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Assessment Office - Placement tests for English and math are administered throughout the year on a Walk-In basis M-F 8:15am-2:30pm with valid photo identification. Information on testing may be obtained by contacting the Assessment Center in Room 157 (559) 730-3737.

California Mini-Corps Program - The California Mini-Corps Program assists college students who are interested in teaching and would like to dedicate their professional careers to helping migrant students who are enrolled in elementary through high school. For more information, please contact Marcy Huerta at (559) 730-3958 or visit the Mariposa Building.

CalWORKs- The CalWORKs program assists welfare recipient students and those in transition off of welfare to achieve long-term self-sufficiency through coordinated student services. For further information, call (559) 730-3864 or visit the Sequoia Building Room 106. (www.cos.edu/calworks)

Child Development Center- The Child Development Center, located at 1945 West Meadow Lane in Visalia, is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young children. Child care is provided for students, staff, and the public. Please call (559) 730-3918 for information about cost and space availability for your child or if you have questions about qualifications and referral to other child care services.

Counseling- The purpose of counseling is to help students succeed in their studies through self-evaluation, decision-making, careful planning, and commitment. Counselors assist with creating a Student Educational Plan and the Application for graduation. You may call (559) 730-3741 or (559) 730-3715 or visit the Counseling Office located in the Sequoia Building Room 103 regarding counselor availability (appointments or walk-in). To ask about counseling at the COS/Hanford Center, you may call (559) 583-2500.

Disability Resource Center- The Disability Resource Center (DRC) serves COS students with a variety of disabilities, including: students with mobility, vision and other health impairments; students with hearing and speech difficulties; students with learning disabilities that affect acquiring, storing and/or retrieving information; students who have acquired brain injuries; developmentally delayed learners with potential for measurable achievement in college; and students with psychological disabilities. The DRC is located in the Sycamore Building Room IM-109. Their phone number is (559) 730-3805.

District Police- District Police serves to protect students, employees, and the campus. Semester parking permits may be purchased in the Cashier window in the Sequoia Building (across Counseling). Daily parking permits may be obtained from the parking permit machines located in the parking lots. Campus Police is located in the Blue Oak Building located in Parking Lot 1 off Meadow Lane. Their phone number is (559) 730-3726. After 9:00 pm, try 730-3999. For emergencies please call 911. You may Text a confidential tip at (559) 715-2918.

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)/ Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) - The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) recruits and successfully retains college students of educationally and socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds from throughout Kings and Tulare Counties. The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program serves EOPS students as they seek to break the welfare-dependency cycle by supporting them to complete college-level educational or training programs. For more information, please visit the EOPS/CARE Office in the Sequoia Building Room 108 or call (559) 730-3818.

Financial Aid (www.fafsa.gov) - The College offers a coordinated program of scholarships and grants, loans and employment opportunities to assist students in meeting their college expenses. Please contact the Financial Aid Office located in the Sequoia Building Room 105 or call (559) 730-3725 or 3747.

First Year Experience Program - Through the First Year Experience program, COS aspires to create learning environments that both challenge and support first year students. The goal is to ease the transition to college for first year students, achieve success in college course work and to enhance continued enrollment. For more information, please visit the FYE program in the Sequoia Building Room 3 or call (559) 730-3926.

Health Center - The Health Center provides the following services: blood pressure screening, T.B. skin testing, vision and hearing screening, immunizations, health counseling, pregnancy testing, psychological counseling, and nursing assessments. The Health Center staff has free mental health counseling and resource and referral information. For more information, contact the Health Center at (559) 730-3880 or visit the Center located in the Giant Forest Building (south east corner).

Housing Services - The Office provides a Housing Bulletin Board to assist students in locating apartments, rooms, and houses in the local area. Anyone interested in posting a listing should stop by the Student Activities and Affairs Office located in the Giant Forest Building or call (559) 730-3736. The Housing Bulletin Board is located in the breezeway in the Sequoia Building. COS has no dormitories.

International Students - Contact Mona Freeman in the Welcome Center (room 104) or call (559) 730-3970.
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Learning Resource Center (Library) - The Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides a combination of up to date instructional technology, print and online resources. DVD and video materials to help students achieve their educational goals. For more information contact the library helpdesk at (559) 730-3824 or visit the LODGEPOLE Building.

Math Tutorial Lab - The Math Lab is dedicated to helping students master mathematics through tutorial assistance offered by instructors and student tutors. No appointment necessary. Study groups are welcome to use the facility. A limited number of computers are available in the Math Lab and in the Kaweah Building Room 202. The Math Lab is located in the LODGEPOLE Building. For more information, call (559) 730-3820.

MESA - The MESA program is designed to help COS students with mathematics, engineering and science course completion by offering academic support and encouragement by means of individual and group tutorials, fieldtrips and group projects. For more information, call (559) 737-6136 or visit the MESA Center located in the John Muir building in Room JM 124.

On Campus Student Employment/Work Study - COS offers student employment to some current COS students who qualified for Work Study jobs through financial aid. COS also offers department/district paid, on campus positions which are not paid by Work Study. Contact Dianna Fauvor at (559) 730-3864 or visit the Sequoia Building Room 106. For off campus student employment opportunities please go to the Welcome Center in the Sequoia building Room 104.

Puente Project - The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees and return to their communities as leaders and mentors to succeeding generations. For more information, call (559) 730-3957 or visit the Tule Building Room 569A.

Scholarship Program - College of the Sequoias offers numerous scholarships each year to eligible high school and college students. Eligibility information, applications, and a Scholarship Directory may be obtained from the Scholarship Office located in the Sequoia Building Room 106.

Student Activities and Affairs - The College offers a variety of curricular programs, including student government, athletics, music groups, clubs, assembly programs, community service projects and social activities. Further information on any activities can be obtained through the Student Activities and Affairs Life Office in the Giant Forest Building Room 123.

Transfer Center - The Transfer Center offers many services to help students prepare for transfer to a four-year institution. The Transfer Center is located in the Sequoia Building Room 104. For more information, call (559) 730-3730.

TRIO/Student Support Services (SSS) - TRIO/SSS provides low-income, disabled, first generation college students intensive and comprehensive services to assist and motivate them towards a successful completion of postsecondary education. TRIO is located in the Mariposa building and is open Monday through Friday, 7:45-4:45. Please call 737-5400 for more information.

Tutorial Center - The Tutorial Center provides individual or small group tutoring free to any student who wants to improve his/her class performance. The Tutorial Center is located in the Lodgepole Building which is also known as the Learning Resource Center (LRC). For more information, call (559) 730-3820.

Veterans Office - Veterans who would like to study at COS should visit the Veterans Office in order to learn of and access their benefits. For more information, call (559) 730-3854 or visit Sequoia Building Room 103.

Welcome Center - The Outreach, Transfer and Career Offices are located in the Welcome Center. Staff is available to help current students learn of resources and services available on campus. Off campus job listings are available through the Welcome Center which is located in the Sequoia Building Room 104. Their phone number is (559) 730-3730.

Writing Center - The Writing Center is a place where students can get (free) help on writing assignments. We are on 2nd floor of the learning resource center; LRC 209. 730-3903.