At Saddleback College, we understand that the transition into college is not easy. Adults who want to return to college face many obstacles and challenges. Our purpose is to help you overcome any barriers that may be preventing you from returning to college and ensuring that your transition is smooth.

Goals

- Assisting your transition into college and making it as painless as possible
- Encouraging you to have an enjoyable and positive college experience
- Providing you with support and encouragement in a safe environment.

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Whom do we Serve?

Both men and women who are attending college for the first time or returning to college after a break in their education including:

- Those who want to learn new skills and keep up with changing technology
- Those who did not finish their high school education and want to pursue a trade or career
- Those who want a new career change or a better lifestyle
- Those who want new challenges, wider horizons, and self-fulfillment

Challenges & Barriers
Re-Entry Students Face:

- Dealing with budget constraints
- Language barrier (ESL students)
- Balancing school, family and work
- Fear and anxiety in a new atmosphere and unfamiliarity with advanced technology
- Dealing with a variety of issues such as legal, child care, housing, etc.
- Not having support from spouse or family members who do not appreciate the students desire to return to college
- Difficulty adapting to class times that conflict with family and work schedules
- Isolation and insecurity due to age differences with younger students

- We welcome men, women, students, and potential students
- Please call to make an appointment at 949-582-4575.

Some of the Services we Offer:

- Referrals to on-campus assistance such as career planning, personality and vocational testing, academic and transfer counseling, internship services, EOPS, special services, child care, and financial aid.
- Referrals to appropriate off-campus organizations and agencies based on individual needs such as housing, food, clothing, medical and legal assistance.
- Annual scholarships, raised through the help of Student Development, donations from various organizations and individuals, are awarded to eligible re-entry students.
- The Center hosts and highlights Women’s History Month every March by hosting an event that focuses on various issues both men and women are facing.
- Groups are held year-round on various topics. Specialized groups for men and women are formed by students at anytime. Question and answer session for Farsi-speaking students are also offered.

For more information regarding our services, online resources and other information please visit our website: www.saddleback.edu/reentry