

## Veteran Education Benefits

Welcome back veterans! Gavilan College offers special assistance to veterans and dependents of disabled veterans.

Pre-priority registration is granted to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is within two years of leaving active duty. For more information consult a counselor or the Financial Aid Office.

Gavilan College recognizes credit and grants credit to veterans and reservists for service and training completed in the Armed Forces. Gavilan College reports as credit for prior training only those prior units that are required for the student's current objective at Gavilan College.

Students having questions pertaining to eligibility for benefits, application procedures and other veteran matters should contact the Veteran Certifying official in the Financial Aid Office (SC124) or call 408-848-4734. We are open Monday - Thursday 8 am to 5 pm.

Below is list of various chapters for veteran education benefits:

- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance
- Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)



**Post 9/11 GI Bill:** Only active duty service performed after 9/11/2001 may be considered for determining eligibility for this new benefit. To be eligible, a service member or veteran must have served at least 90 days on active duty. However individuals honorably discharged for a service-connected disability who served 30 continuous days after 9/10/2001 may also establish eligibility.

Apply for benefits online: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Visit us: Bring DD214 to VA Certifying Official in the Financial Aid Office. Bring any academic transcripts from previous institutions for development of an Ed Plan. To schedule an appointment with a Gavilan College counselor to develop an Ed Plan, please visit the Counseling Office - SC 113 (in the Student Center) or go to [www.gavilan.edu/counsel](http://www.gavilan.edu/counsel).

The VA Certifying Official will require an Education Plan in order to certify benefits.

## LOOK US UP ONLINE AT [WWW.GAVILAN.EDU/FINAID/](http://WWW.GAVILAN.EDU/FINAID/)

Complete the FASFA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

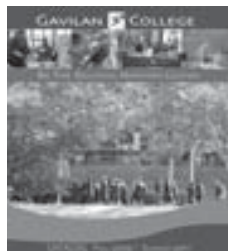
Online financial planning guide & budget counseling at [www.edwise.org](http://www.edwise.org)

Check your Stafford loan status at [www.elmresources.com](http://www.elmresources.com)

Online loan counseling at [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)

Selective service verification of enrollment at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

Apply for PIN at: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)



The **College Catalog** contains a complete description of all Gavilan College courses, student policies, and services. It can be purchased for \$4.00 at the bookstore or viewed online at [www.gavilan.edu/catalog](http://www.gavilan.edu/catalog)

# Student Services

**Basic Skills** students are those who assess into pre-collegiate, non-transferable levels of English and/or Math as well as ESL courses. Support and services are available to ensure they have every opportunity to be successful with their academic goals.

Students who require these pre-collegiate course(s) are identified and assisted with obtaining appropriate services and resources, on and off campus, that may enable them to become academically successful and on track to achieving their goals. Students are referred to the excellent categorical programs on campus such as DRC, EOPS, MESA, Puente and TRIO and those who do not qualify are offered one-on-one counseling services with a designated counselor.

In-class workshops on topics such as study skills, time management, math "fear no more" and goal setting provide students with practical tools and strategies to be successful, and individualized counseling and an "early alert" system help to identify and resolve student issues early.

The Basic Skills Counselor strives to empower students and fosters student success and academic goal achievement within a nurturing, non-judgmental, confidence building environment.

**CalWORKs** serves students who receive public assistance to become self-sufficient through the provision of education, employment and supportive services. The occupational programs for CalWORKs students are linked to the demands of the local labor market and can assist students with a career track that will lead to a family-supporting income. The support services that CalWORKs provides include academic, personal and career counseling, textbooks, employment assistance and job placement and serves as a liaison with county departments of social services.

The CalWORKs staff is friendly and supportive and will work with students to help them reach their goals. The office is located in L101 A, next to the library and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested students may call 408-848-4813.

The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education **CARE** is a special program designed to assist single parents who attend or would like to attend Gavilan College. CARE is a joint effort among the Department of Social Services, EOPS and Gavilan College. To be eligible for CARE, a student must be at least 18 years of age, head of household single parent/grandparent receiving cash assistance from the Department of Social Services, have at least one child under 14 years of age and be eligible for EOPS.

Services provided include: counseling, priority registration, academic tutoring, financial assistance with transportation, books, supplies, grants and other support services.

For additional information, call 408-848-4790 or visit the EOPS office located in L1101 A/B.

**Career/Transfer Resource Center** The Career/Transfer Resource Center offers numerous resources to help in making career decisions, plan for college, obtain specialized training or enter an academic or vocational program at Gavilan College. Career-related services are available to currently enrolled students, prospective students, faculty, staff, and community members. The computerized career guidance program, EUREKA, aids in researching occupations, identifying which colleges offer specific majors, and investigating financial aid and scholarships.

Visit the Career/Transfer Center and log on to Career Connections, a job search website for employers and employees. We are located in the Student Center, SC 101. Make an appointment with the Career Center Specialist at the SARS kiosk in the Student Center or call 408-848-4818.

The **Child Development Center/Preschool** provides care for preschool children in two state-funded programs for families whose monthly income meets eligibility criteria. In addition, a fee based preschool program is available to all parents. These programs serve children with disabilities and special needs as well as children who are limited or non-English speaking. The Center is the only facility in Gilroy that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

The Center is located above parking lot C and is open Monday-Friday. For more information call 408-848-4815.



## Health Insurance

### For Students

Affordable year-round insurance is now available for community college students enrolled in a minimum of 9 units!

**\$250 deductible per year**

**Visit the doctor of your choice.**

**Benefits include:** hospitalization, emergency room visits, surgery, doctor's visits, treatment for mental and nervous conditions, prescription drug coverage, toll-free Nurse Advice Line.

For more information call 1-800-853-5899 or visit [www.wellsfargo.com/studentinsurance](http://www.wellsfargo.com/studentinsurance), click on Comm.College League-Domestic

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**Disability Resource Center (DRC)** provides a variety of services and classes in an effort to equalize educational opportunities for students with disabilities as they move toward their educational or vocational goals.

Services include: Academic, Career and Vocational Counseling • Registration Assistance • Learning Skills Assessment • Specialized Tutoring • Vocational Preparation and Job Placement • Mobility Assistance • Note Taking • Test Taking Facilitation • Sign Language Interpreting • Real Time Captioning • Alternate Media Services • Assistive Computer Technology and Training

### DRC CLASSES OFFERED:

#### Guidance Courses:

Guid 530	Job Readiness
Guid 557	Learning Skills Evaluation
Guid 558	Learning Skills Laboratory
Guid 560	Individual Learning Skills Development
Guid 562	Directed Study Lab in Pre-Algebra
Guid 563	Directed Study Lab in Algebra
Guid 565	Directed Study Lab in Intermediate Algebra

#### Adapted Physical Education:

APE 34/534	Adapted Aquatic Exercise
APE 35/535	Adapted Swimming for Total Fitness
APE 36/536	Adapted Physical Education
APE 38/538	Adapted Cardiovascular Conditioning and Training

#### Computer Science Classes:

CSIS 570	Computer Access Evaluation
CSIS 571	Computer Assisted Instruction
CSIS 572	Adaptive Computer Basics

**Vocational Preparation:** These programs are offered for students with developmental disabilities at three sites: Gavilan College, HOPE in Gilroy and HOPE in Hollister.

Students requiring accommodations or arrangements because of hearing, visual, or other disabilities should contact their instructor, counselor, or the Adapted Services Specialist at the Disability Resource Center located in LI 117. For more information call 408-848-4865.

## Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)

provides student support services designed to increase access, retention and transfer of students with social, economic and educational challenges.

The EOPS Program services include:

**Counseling:** academic, career and personal counseling • transfer assistance • field trips to major universities • community agency and emergency referrals

**Financial Assistance:** book vouchers

**Specialized Workshops** for facilitating student success

**Other Services:** student computer center • book lending library • priority registration • EOPS club

The EOPS office is located in L101 A & B in the library and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who are interested may call 408-848-4740.

**First-Year Experience** Gavilan College offers a program for "first-time," new students who want to strengthen their reading, writing and study skills while they become familiar with the campus and its resources. Teachers and counselors work together to help students develop connections between the courses and their college experience. The goal is to help students build a strong foundation and place them on the road for college success. See classes on page 82.

**Health Services** Gavilan College provides a full-time faculty/college nurse who provides health services, health information, health education events, health counseling and referrals in a quiet, confidential setting.

Students receive confidential, personal health counseling for a variety of health concerns. Health Services provides first aid treatment, blood pressure screening, tuberculin skin testing for students, HIV testing referrals, condoms and over-the-counter medications such as aspirin. Pamphlets and classes are available on nutrition, hepatitis, stress management, AIDS, suicide and other health topics. Health information is provided in small group settings. Referrals for health conditions including alcohol and drug intervention are available. Health Services provides first aid kits throughout the campus and at the satellite sites, responds as a member of a team to campus emergencies on the main campus and provides information regarding outside health insurance for the college student.

Health Services is a comprehensive "one stop" center for a variety of health services located in the Admissions Building (SC 118.) Services are free and available Monday - Friday on the main campus in Gilroy. For additional information call 408-848-4791.

**Outreach and Recruitment** services are designed to familiarize the community with the variety of programs and services available at Gavilan College. We will schedule tours of the campus or visits to a specific department, or provide information on academic, vocational and transfer opportunities. Outreach and Recruitment will also arrange for representatives from Gavilan to make presentations at your school or event.

For further information or to schedule a workshop, presentation or tour, please contact Outreach Services at [outreach@gavilan.edu](mailto:outreach@gavilan.edu) or call (408) 846-4993. Office location: PB11J.

The **Puente Program** assists educationally underserved students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees and return to the community as leaders and mentors to future generations. Puente is open to all students.

**English Instruction:** Puente students take two consecutive writing classes, English 250 (Practical Writing) and English 1A (Composition). These classes provide a supportive and stimulating environment for Puente students to build confidence in their writing skills through an exploration of the Mexican American/Latino experience.

**Counseling:** Puente students work closely with their Puente counselor until they graduate, exploring career options, developing an academic educational plan and identifying lifetime goals. Students visit University of California and California State University campuses and attend an annual Puente student transfer conference. All Puente students are also required to enroll in Guidance 6 (Life Skills for Higher Education) and Guidance 1 (Self-Assessment and Career Development).

**Mentors:** Each Puente student is matched with a mentor from the business or professional community. Mentors share with students their personal, academic and career experiences, and provide a window into "real-life" work environments. The network of trained Puente mentors provides many resources for the Puente students, their families, their colleges and their communities. If you are interested in more information please visit SC 102 or call 408-848-4807.

# Student Life

The **Associated Student Body (ASB)** is the official student organization on campus and provides the majority of student input and recommendations on critical campus issues to faculty, staff, administration and the Board of Trustees.

**The Student Senate** is a representative body of students who meet weekly to plan, implement and evaluate college activities and services that meet the needs of Gavilan College students. Any student who meets the requirements of the ASB's by-laws may become a voting member of the Student Senate. The elected and appointed officers provide a liaison between the students and academic departments and student services. The variety of leadership positions allows for different levels of involvement so that students can balance their academic and extracurricular loads effectively.

The political and practical leadership skills that students develop through the ASB are supplemented through a leadership course offered through the Political Science and Psychology Departments (POLS 27; PSYC 27). The curriculum includes practical skills that are applicable to college-related opportunities and other professional and personal environments. The curriculum is an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary leadership. This is an elective course that is transferrable to the CSU system and meets a GE requirement for the Gavilan College A.A./A.S. degree. Although the UC system does not accept the units for the class, it gives added consideration to those students who have been involved in student government and other college governance activities. Employers also look favorably upon a student's involvement in college leadership.

The benefits of buying an ASB Student Body Card are many. Revenue supports social and cultural activities on campus and provides the purchaser with free admission to athletic events, discounts at cultural events and free bluebooks and scantrons (testing supplies) in the bookstore. Community-wide businesses offer discounts to card holders such as reduced movie admissions, restaurant, gym, museum, computer and software discounts. ASB cards can be activated as library cards and come with 100 free prints. Visit the ASB office in the Student Center - room 158 or call 408-848-4777.

**Publications** The **Gavilan Press**, an independent student newspaper, gives students a real world journalism experience, training in traditional and digital tools, and a public forum for their ideas and opinions. The newspaper has covered events, issues and people that shape, reflect and define the college and the world since 1967. The Gavilan Press is also available online at [www.gavilanpress.com](http://www.gavilanpress.com). Call 408-848-4837 for more information.

**Rho Alpha Mu - Honor Society** is the Gavilan College chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Community College Honor Scholarship Society. Its purpose is to recognize student scholarship, contribute to the social and cultural life of the campus and to provide and promote active involvement with the larger community through voluntary community service activities. Membership is open to all those with at least a 3.0 grade point average. There are a number of financial award possibilities for members in good standing. For more information call 408-846-4947.

**Theatre Productions** The **Gavilan College Theatre** offers a range of plays, including childrens' plays, musicals and Shakespearean productions. In addition to performing on stage, students learn backstage and technical production skills. For more information visit [www.gavilan.edu/theatre](http://www.gavilan.edu/theatre).

**TADA Productions** - The Gavilan ASB Theatre Club sponsors several social and cultural events during the school year including: *Fiesta Mexicana*, a Folklorico Concert; *Historias de mi Madre* a Community Solutions event for Domestic Violence Awareness month; *One Night Stand(s)*, fall & spring stand-up workshops and Comedy Night(s); and other student generated performances.

In 1985, the Gavilan College **Summer Theatre Arts Repertory (STAR)** Program was created to give Gavilan College Theatre Arts students an opportunity to share their passion for the performing arts with South County youth. Students from the academic program serve as STAR leaders, often directing and producing plays. The Theatre Arts Program provides academic credit, production experience, and the opportunity for individual growth through the arts. For more information, call 408-848-4764 or visit [www.gavilan.edu.star](http://www.gavilan.edu.star).



Photo depict production of *Godspell* (spring 2009)

- Ambassadors
- Aneme
- Chi Sigma Lota (Administration of Justice)
- Cheerleading
- CDC Parenting Club
- Christian Fellowship
- COSMO
- Digital Media
- EOPS Club
- Gavilan Burners  
(Wheelchair Basketball Club)
- Gavilan Music
- The Gavilan Press/Student Newspaper
- GavTV
- Health Promotion
- Inception Literary Club
- International Club
- Knit Wits
- Latina Leadership Network
- MANO (Men's Academic Network Organization)
- MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement)
- OUT
- Parent's Club
- Rho Alpha Mu
- Science Alliance
- TADA/Theatre Arts
- Teachers For Tomorrow

## ASB CLUBS

For more information  
call 408-848-4777.



A variety of clubs and organizations have been established to provide opportunities for students to participate in scholastic, social, political, cultural and recreational pursuits. Club activities are coordinated and supported through the Student Senate. Students are encouraged to start clubs if they have a particular interest not represented currently on campus.