**What is FYE?**

FYE stands for *First-Year Experience.*

Several colleges nationwide offer first-year or freshman-year programs to assist students with the difficult transition from high school to college.  FYE Programs have demonstrated marked success in improving student retention and persistence, particularly for at-risk, first time in college students.

At College of the Canyons, First Year Experience (FYE) is a comprehensive program **exclusively** for freshman entering from the William S. Hart School District, and is designed to support the high school-to-college transition of students who have assessed below transfer-level in English and math. Through yearlong academic classes, programs, and activities, students will learn skills that will enhance their college success and build a foundation for lifelong learning.

**FYE Benefits**

* **Orientation**: July 15 - 18
* Students will be introduced to the college experience. Learn about the college’s academic programs and services, explore majors and careers, and meet our faculty
* Students will tour the Valencia campus, meet with counselors to choose a major and develop an Education Plan, become connected to the College of the Canyons community, and register for classes.
* **Learning Communities**: Students attend English, Math and Counseling classes with other FYE students.
* **Faculty Mentors**: Students will meet with their faculty mentors during the fall semester to “check-in” and discuss how they are transitioning from high school to college.
* **First Year Experience designated classes and workshops**
* **Counseling 111-** Introduction to College & Strategies for Success
* **Counseling 010-** Career Exploration
* **Counseling 142-** Learning to Learn
* **Supplemental Learning Workshops & Guided Learning Activities for English and Math**
* **Early registration, scheduling and guaranteed enrollment in 12 units for the fall semester:** English, Math, Counseling, and a General Education (GE) or Career Technical Education course (CTE).
* **Enrollment in English, Math, Counseling, and GE or CTE courses for the spring semester** (if qualified).

**FYE Important Dates**

**High School Outreach**

FYE presenters will be holding information sessions during the months of February and March at all local Hart District High School sites. Please see your counselor to sign up for an FYE presentation.

**Key Dates**

1. Attend a **First Year Experience Information Session** February & March
2. Complete an online **Application for Admissions** Beginning April 1

<http://www.canyons.edu/offices/Admissions/NewStudents.asp>

1. Complete **English and Math Assessment**  Complete by May 1

<http://www.canyons.edu/offices/matric/placementtesting.asp>

1. Complete an online **First Year Experience Application** Complete by May 15

<http://www.canyons.edu/fye>

1. Register for **First Year Experience Orientation Day** Complete by June 30

<http://www.canyons.edu/fye>