

Student Support Services

Special Populations/Non-Traditional Programs

Coastal Pines Technical College provides support services for students who are in special population categories including:

- Individual with disabilities (documentation will be requested) - a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, or learning.
- Single Parent- students who have the primary or joint custody for a dependent child. (Can be divorced, widowed, legally separated, never married, or a person who is single and pregnant.)
- Out-of-workforce Individual - students who have been unemployed or underemployed to care for a home and/or family and for that reason have had difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.
- Individual preparing for non-traditional field - students are enrolled in a program of study that will lead to an occupation that is dominated by persons of the opposite sex. (Example: a female in welding or drafting or a male in a healthcare program).
- English Learner- students have a limited ability to write or understand English due to a language other than English as their primary language.
- Individual from economically disadvantaged families- students who are currently homeless, a youth who is in, or have aged out of, the foster care system, receive Pell Grant or federal assistance, including Food Stamps and/or Medicaid, a youth with a parent who is on active duty armed forces.

For information or questions, please contact Libby Cole, Special Populations Coordinator, ecole@coastalpines.edu.

Counseling and Special Services

Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) offers a number of services to help students with disabilities find success in the academic and technical components of their program of study. A disability is described as a condition that impairs or restricts one or more major life activities. Disabilities may be deemed temporary or permanent impairments.

Special services are extended to students who have:

- Impaired vision or hearing
- Learning disabilities
- Physical disabilities
- Medical disabilities
- Psychological impairments

Request Initiation of Services:

It is the student's responsibility to notify Counseling and Special Services of any special needs or disabilities the student may have that requires accommodations in the classroom. During New Student Orientation, students complete a self-disclosure form which identifies any special need or disability that may require accommodations (which are reasonable) in the classroom setting(s), or a disability that may interfere or impede their academic success. Counseling and Special Services has a full-time staff member dedicated to assisting students with disabilities, learning disorders, and any other special physical or psychologically medically identified need.

To request and make arrangements for services, the student must meet with Counseling and Special Services Director to create a plan for classroom adjustments or accommodations. Contact Counseling and Special Services Director at 912-262-9995.

Student Responsibilities

- Provide appropriate documentation:
- Request classroom adjustments or accommodations every term.
- Return classroom accommodation forms after they are signed and reviewed by the instructor(s) to Special Services.
- Understand that other student services (Financial Aid, Admissions, Career, etc.) are the responsibility of the student.
- Adhere to the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Organizations and Opportunities

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)

Phi Beta Lambda is a national student organization for students interested in business careers. PBL provides the students with opportunities to develop occupational competencies for business occupations and promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility. Local, state and national competitions are open to students in this organization.

National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)

The National Technical Honor Society is an organization that recognizes students who excel both academically and professionally. Members are nominated by their program instructors and must have a 3.50 or higher average (for a minimum of 30 semester hours) and no less than a 2.0 work ethics grade in every course. Graduates are recognized during the graduation ceremony by the honorary regalia. Membership fees are the responsibility of the student.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The Student Government Association offers opportunities for leadership development, fellowship, and volunteer activities. Each campus/site elects student representatives to serve as Delegates to the SGA. SGA plans activities and sponsors school and civic improvement projects. Activity fees are administered through the Student Activity Fund Council and Student Government Association.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA® is a professional organization that recognizes outstanding students in secondary and postsecondary education. SkillsUSA® members participate in chapter meetings, competitions, leadership conferences, and activities. Members conduct community service projects. They can also interact with local business people in their field of study. Through the SkillsUSA® Championships program, members can earn recognition, industry tools and prizes, and college scholarships by competing in local, state, and national competitions.

Lambda Nu (LN)

Lambda Nu (LN) is affiliated with the National office of the Lambda Nu National Honors Society for Radiologic and Imaging Sciences. Membership in the organization is open to all students enrolled in Radiologic Technology Program or Imaging Sciences Program at Coastal Pines Technical College. Student must have and maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. to be a member. Lambda Nu meets on the Waycross Campus only.

Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL)

The GOAL program is held annually. Outstanding students are nominated by instructors, and finalists are selected on the basis of performance in their respective programs of study and in interviews with a panel of judges. The finalist represents CPTC in the statewide competition for major prizes and awards.

Student Navigator/Retention

Student Navigator

The Student Navigator provides students with the necessary referrals and services that will assist them in the completion of their educational objectives and retention in college.

The Student Navigator assists:

- students who are experiencing academic difficulties in class
- students who have excessive attendance issues
- students who are experiencing other personal hardships or challenges that may affect their success

The Student Navigator assists with:

- study tips
- test taking strategies
- test anxiety tips
- motivation
- stress management
- time management
- referrals to tutoring
- additional tools for Student Success

Contact the CPTC Student Navigator at 912-285-6361 for additional information.

Voter Registration

Voter Registration Students in Georgia can register to vote online by visiting the Secretary of State's My Voter Page. Students who wish to register to vote on paper may pick up a voter registration card by contacting Coastal

Pines Technical College's Student Activities Coordinator at lcisco@coastalpines.edu. Once the form is returned and completed, the Student Activities Coordinator will forward the form to the Secretary of State for processing. CPTC Student Government Association also sponsors a voter registration campaign in the Fall.

For information or questions, please contact Lindy Cisco, Student Activities Coordinator, lcisco@coastalpines.edu.

Career Counseling

Career counseling is available to any potential or current student unsure of a program choice. Career inventories and/or assessments are available. Program options and requirements may be discussed during the counseling session.