MiraCosta will offer to its students matriculation services including admitting, assessing, orienting, advising, counseling, and monitoring academic progress specified in Title 5 matriculation regulations of the state of California: §51024, §58106, and §§55500 through 55534. The process of matriculation brings the student and the district into agreement regarding the student’s educational goal through the district’s established programs, policies, and requirements.

Matriculation services include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

A. Processing of the application for admission.

B. Orientation and pre-orientation services designed to provide students, on a timely basis, information concerning campus procedures, academic expectations, financial assistance, and any other appropriate matters.

C. Assessment and counseling upon enrollment, which shall include but not be limited to, all of the following:

1. Administration of assessment instruments to determine student competency in computational and language skills.

2. Assistance to students in the identification of aptitudes, interests, and educational objectives, including but not limited to, associate of arts degrees, transfer for baccalaureate degrees, and vocational certificates and licenses.

3. Evaluation of student study and learning skills.

4. Referral to specialized support services as needed, including but not limited to, federal, state, and local financial assistance; health services; campus employment-placement services; extended-opportunity programs and services; campus child-care services programs that teach English as a second language; and disabled student services.

5. Counseling concerning course selection.

6. Post-enrollment evaluation of each student’s progress and required advisement or counseling for students who are enrolled in remedial courses and have not declared an educational objective as required, or who are on academic probation.
The district shall only use assessment instruments that have been specifically authorized by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

Exemption from the Matriculation process

To be exempt from the matriculation process at MiraCosta College, a student must meet one of the following conditions:

A. The student was exempt during a previous semester.

B. The student has earned an associate or higher degree from an accredited institution.

C. The student has previously attended another college and/or indicated on the application for admission one of the following as an educational goal:
   1. Discover/formulate career interests, plans, and goals.
   2. Prepare for a new career (acquire job skills).
   3. Advance further in current job/career (update job skills).
   4. Maintain certificate or license (e.g. nursing, real estate).
   5. Personal interest; no intention to use credit for certificate, degree, or transfer.
   6. Complete credits for high school diploma or GED.

Exemption from Assessment (Testing Only)

To be exempt from the assessment component of matriculation, a student must meet one of the following conditions:

A. The student has completed the prerequisite course with a grade of C or higher (transcript or grade report required) at another college for any math or English course(s) in which he/she wishes to enroll.

B. The student has taken an approved assessment test that can be used to meet the prerequisite for math or English course(s) in which he/she wishes to enroll.

Exempt students are not required to participate in the matriculation process, but are encouraged to do so. Exempted students do not earn early enrollment privileges.

Opt-Out Provision

Students have the right to challenge or appeal any step in the matriculation process by contacting the Dean of Counseling and Special Services. To challenge a course prerequisite or co-requisite, students must contact the Admissions and Records Office on either campus. Students may refuse to participate in any matriculation service; however, refusal will not entitle students to early-enrollment privileges or to waive course prerequisites or co-requisites.
Students are responsible for expressing broad educational intent upon admission and for declaring a specific educational goal by the time fifteen (15) semester units have been completed. Students are also responsible for attending class, completing assignments, arranging counseling appointments, and maintaining progress toward educational goals.