

Matriculation Steps

As a new student...

If you have received a two-year or higher degree from another college but are new to Bakersfield College (BC), you are exempt from the requirements for orientation, assessment, and counseling. All new students who are not exempt must complete the steps below before they can register for classes.

Step 1 — Admission or Update

The first step to higher education success is to apply online to attend Bakersfield College (see [Bakersfield College Steps](#)):

New Students:

[Apply for BC](#) on Open CCCApply, the California statewide web portal that houses the BC application. The following is required:

1. Create an account with CCCApply with your valid email address.
2. Complete the Bakersfield College application. If you do not finish the application completely, you can save your place. Then, return to CCCApply and login again to continue where you left off.
3. After you submit your application and reach the confirmation page, click **Continue** and then click **Activate Your College Account** to receive your BC ID and setup your BC Email.

Allow one (1) to three (3) business days to process your application. You will receive an email (also check your spam or junk folder) at the address you provide with information on how to access your BC Student Account. If you do not receive an email response within 3 business days or if you are encountering errors, please contact Admissions & Records at bcadmissions@kccd.edu or (661) 395-4301.

International students holding visas must contact the International Counselor in the Advising and Counseling Office, see the [International Students web page](#).

Step 2 — Orientation

The Orientation formally introduces you to BC. Register online for the in-person Orientation, or complete the Orientation online. Orientation schedules can be found on the [Bakersfield College Orientation web page](#).

Step 3 — Testing and Placement Testing

Students must participate in placement testing and are strongly advised to prepare for your placement tests in math, reading, and English. These classes are the foundation for all other classes here at BC.

Take the Placement Test at the Testing and Placement Center anytime during their business hours with your photo ID and your BC ID or SSN. Practice tests are available online. Visit the [Prepare for Your Assessment Test page](#).

Students can request accommodations for disabilities by calling (661) 395-4334.

Step 4 — Counseling/Abbreviated Student Educational Plan

Students need to attend a New Student Counseling Workshop to create a list of first semester classes, see the [Counseling web page](#).

Step 5 — Register for Your Classes

[Instructions for registering for classes are available online](#). If you are still unsure about the classes you should register for, please meet with a counselor or educational advisor in the Counseling department (CSS Building, 1st Floor).

As a continuing student...

Continuing students are enrolled in current semester classes.

Update

Submit update form online at [insidebc](#).

Plan:

([Counseling](#))

- Individual advising appointment
- SEP workshops
- Student Development courses
- Follow-up Services

As a returning student...

Returning students have been enrolled in Bakersfield College classes in the past, but not in the current semester.

Update

If you attended Bakersfield College before 1987, complete your admissions form as a new student. If you attended Bakersfield College in 1987 or after, complete the update form online at [insidebc](#).

Orientation

Complete if you have not already attended orientation. If you have never attended an orientation, you are expected to participate in orientation before placement testing. Orientation schedules can be found:

- on [Orientation web page](#)
- in Admissions & Records on the Panorama Campus or the Delano Campus

Placement Testing

Complete if you have not already taken the Bakersfield College placement test. If not, you must participate in assessment if you plan to:

- take an English, math, or other class with prerequisites
- earn a degree
- earn a certificate
- transfer

[Find Placement information online](#).