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CCP Orientation

*Gaston College is accredited by
the Southern Association of Colleges and
Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
to award associate degrees.*

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AGENDA

1. Student Need To Know
2. Resources
3. Privacy Rights (FERPA)
4. Student Expectations
5. Student Success
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Taking a Seated Class? Things you need to know

1. You are able to park in any spot not designated as Faculty/Staff parking. We do not require parking passes.
2. GC Photo ID's are available at no charge for all curriculum students.
 - There are perks to having an ID including local discounts, access to massage and cosmetology services, and free use of the fitness center.
3. GC is a tobacco-free campus. Be sure to leave all tobacco products including electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) at home.
4. GC also has a zero drug and alcohol policy. Controlled substances are strictly prohibited on College premises or any college-related activities.

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There are many resources in place to assist you in being successful at GC:

- Gaston College Libraries
- Campus Bookstores
- Learning Centers – Tutoring or Testing
- Writing Center
- Technology Resources and Blackboard Support
- Personal Counseling
- Student Activities and Clubs
- Early Alert
- AVISO



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Accessibility Resources

- Gaston College is committed to providing equal access to higher education for individuals with disabilities. As part of our mission, we serve the lifelong learning needs of a diverse population by providing comprehensive educational programs to all students.
- The Counseling Center provides reasonable accommodations to any student, with a documented disability, who requires accommodation.
- For further information, please contact the Special Needs Counselor, ZaMyra Dow-Shaw at 704-922-6224, dow-shaw.zamyra@gaston.edu.

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Campus Police and Security

- GC Alert is a campus notification system that will notify you of:
 - Weather closings
 - Crimes in progress
 - Emergency situations
- Students can sign up for GC Alert by visiting the Campus Safety section of the webpage. (Standard text messaging rates may apply and you can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time.)



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Students who are successful in college classes are:

- Self-motivated
- Attending Class – both online and in person
- Organized
- Checking GC student email regularly
- Able to manage time well
- Comfortable using technology
- Self-disciplined
- Competent using Blackboard – watch tutorial!
- Able to communicate well
- Self Advocates
- Able to have reliable computer and internet access

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GC Distance Education and Online Learning

- Blackboard Help

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Privacy Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (**FERPA**) ensures the privacy rights of students. **FERPA** applies once the GC application for admission is completed, regardless of whether the student is 18 years old. Unless the student signs a consent form granting approval, no information may be released related to his/her record.

FERPA Student Consent Forms are available in the Office of Records and Registration (Student Affairs) in the Myers Center – Second Floor on the Dallas Campus of GC. If a parent claims the student as a dependent and provides Student Affairs with page 1 of the most recent year's federal tax return noting this, any information can be released.

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Student Expectations

- Follow directions on Student Login Form and log into WebAdvisor, set up GC student email account and Blackboard account.
- Understand college expectations are different than high school expectations.
- Students are responsible for reading the current GC Student Handbook and following college policies and procedures.
- Students need to login each day to keep up with the content flow, complete assignments, follow discussions and communicate with your classmates and instructor (in a professional not “texting” manner).
- Communicate directly with college instructor.
- Expect to be treated as a college student.
 - Consequences for lack of participation or attendance may result in being withdrawn for the course(s) by the college instructor.
 - Some courses may cover topics that have mature content
 - There is no such thing as credit recovery in college

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Grades/Withdrawals

- College courses grades will be included on high school transcripts (letter grades and withdrawals). Grades will affect both GC and high school GPA.
- Grades can affect admissions to GC and other colleges/universities.
- Grades from GC courses will not be noted on high school progress reports.
- **It is the student's responsibility to notify the high school counselor if they need to drop or withdraw from a CCP course.**

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CCP Website

<http://www.gaston.edu/career-college-promise/>

- Student Parent Agreement
- Handbook(s) – CCP/GC Policies & Procedures
- Forms
- Blackboard blackboard orientation gaston college (Youtube)
- Webadvisor & Email Access
- Quicklinks
- GC Promise

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QUESTIONS?

