

# Career Pathways

Your Path to a Brighter Future

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## Summer/Fall CPI Book Request deadlines

The spring 2012 semester is almost over, and registration for summer and fall has begun. Career Pathways students requesting books for Summer I, Summer II and/or Fall need to be aware of the book request deadlines for each semester.

The deadline to request books for summer I is May 11, 2012. The summer II deadline for book requests is July 2, 2012. The deadline to submit book requests for the fall semester is August 3, 2012. Please mark these dates in your calendar, as no requests will be accepted past the deadlines.

Students need to know that the book loan library operates on a first-come, first-serve basis, so early

requests are recommended for the maximum possibility of receiving books.

Book request forms are available on Ozarka.edu under Students/Career Pathways or can be picked up at any Career Pathways office. Please attach a copy of your semester schedule to the request and indicate which campus is preferred for book delivery.

Book award letters are mailed the week before classes begin, and books will be available for pick-up at the designated campus on the first day of classes.



Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
Willing is not enough; we must do.

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

*Reminder: Books borrowed for spring 2012 must be returned by May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## CPI Locations & Times to Serve You in May

Career Pathways serves all four Ozarka sites.

The Melbourne office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Brandy Shell is available daily to assist you with your CPI needs and questions.

Lindsay Galloway is at the Mountain View office four days per week to serve your CPI needs. Her hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kendra Smith is available to assist CPI students

four days a week in the Ash Flat office. Her hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Mammoth Spring office is open Wednesdays by Kim Lovelace from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Ozarka Graduation to be held May 17

The 2012 Ozarka graduation ceremonies will be held in the John E. Miller Auditorium on the Melbourne campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17.

The speaker for the commencement is Dr. Edward L. Franklin, Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges (AATYC).

Of particular interest to Career Pathways students is that Dr. Franklin was appointed to serve on the Governor's Workforce Cabinet. Members of the cabinet have worked together to address the problem of keeping the citizens of Arkansas competitive in the world market by implementing the Career Readiness Certificate program.

The Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) is a system used to determine the basic skills needed for specific jobs and then match a potential employee's skills with those job requirements.

KeyTrain, the curriculum used

to improve WorkKeys skills prior to taking the CRC exam, includes pre- and post-assessments in the categories of reading, math and locating information.

Career Pathways requires all eligible LPN students and those applying for tuition assistance to complete KeyTrain and attain a CRC. The Career Readiness Certificate levels are Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Each is signed by Governor Mike Beebe and increases the certificate-holder's chances of being hired.

The graduation ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> will honor students who have worked to attain a degree or certificate from Ozarka College. Associates degrees awarded are in the following disciplines: Arts, Science and Applied Science. A variety of certificates and technical certificates will also be awarded to students who have completed those programs.

The staff of Career Pathways looks forward to this time of

year, as we see our students reap the fruits of their labor. We recognize the tremendous sacrifices students make in their daily lives to attain the goal of a college degree or certificate. Education is that critical middle step that transitions a person from just working a job to cultivating a career.

Career Pathways is committed to our students' success, and we maintain contact with students after the degree is attained. We offer the following services to our graduating students:

- **Job Search Assistance**
- **Resume Building**
- **Interview Skills Building**

Please do not hesitate to call or come by the CPI office to inquire about these job-related services. We care about your success!

***Congratulations  
2012 Graduates!***

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## Don't Forget – A Poem by Amanda Bradley

Forget about the days  
when it's been cloudy,  
but don't forget your  
hours in the sun.

Forget about the times  
you've been defeated,  
but don't forget  
the victories you've  
won.

Forget about mistakes  
that you can't change

now,  
but don't forget the  
lessons  
that you've learned.

Forget about  
misfortunes  
you've encountered,  
but don't forget the  
times  
your luck has turned.

Forget about the days

when you've been  
lonely,  
but don't forget the  
friendly  
smiles you've seen.

Forget about plans  
that didn't seem  
to work out right,  
but don't forget to  
always  
have a dream.



## Financial Aid Changes go into effect 2012-13

Students need to be aware of the changes to the 2012-2013 federal financial aid program brought about by recent legislation. These changes to the Federal Pell Grant Program and direct student loans affect the July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 school year.

Upon completion of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), students are given a dollar figure that represents their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The lower that dollar figure, the more a student can expect to receive in federal student aid. Students whose EFC is zero are eligible for the maximum amount of Pell Grant, which is currently \$5,550 for the school year. For the 2012-13 academic year, you will automatically rate an EFC of zero and qualify for the maximum

student aid if your family income is no more than \$23,000. This is reduced from the former maximum income of \$32,000.

Another change to the financial aid program is the duration of eligibility. Students who have received 12 full-time semesters of Pell (or the part-time equivalent of 12 semesters) will be ineligible for future Pell Grants. The former number of eligible semesters for receiving Pell was 18, which is a reduction of six semesters.

There is also a change to the Direct Subsidized Loans six-month grace period. There will no longer be an interest subsidy paid by the government for subsidized loans for which the first disbursement is made on or after June 1, 2012

and before July 1, 2014. Students receiving a subsidized loan during that period of time will be responsible for the interest that accumulates during the six month grace period after completion or withdrawal. That interest will be added to the principal loan amount when the grace period ends. The subsidy still covers interest accrual while the borrower is in school or during eligible periods of deferment.

If you have any questions about how these changes could affect you, please contact the Financial Aid Department of Ozarka College or call 1-800-4-FED-AID. The informational content of this article came from <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/recentChangesSA.jsp>



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## May Gas Card Distribution Dates

May gas cards will be distributed **April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>** on the Melbourne campus, **April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Mountain View site, **April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Ash Flat site and **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Mammoth Spring.

To receive a gas card, CPI

students must submit an attendance sheet, employment verification form and a receipt for last month's gas purchase. A MapQuest must also be on file confirming mileage to school.

Students who turn in their documentation and receive a gas card will be

provided a stamped envelope to return their receipt to Career Pathways. *Please write your name on the receipt!*



*Have a wonderful summer!*



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Career Pathways is a state-funded program that can assist eligible students with the academic and financial obstacles that they may face while going to school. CPI offers the following services:

Tutoring  
Counseling  
Academic Advising  
Kuder Interest Inventory  
Career Readiness Certificates  
Resume Building  
Interview Skill Building  
Job Search Assistance  
Tuition & Fee Assistance  
Gas Cards  
Childcare Assistance  
Book Loan Library

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Our website is full of useful information, handy references and current (printable) documentation. Visit us at [www.ozarka.edu/blogs/careerpathways](http://www.ozarka.edu/blogs/careerpathways) or visit Ozarka.edu and go to the Student pull-down menu and select Career Pathways. E-mail us your questions (and job updates) at [careerpathways@ozarka.edu](mailto:careerpathways@ozarka.edu). We're always glad to hear from you!

## 5 Tips for Final Exam Prep – by Martha Bonnie

Source: <http://everydayemstips.com/5-tips-for-final-exam-prep/>

Preparing for a final exam is best done by following a systematic approach.

1. **Plan ahead.** At least a week before your exam, begin to plan how, when and what you will study for your exam.

2. **Ask questions.** Ask your instructors and peers questions you have as you review your material. Use your available resources, such as textbooks and the Internet, to look for information.

3. **Take care of yourself.** Try to obtain at least 8 hours of sleep. Eat a well balanced diet with regular meals. Exercise your body and your brain regularly. Avoid excessive caffeine consumption or the use of supplements or stimulants that are intended to keep you alert and awake.

4. **Believe that you will do well.** You have studied, practiced and know the material. You are ready for your exam and will pass.

5. **Stay calm when taking the exam.** Begin by scanning through the entire exam. Answer the questions you know first. Anticipate challenges. Take your time.

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