust: Although most people from Hawaii are friendly and trustworthy, many criminals target tourists due to their naivete.
- If you need help in an emergency call 911: This number is used for crime, fire, and medical emergencies.

### **Children Policy**

Any CPC students who have children are allowed to bring them to CPC **with previous authorization** from the Director of Studies/Managing Director. You must notify CPC ahead of time if you plan to bring your children to CPC. You may bring your children to CPC if there is an emergency or situation when you have no other alternative. You will sign a waiver of responsibility because **CPC staff cannot supervise children** while you are in class.

## **Emergency Contact Information**

| Please contact Central Pacific College if you need assistance. |
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| 1221 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 740                            |
| Honolulu, HI 96814   |
| Phone  |
| Fax  |

Email.....info@cpchawaii.edu

#### **CPC Student Services**

Students who require assistance in finding suitable housing or seek counseling for a personal problem may consult with the administrative staff.

#### **Community Resources**

| Emergency Dispatch                  |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center     | (808) 536-8826 |
| Hawaii Poison Center                | (808) 941-4411 |
| Health Center (Waikiki)             | (808) 922-4787 |
| Health Center (Diamond Head)        | (808) 733-9281 |
| Help Line                           | 211            |
| Legal Aid Society                   | (808) 536-4302 |
| Mental Health Access                | (808) 832-3100 |
| Mental Health America of Hawaii     | (808) 521-1846 |
| National Suicide Hotline (24 hours) | (800) 273-8255 |
| Suicide/Crisis Center (24 hours)    | (808) 832-3100 |

#### Appendix

1) Intention Form

- 2) Refund and Cancellation Policy Form
- 3) Vacation/Emergency Leave Authorization Form



#### Intention for Continuation/Change of Status

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| Student Nam                     | e: (Please Print)   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------|------------|--|--|
|                                 |   | (Family Nam                                    | e)   |   | (First Name) |            |  |  |
| Current Addr                    | ess:  |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
|                                 |   | (Street)                                       |  |   | (Apt #)      |            |  |  |
|                                 | (City)  |  |  |   | (Zip Code    | 2)         |  |  |
| Tel #:                          |   | Today  | y's date:  |   |              | -          |  |  |
| l intend to:                    | <ul> <li>Extend</li> <li>Transfer</li> <li>Return Home</li> <li>Change Visa St</li> </ul> | <b>(*You must ha</b><br>P<br>atus P            | l out informa<br>ve complete<br>lease fill out<br>lease fill out | n in section 1<br>mation in section 2<br>t <b>ed 1 term at CPC)</b><br>ut information in section 3<br>ut information in section 4 |              |            |  |  |
| <1. Intention                   | to extend> :  | / /  |  | _/  | /            |            |  |  |
|                                 | <ul><li>Improve ESL</li><li>Preparatio</li></ul>  | n for TOEFL, TOEI<br>on(s):<br>submit new scho | ol's transfer  | form.   | -            |            |  |  |
|                                 |   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| Address of ne                   | ew school:(Stree  |  | (City)   |   | (State)      | (Zip Code) |  |  |
| Start date at                   | new school:/<br>(month  | /<br>/day/year)                                |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| Reason(s) for                   | transfer:   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| <3. Intention                   | to Return Home>   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| Last day at sc                  | hool: / /   | ·  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| Reason(s) for                   | returning home:   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| <4. Intention                   | to Change Visa Statu  | s>   |  |   |              |            |  |  |
| Last day at sc<br>Reason(s) for | hool: ///   |  |  |   |              |            |  |  |

#### **REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY**

If a student has been absent for 30 consecutive calendar days, they will be automatically withdrawn. The refund due will be calculated using the last date of attendance to cancel and be paid within forty-five calendar days.

#### Cancellation Before Classes Begin or No-show after entry into the U.S.

If a student cancels before attending classes and have not entered the United States, CPC will refund all monies paid less nonrefundable charges (i.e., registration fee, I-20 mailing fee, accommodation processing fee if applicable) of up to \$500.

If a student has entered in the United States and cancels prior to the start of scheduled classes or never attends class (no shows), CPC will retain:

- For an enrollment period of fewer than 12 weeks, all the tuition charges for up to four weeks of the first term.

- For an enrollment period of 12 weeks or more, all the tuition charges for up to six weeks of the first term.

Refunds will be paid either within 45 calendar days of the student's cancellation date or within 45 calendar days of the first scheduled day of class, whichever is earlier. The cancellation date is determined by the student's notification to withdraw.

#### Students Denied Visa/Entry

A student denied a student visa or entry into the United States will be given a full refund of all monies paid less non-refundable charges (i.e., registration fee, I-20 mailing fee, accommodation processing fee if applicable) of up to \$500. Refunds will be made within 45 calendar days from the date of notification of visa or entry denial.

#### Withdrawal or Termination After Classes Begin

See "REFUNDs (DOES NOT INCLUDE NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES)" below.

Students who are terminated because of violations of CPC rules/policies (including attendance) will receive a pro-rated refund. The refund will be calculated based on the last date of attendance.

| REFUNDs (DOES NOT INCLUDE NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES)   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| The last date of attendance occurs at <u>any point in the first four</u><br><u>weeks</u> of the period of enrollment                      | CPC retains the charges applicable to the first four weeks. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The last date of attendance occurs <u>after the first four weeks but</u><br><u>before or at the mid-point</u> of the period of enrollment | CPC retains a prorated amount of tuition.                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| The last date of attendance occurs <u>after the midpoint</u> .  | CPC retains all of the charges for that period.             |  |  |  |  |  |

If your enrollment was facilitated by an authorized CPC overseas agent, the refund shall be made to the agent. However, the processing of any refund may be governed by the contractual agreement between you and the agent. You are advised to consult with your agent should you have any questions.

#### NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES

Registration fee, express mailing fee, I-20 re-issuing fee and accommodation processing fee (maximum total of \$500).

#### Accommodation

Accommodation arrangement may be made through CPC. However, accommodation rules are subject to each accommodation company's individual policy such as deposit fees, refunds and cancellation. Please contact the individual company regarding these policies.

CPC Refund & Cancellation Policy 3/13/2020

I have read, understand, and agree with the CPC Refund & Cancellation Policy

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FORM** 



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| Student Name: (Print)   |                          |                           |                   |            |              |              |              |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | (Family Name)            | (First Name               | 2)                |            |              |              |              |
| Phone :   |                          |                           | Email :           |            |              |              |              |
| Program: 🗖 EPP 🗖 CP 🗖   | OTHER                    |                           |                   |            |              |              |              |
| Type of Leave: 🗖 4 Week Va  | acation                  | Vacation: 1               | For approval, su  | ubmit two  | o weeks pr   | ior to beg   | inning       |
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| Medical/F   | amily/Emergenc           | y Leave of Ab             | sence             |            |              |              |              |
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| In-Country Destination  | on: (Island, State       | e, City)                  |                   |            |              |              |              |
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|   | PDSO/DSO signa           |                           |                   | -          | -            |              |              |
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| Please state with as  | much detail as p         | ossible the re            | eason(s) for y    | our leav   | e:           |              |              |
| Emergency Contact   | ••                       |                           |                   |            |              |              | -            |
|   | (Famil                   | y Name)                   | (First Name)      |            | (Middle Na   | me)          |              |
| Relationship:   |                          |                           |                   | one:       |              |              | _            |
| Submitted by:   |                          |                           |                   |            |              |              |              |
| Approved by:  | lucent s Signature)      | Date:                     |                   | _          |              |              |              |
| (CF   | C Representative Sign    | nature                    |                   |            |              |              |              |