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Clark College *The Next Step*



*Cool nights. Cool classes.*

Clark College evening classes help  
you take **The Next Step.**





Members of the Clark College Bookstore staff (top) have created a warm, inviting environment for purchasing textbooks and supplies. Clark College President Robert Knight (bottom photo, right) was in the bookstore on the first day of fall classes to welcome students to the Penguin Nation.

Most penguins love cold weather so it should be no surprise that winter quarter is a great time at Clark College -- the “Penguin Nation.”

Access to education is at the core of our mission. We’re constantly looking for new ways to help students make their educational dreams come true.

We know that many of our students work during the day, so we’re increasing the number of evening classes and services that we offer. (Long-term, we’re also exploring some options for weekends.)

We also know that the cost of college is a concern for many of our students. Did you know that two out of three students who apply for scholarships through the Clark College Foundation receive them? Scholarships, financial aids and grants are all ways that the college receives and provides help for our students.

Also in this issue of *Clark College Connections*, you’ll meet some exceptional faculty and staff members. Literally. They are the men and women who have been honored with this year’s Exceptional Faculty and Exceptional Classified Staff awards.

If you haven’t been to the beautiful, new Clark College Bookstore yet, I hope you’ll visit it soon. The bookstore did an outstanding job in creating a vibrant place to buy books, meet friends or just relax with a warm cup of coffee on a winter’s day.

Cool days and nights. Cool classes. Welcome to winter quarter at Clark College!

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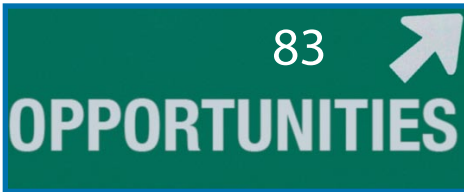
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#### Clark College Mission Statement:

Clark College provides opportunities for individuals from diverse backgrounds to pursue their educational goals. The college offers accessible, comprehensive education; provides services to support student success; and fosters community partnerships that enhance student learning. The college focuses on professional/technical training, academic transfer, pre-college and basic skills, personal development, and cultural enrichment.





# Cool Nights. *Cool Classes.*

Instead of spending the dark, rainy nights of winter at home, why not go back to class? Whether you're looking for a general education class or training for a new career, Clark College has something for everyone. And with evening services ranging from child care to computer labs, you can be sure that taking an evening class at Clark will help you take The Next Step in life – whatever it may be.

## Evening Classes Abound at Clark College

Students today are busy – working, raising families, volunteering or with extracurricular activities – and need options to meet the demands of their schedules. One way Clark College helps meet that need is by offering evening classes.

Evening classes at Clark begin at 5:00 p.m. or later. They may be offered on a single night of the week (such as Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.) or multiple nights (such as Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.). Evening classes give students greater choices in attending classes at the time of day that best meets their needs. Many of the academic departments at Clark College offer evening alternatives to their most popular daytime classes. (See “Departments Offering Evening Classes: Winter 2008” for a complete list.)

“Providing accessible education is part of the mission of Clark College,” said Vice President of Instruction Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd. “Many of our students have varied commitments that prohibit them from attending classes only during the day. With our evening course offerings, students have the flexibility to choose the schedule that fits best for them individually as they work toward the fulfillment of their educational goals at Clark College.”

## Evening Programs Offer Alternatives

For individuals who work or have other daytime responsibilities, one of Clark's evening program offerings may be The Next Step in career training. Several departments offer certificate or degree programs that enable students to take program courses in the evening. “It is our department's goal to provide evening paralegal courses in sufficient number and offerings to allow a student to graduate without having to attend any paralegal day courses,” said Program Director Layne Russell.

Depending on the requirements of the certificate or degree, students may be able to complete the entire program by exclusively taking evening classes. “There is a wide array of evening offerings at Clark,” said Miles Jackson, Interim Dean of Social Sciences and Fine Arts. “Science, humanities, social science, English and mathematics – courses that fulfill associate of arts distribution requirements in each of these areas are available in the evening.”

## You Won't Be Left Out in the Dark

Beyond offering evening classes, many of Clark's student services are open beyond 5:00 p.m. – meaning you won't be left in the dark when it comes to computer lab access, advising and registration, or even child care. (See “Evening Student Services at Clark College” for a list of extended office hours.)

For parents, evening class offerings alone may not be enough. There may also be the need for a safe, secure care setting for their children. By offering extended hours (until 9:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays), the Clark College Child Care Center can help students meet this need. “The evening care program is very important to me as a parent and student at Clark College because it provides a safe place for my child while I am ending a long day of school and work,” said Kari Daniels, a Clark student and mother of a four-year-old. “I am very thankful for this program and couldn't ask for better teachers.”

Student Life also focuses on offering evening as well as daytime activities for students. Recent student activities have included the Halloween dance, “Viva Las Vegas,” a casino-themed event, and “Use Your Noodle,” an event featuring crafts and entertainment for the whole family. “Students who attend classes primarily in the evening need opportunities – just as day students do – to feel connected to the college through clubs, programs and school-sponsored activities,” said Ted Broussard, dean of student success and retention at Clark College. “We know that when students are engaged with the college and feel a connection with a particular instructor, staff member or extracurricular activity, they have a much higher chance of staying in school and achieving their educational goals.”

By offering daytime, evening and online courses, Clark College provides an array of choices for individuals looking to take The Next Step in their lives. Whether a general education requirement or part of a certificate program, Clark's evening classes are just one option available to all students. For more information on specific evening classes being offered during winter quarter 2008, see the course listings section of this schedule – or go to [www.clark.edu/academics/schedule](http://www.clark.edu/academics/schedule) and click on “Evening Classes” to see the most current listing. ■

## Departments Offering Evening Classes: Winter 2008

The following departments are scheduled to offer at least one evening class during winter quarter 2008. (See class listings in this schedule for evening class offerings. All class offerings are subject to change based on enrollment and instructor availability. For the most current information on class offerings, visit the Clark College Web site at [www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu) or contact the Advising Center or faculty advisor for assistance in selecting classes that best fit your needs.)

Addiction Counselor Education	English
Adult Basic Education	English as a Second Language
Anthropology	French
Art	GED
Astronomy	Geography
Automotive Technology	Geology
Biology	Graphic Communications/Printing
Business Administration	Health
Business Math	Health Occupations
Business Technology	History
Chemistry	Human Development
Communication Studies	Humanities
Computer Aided Design & Drafting	Japanese
Computer Science & Engineering	Machining Technology
Computer Technology	Management
CPR	Mathematics
Data Networks and Telecommunications Technology	Paralegal
Developmental Education	Philosophy
Diesel Technology	Physical Education
Digital Imaging	Physical Science
Early Childhood Education	Political Science
Economics	Psychology
Electronics	Reading
Emergency Medical Technician	Sociology
Engineering	Spanish
	Surveying
	Theatre
	Welding
	Women's Studies





## Evening Program Offerings

The following departments offer certificate or degree programs that may be earned by taking evening classes at Clark College:

### Addiction Counselor Education

Offers an evening-only certificate of proficiency program to students who already have a degree. The program is designed to be part-time for working adults and prepares students to sit for the Washington state chemical dependency professional exam.

### Automotive Fast Track

Clark's automotive technology program offers an evening fast track option, designed to allow students to complete either a certificate of proficiency or an associate in applied science degree.

### Machining

Evening classes in machining technology are offered. Students are able to earn a certificate of proficiency, an associate of applied science degree or an associate of applied technology degree through evening classes.

### Paralegal

Evening paralegal program courses are offered. Depending on whether the student is pursuing a certificate of proficiency or associate of applied science degree, the student may be able to complete the program exclusively through evening classes.

### Surveying

The field survey technician program enables students to earn a certificate of proficiency. All classes in the field survey technician program are offered in the evenings or on Saturdays.

### Welding

Three welding program classes, each resulting in a certificate of completion, are offered in the evening; taking all three classes will earn the student a certificate of achievement.

## Evening Student Services

Several college services offer extended office hours (beyond 5:00 p.m.) to assist students enrolled in evening classes:

### Advising

open until 6:00 p.m. M-Th

### Assessment

open until 7:00 p.m. W

### Bookstore

open until 6:30 p.m. M-Th

### Career & Employment Services

open until 6:00 p.m. M-Th

### Child Care

open until 9:00 p.m. M-F

### Computer Labs

AA4 room 101

open until 8:00 p.m. M-Th

LIB 203

open until 8:15 p.m. M-Th

SHL 023

open until 6:00 p.m. M-Th

SHL 135

open until 9:00 p.m. M-Th

### Financial Aid

open until 6:00 p.m. M-Th

### Library

open until 8:30 p.m. M-Th

### Registration

open until 6:00 p.m. M-Th

### Security dispatch

open until 10:30 p.m. M-F

The Tutoring & Writing Center and Math Department help sessions offer evening hours based on the availability of tutors and faculty volunteers. Contact the Tutoring & Writing Center at 992-2253 for evening hours information by quarter. Help session schedules are posted throughout the Math Department and online at [web.clark.edu/math/helpsess.htm](http://web.clark.edu/math/helpsess.htm).

Extended office hours may change during the quarter based on staffing availability. Check the Clark College Web site ([www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu)) or call the service office to confirm evening hours.

# Clark College Bookstore Opens in *New Location*

After months of planning and construction, the Clark College Bookstore opened in its new location on Friday, August 17. Some of the enhanced features in the new store include a fitting room for students to try on uniforms and other clothing, an ADA-compliant register counter, service counters in the text and technology departments and lower fixtures for easier access.

Overall, the new bookstore has been greeted with enthusiasm by the entire college community. "We've received lots of nice comments on the store," said bookstore employee Liz Martinez. Returning Clark College students especially noted a difference. "I like the new store," said one. "This is a nice store in comparison to the other," echoed another returning student. "The books are easier to find."

During the first days of fall quarter, bookstore employees were posted throughout the store to help students find the books and supplies they needed to start the year off right. It

was a detail that wasn't lost on shoppers. "The store is beautiful – it seems roomier," said one shopper. "But the people are just as nice."

"We are very excited to be in our new location," said Clark College Bookstore Manager Monica Knowles. "The reception we've received from students, faculty and the whole college has been positive. We look forward to being a part of the final Gaiser Hall-Student Services remodel."

The Clark College Bookstore is open to serve students, college employees and members of the community. In addition to textbooks and course materials, the bookstore offers an array of Clark College clothing and penguin-related items. Stop by today and visit the new Clark College Bookstore – and watch for the grand opening in conjunction with the completion of the Gaiser Hall remodel. ■

1) Running Start students were among the first to buy textbooks in the new Clark College Bookstore during their open house on August 23.

2) From textbooks and calculators to paintbrushes and even skulls, the Clark College Bookstore provides students with one-stop shopping for their course material needs.





# Truly *Exceptional*

Every year, Clark College recognizes exceptional faculty and staff members for their contributions to the college and its students. This year's honorees reflect skills ranging from vocal music performance to Web site programming. Here, an up-close look at the five individuals whose daily work has been recognized by their students and colleagues – and who have collectively given 70 years of service to Clark College. Each is truly exceptional.



English professor **Dr. Marylynne Diggs** teaches composition, literature and humanities at Clark College. Her writings have appeared in such publications as *Feminist Studies*, *Gay and Lesbian*

*Literary Heritage*, and *American Women Prose Writers, 1870-1920*. Her honors include being named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (1997), *Outstanding Composition Teacher of the Year* (University of Oregon, 1994) and *Excellence in Teaching Composition* (University of Oregon, 1988).

"Marylynne is often cited as an 'amazing' teacher by many of her students," wrote her nominator. "It's not often that you hear students say that even though they might have received a 'B' or 'C' in her English 102 course, they learned more than they ever thought they would have learned."

When Diggs heard she had won the Exceptional Faculty Award, she was surprised. "It is kind of like the Oscars – it was an honor just to be nominated," she said. "To hear that I had won, I was both thrilled and humbled. There are so many people here who are worthy of it."

Diggs considers the award an encouragement: "I tend to be a perfectionist, so I do feel the pressure to live up to this award. I am always open to trying new things, and I am committed to being real and honest with my students. So I guess when I am myself – being the best teacher I can be – it is enough."



**April Brookins Duvic** teaches applied voice, music education and music appreciation at Clark. She is director of the acclaimed Clark College Women's Choral Ensemble, which has performed in China, Mexico, Canada, Hawaii and the Pacific Northwest.

Duvic's work in musical theatre has brought her recognition, including awards for her musical direction of "Evita," "Carousel" and "West Side Story." She has performed with the Clark College Orchestra, was a member of the Leyden Singers (the Oregon Symphony's Vocal Pops ensemble), and has recorded two CDs with singing partner Vanessa Jump Nelson.

One nominator noted, "April provides not only excellent vocal teaching, but also numerous performance opportunities for her students." Another wrote, "Ms. Duvic's constant focus to learn with an open heart is commendable."

Duvic takes a forward-thinking approach to teaching. "Focus on the future – that's how I teach my vocal students," she said. "To look forward – not at grades but at accomplishments – and to know that it is OK to work hard for what you want." When she heard she had received the Exceptional Faculty Award for a second time, Duvic "felt shock, surprise, pleasure – and a sense of great humbleness," she said. (Duvic also received the award in 2001.) "I am surrounded by people that I look at and think, 'I want to teach like them.' It's a great environment for learning – and for doing one's craft."

**David Kosloski** is professor of communication studies and director of speech and debate at Clark College. In 2006, he received the Judge Educator Award during the Northwest Forensics Conference for his outstanding performance as a coach and judge at speech and debate tournaments.

One of his nominators described Kosloski as "a role model for fair and unbiased leadership...he creates a safe and supportive



environment to practice a skill that unnerves many people in the outside world." Colleagues have taken notice of Kosloski's contributions: "No other faculty member has so selflessly devoted him- or herself to such a time-consuming student activity," a colleague wrote. "He has done it for nine years without great fanfare and without complaint. His energy and his commitment to student development are truly inspiring."

Kosloski was both flattered and surprised to hear he had received the Exceptional Faculty Award. "What we do is often so personally rewarding," he said. "So getting this award means that others are recognizing our work as well – and it is such a rare opportunity for both peers and students to recognize us. It made me very proud."

It is the students who inspire Kosloski. "In my 10 years at Clark I have been more impressed, more rewarded and more challenged by being at a two-year school than I ever was at a four-year school – in part because of the diversity of students. I've felt more rewarded here than anywhere else I've taught."



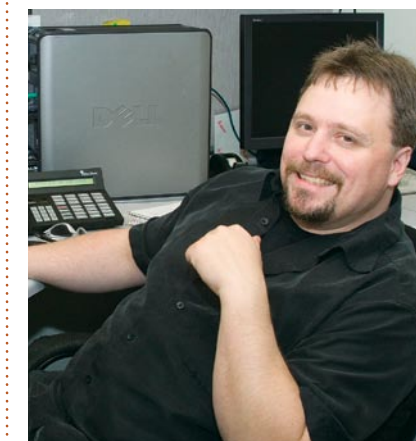
Information Technology Specialist **Scott Coffie** was described by his nominators as "the backbone of the [eLearning] department." "Without him," they said, "Clark College would not have been able to survive the substantial growth

that eLearning has [experienced] in the last two years."

Coffie, who has been at Clark College for 27 years, has played a major role in shaping the media and technology presence at Clark from his role in the implementation of the original video network and interactive TV system to the work to keep eLearning systems and services up-to-date with current technology. Coffie was praised for providing "the most up-to-date and professional service possible to eLearning customers."

A grateful colleague thanked Coffie for sharing his expertise with the Clark community: "His presentation was informative, interesting and very entertaining...I'm hoping to integrate some of what I learned into my virtual classroom...You're an asset to Clark and its faculty!"

On receiving the Exceptional Classified Staff award, Coffie said, "What an honor and a privilege it is to serve the cause of education. To be actively engaged at an institution whose mission is to sharpen the mind, strengthen the body and soften the heart is truly a golden opportunity. Working together on this mission with such intelligent, strong and compassionate colleagues makes my service an absolute joy."



Webmaster **Chris Concannon**'s work impacts virtually every student, employee and member of the community who seeks information from – and about – Clark College. "If you have ever used an online service at Clark College, searched for schedule

information on the college Web site, used the Web site to register for classes, looked up a phone number for a colleague, or taken an online survey, you can thank Webmaster Chris Concannon for making it possible," wrote his nominator.

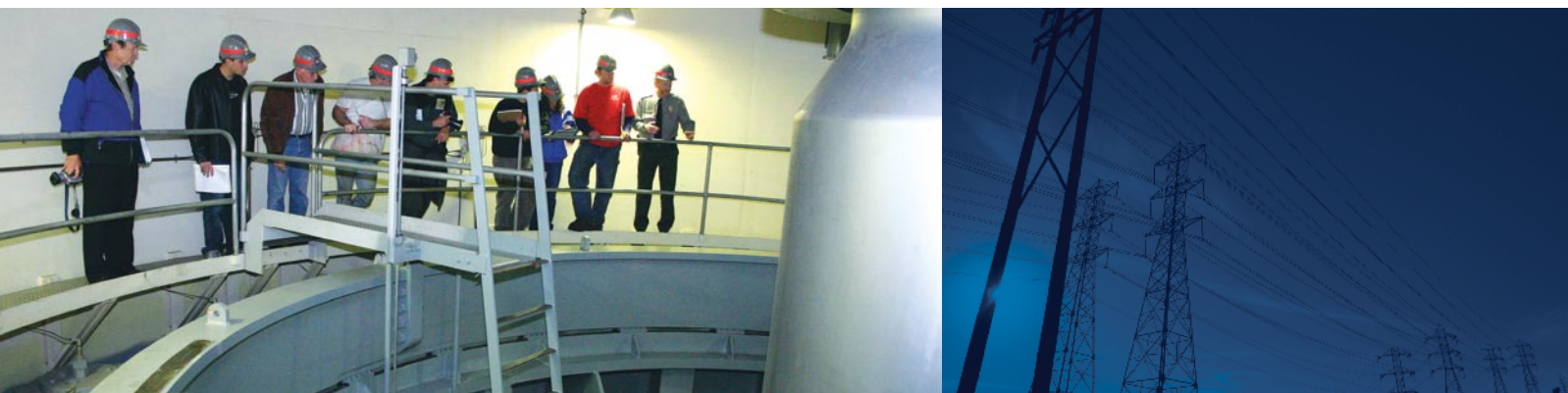
Concannon's work at Clark included creating online advising and student orientation systems, working with the college's Computing Services department to create a system to verify user ID and PIN numbers, building software to easily create online surveys, creating an online registration form for the Foundation, and playing a critical role in the successful launch of Clark College's eLearning program.

Concannon, who received the Exceptional Classified Staff award, was described as "a professional in every sense of the word....His 'can do' attitude and willingness to 'think outside the box' makes working with Chris a pure joy."

Concannon credited his accomplishments to his colleagues. "I wouldn't be able to do my job without the great work done by the team in Computing Services, our graphic designers and Web assistant, and the rest of the Communications and Marketing department," said Concannon. "The college is fortunate to have such talented professionals, and I feel lucky that I get to work with them." ■



## Power Utilities Technology program *graduates bring energy to homes and businesses*



Without a reliable supply of power, we wouldn't be able to flip a switch with the confidence that the lights will come on. And when the power goes out – whether due to a storm or equipment failure – we often have to find alternate ways of doing things.

Building, maintaining and distributing electrical power supply is the work of trained, skilled workers in the utilities industry. For someone interested in entering the field, the Clark College Power Utilities Technology (PUT) certificate program is The Next Step.

Clark's program is designed to train individuals for entry-level positions in the electric utilities industry. "Clark College's Power Utilities Technology program provides broad exposure to all elements of the electric power utility craft and careers," said Program Director Jim Malinowski. Some of the primary topics covered in the PUT program are:

- The elements of electric power systems;
- Operation of electric power systems;
- Safety procedures related to the operation of high-power equipment; and
- The organization of the electric power industry.

Completion of the certificate program gives students the skills and knowledge they need to enter an apprenticeship program. "The program exposes students to a range of skills and equipment," said Malinowski. "Students who complete the program are strong candidates for apprenticeship programs. Once an individual enters an apprenticeship program, the utility company invests in your training – so they want to be sure that the people they choose are prepared."

"We are very excited about Clark's Power Utilities Technology program," said Rod Krause, substation operator apprenticeship

coordinator for the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and chair of the college's PUT advisory committee. "We have hired several students from the Clark PUT program for employment in our apprenticeship programs. When we see people in interviews and they are able to use classroom examples to answer questions, it gives them a head start in the employment process." Program graduates also believe they have a head start. "The Power Utilities Technology program gave me a general introduction to the field and put me a step ahead among the apprentices," said Chris Young, who joined BPA in June 2007 as a substation operator apprentice. "As someone starting out in the industry, I may not yet know the 'how and why' – but I do know enough to ask smart questions."

In addition to offering the necessary skills and training to prepare students for a utilities apprenticeship, Clark's Power Utilities Technology program offers another benefit. Most of the classes required within the certificate program are offered in the late afternoon and evening, allowing many students to work and earn the certificate at the same time. "It is no simple task working and going to school," said Tom Ingenthron, who completed the PUT program and is now a substation operator apprentice with BPA. "The later class schedule enabled me to do both – it was beneficial for me."

"There are a wide variety of jobs available in the electric utilities industry, from lineman to electrician to communications technicians to substation operators," said Malinowski. "Individuals can also move into estimator positions, do design work in facilities expansion, or move into management after gaining experience. It is a field full of challenging, rewarding careers."

For more information on the Power Utilities Technology certificate program at Clark College, contact Program Director Jim Malinowski at 360-992-2974, [jmalinowski@clark.edu](mailto:jmalinowski@clark.edu). ■

## Opportunity Grants: The Newest Form of Tuition Assistance Available at Clark College

We've all heard the reports: the more education you have, the more money you'll make. For adults considering career-related education and training, the new Opportunity Grant Tuition Assistance program can help them take The Next Step.

In 2007, the Washington State Legislature set aside a total of \$10.6 million to establish the Opportunity Grant program in each of the state's 34 community and technical colleges. Now a portion of that money is available to students at Clark College.

Opportunity Grants help low-income adults pay for educational expenses. The money students receive from an Opportunity Grant may be used to pay for tuition, mandatory fees and required books and supplies. Opportunity Grants provide funding for certain programs – those that will help students enter and progress in high-wage, high-demand careers.

"This terrific program is a great way for a new student to get started right away at Clark," said Becky Merritt, eligibility programs and advising support manager at Clark College. "Our staff can make a quick determination of eligibility and get you enrolled—in many cases, all in the same day!"

In addition to Opportunity Grants, Clark College also offers financial assistance programs to help qualified adults pay for their job-related education in any of the college's career and technical education programs. Worker Retraining provides retraining opportunities for dislocated and unemployed workers by helping to pay for tuition, books, fees and other college-related expenses. Free Tuition for Working Parents provides assistance to low-income and/or TANF parents and can pay for tuition, books and college fees.

"All of these tuition programs are here to help students come to Clark and stay at Clark, without worry about how to pay for tuition," said Merritt. "We hope we can reach people that didn't think they could afford to go to college, but now can."

For more information on the Opportunity Grant and other funding assistance programs, contact the Eligibility Programs office at 360-992-2321. Additional information is also available on the Clark College Web site: [www.clark.edu/student\\_services](http://www.clark.edu/student_services). ■



### OPPORTUNITY GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an eligible Washington state resident.
- Must be enrolled in an eligible program (areas of study include accounting, administrative support, medical office, early childhood education, welding, nursing or computer technology).
- Current household income must be within income limits.
- Students who are already enrolled in, or are beginning, an Opportunity Grant-approved program may apply.

### AN OPPORTUNITY GRANT...

Can pay for school and school-related expenses.

Helps students get started quickly in a training program.

Prepares students to work in high-demand occupations.

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# Coming back to CLARK COLLEGE?



If you've been away from Clark College for a while and are thinking about coming back – now is the time!

If you attended Clark College during any of the past five quarters, you have priority in registering for classes. Whether you're looking for a few additional credits or are ready to complete your certificate or degree, registering early gives you the greatest chance to get the classes you want and need.

Whether you're a returning (re-entry) student or are continuing your studies from fall quarter, you can find your registration access date and time at [www.clark.edu/mypriorityregistration](http://www.clark.edu/mypriorityregistration). Priority registration begins November 26, 2007.

*Cool classes. Priority registration. We're making it easy to take The Next Step.*

## Winter Quarter 2007 Registration Dates:

- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| » Online winter registration begins for continuing and re-entry students | Nov. 26 |
| » Transfer and new student registration begins                           | Dec. 3  |
| » Open registration begins   | Dec. 17 |
| » Last day to register online  | Jan. 8  |

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