Take a Self-Guided Tour of CSU East Bay Concord Campus

Hello, welcome to CSU East Bay. My name is Stephanie and I would love to show you around our beautiful campus. I apologize for not being able to take the tour with you in person but I know that you will love our campus. I would like to tell you just a little about myself before we start the tour. I started CSU East Bay as a freshman, one of the first on this campus, and I went through the Pre-Nursing program. After I finished the Pre-Nursing program I went into Health Science with an option in Administration and Management and a minor in Business Administration. I am graduating soon and I can't wait for that moment when I get to walk across the stage. I know that you are just starting your school career here at CSU East Bay, but remember, I was where you are once and soon you will be graduating too.

Academic Services Lobby

I would love to show you the most important places on our campus. First, we should start by showing you our Academic Services Lobby. The Academic Services Lobby is located in the front of the school and is where you would go if you have any questions, want to make an appointment with an advisor, or want to get your Bay Card. The Bay Card is the student I.D. card that you get when you become a CSU East Bay student. You can add money to the card and use it around campus to print, buy food, books, or school supplies. The money that is on the Bay Card is available for use at both the Concord Campus and the Hayward Campus.

Nursing Department

Next, I would like to show you our Nursing Department. If you walk out of the double-doors in the Academic Services Lobby and continue straight down the hallway then make a slight right. There will be another set of double-doors that lead you into the Nursing Department. There are active classes that go on during the day and when they are not in use then the classrooms are locked. If the office is open then you should ask a staff member for assistance, or if you have any specific questions you can ask them. This area is where the nursing students take classes using state-of-the-art equipment.
The classrooms are designed to feel like you are working in an actual hospital so that our students get used to being in that environment from the time they start training until they graduate. In the normal classroom settings, there are hospital beds and medical mannequins that the students are able to practice with. The students practice on each other as well. We do have a simulation lab where the students get real-life experience using a very expensive Sim Mannequin that has the ability to vomit, defecate, urinate, and cry plus many more human-like functions. Doesn’t that sound fun to work with? The nursing students also get the chance to work in the hospitals with patients and medical staff so they get as much hands-on experience as they can before they go into the medical field themselves. Are you interested in Nursing? CSU East Bay Concord Campus accepts about 65 students into the Nursing program each year. CSU East Bay as a whole had an 88.8% NCLEX pass rate in 2010-2011 of the 125 students who took the test that year.

Library

If we continue on our way through the campus our next destination is the Library. If you walk out of the double-doors from the Nursing Department then take a left, you should see Library almost immediately. Inside you will see that there are books and several computers. The computers are open to everyone and have the ability to print using the Bay Card. There are also four study rooms which are equipped with a table, chairs and soundproof glass so that the students are able to study peacefully. Isn’t it nice to study quietly without hearing the outside noise? There are two study rooms downstairs and two upstairs. The stairs leading to the second floor are towards the back of the Library. The rooms also have electrical outlets so you can plug in your laptop if needed. There are also more books and seating areas upstairs. There are also news articles and movies available for use in research at the Library. If there is a book that you would like to borrow, but is not available at the Concord Campus we are able to have that book delivered to the Concord Campus in a matter of about two to three days. The Library also offers tutoring services for students. Do you like to have your papers double checked? The writing tutor is available to help you with your papers or to study to the Writing Skills Test that students must take.
The Oak Room

I would like to show you one of our classrooms now so you can get a feel for how the classroom settings are. The Oak Room is our largest classroom on the campus which can hold about 90 students. If you walk out of the Library then turn left the Oak Room is immediately on the left side. The classroom should be open but be cautious because there are some classes held in this room. If the room is unoccupied feel free to walk inside and see how the room is set up. The light switch is on the left side on the wall if you push the very first button then the lights should come on shortly. Why don’t you walk towards the front of the room and take a seat to rest your feet and get a feel for how the classroom setting is at CSU East Bay. As I said, this is our largest classroom on the campus which does not hold many students. This is a plus because that means that our class sizes are small. Our next biggest classroom holds about 60 students. Our average classroom holds about 40 students. I believe that this reinforces the fact that we have small class sizes. Smaller class sizes are good for students because it allows you more one on one time with the teachers if you are having problems understanding something. Also, if students have any questions then the smaller class size allows you to ask your question and have it answered right away by the teacher. Most of the teachers here also have office hours available to the students if you have any questions that might take a little more time to answer. Since there are smaller class sizes, the teachers are more willing to communicate with the students via email which can be very convenient for both you and the teachers. Also, all of our classrooms are smart classrooms, which mean that there are computers with internet access, DVD and VHS players, connections to laptops, as well as projectors which are permanently installed available for the professors and the students to present using PowerPoint or some other form of media.

Computer Labs

Continuing onto our next destination we will be going to the Computer Lab. If you walk out of the Oak Room and turn left. Almost immediately turn right down the next hallway; the Computer Lab is on the left side. As you walk into the Computer Lab you will see a student help desk.
and four classrooms, three of which contain computers. There is always one of the rooms available for students to use the computers. The other classrooms are usually reserved for classes. There is a printer available in the Computer Lab as well as the Bay Card machine where you can load money onto your Bay Card. It does cost to print in the Computer Lab as well as the Library. The cost is $0.10 per page for black and white and $0.50 per page for colored printing. There is Wi-Fi accessible for the students and it reaches to every part of the school.

Student Assistants are available to help you with setting up the Wi-Fi on your laptop or on your cell phone. Do you have your cell phone with you? You can sign onto the Wi-Fi using EBGuest. Also, if there are technical questions the Student Assistants should be able to help you or find someone else who is more equipped to help you. If you have any questions about the Computer Lab feel free to ask the student assistant who is sitting behind the yellow student help desk. It is a little bright isn’t it?

The Student Union and Bookstore

The next area that we will be looking at on our tour will be the Student Union and the Bookstore. If you walk out of the double doors from the Computer Lab then turn left, walk left around the stairwell then go straight into a set of double-doors. Once you are inside the building if you walk straight back then you will see the Student Union on the right-hand side. There are comfortable couches and chairs where the students are able to sit and relax. There is also a flat screen television available for the students to watch television while they take a break from classes.

Why don’t you have a seat and relax a little, you have been getting your exercise in. There are also some tables in the Student Union that are available for the students to study at in a more relaxed environment. The ASI office is also located in this area. It is behind the Student Union. ASI is where you would go to get involved with the school. If you want to start your own club then you would visit ASI. If you wanted to help plan some events or even just give some ideas on the kinds of events you would like to see at CSU East Bay Concord Campus then this is where you would go.

I would encourage you to get involved with the school. I personally am a student Ambassador, a
part of a new planning meeting for events, and a peer advisor at the new Transfer Center, as well as being a student assistant.

Now, if we go back towards the double-doors you walked in, turn left into the hallway we can head towards the Bookstore. If you continue down the hallway then turn left you will see our Bookstore. At the Bookstore you are able to purchase your books for classes that are offered on the Concord Campus. If you are taking classes on the Hayward Campus or online then the books for those classes will not be held in the Bookstore at the Concord Campus. You are able to order them online at the Bookstore website and they can be sent to the Concord Campus Bookstore free of charge or they can be sent to your home, however, they will charge a shipping fee. You are also able to go to the Hayward Campus and purchase your books from there if that is something you are willing to do. Are you ready for these book prices? Make sure to look into financial aid to help out with purchasing books and tuition. The Bookstore is also where you will be able to purchase your parking permits for the quarter. The parking permits are $130 per quarter, they are valid at both the Concord Campus and the Hayward Campus. The Bookstore is also the only place on campus that has food available for purchase. They carry pre-packaged and frozen foods along with snacks and a variety of beverages. There are off campus options for food which are fairly close to campus as well. Each quarter the Bookstore hours tend to change depending on when the most students are on campus. There is a seating area with a lot of tables and chairs where you are able to eat your food. You can also have a study session in the seating area so that you can eat your food while you study. After the Bookstore has closed the seating area will still be open. There are vending machines and microwaves that will also remain open after the Bookstore has closed. The vending machines that are on campus take the Bay Card so that you can use it like a credit card to purchase food. There is also a Ping Pong table available for the students to use at any time in the Bookstore. Why don’t you have a little fun and play a game of ping pong. Do you think you will win?
The Quad

Next, I would like for you to enjoy our quad area while you read about some more of the school features. This is a beautiful area to sit and relax with some friends while you have a break from class. When the weather is nice outside it is wonderful to eat lunch in our quad. We also hold events in the quad area. In some of the events we have a band for the students as well as staff and faculty to enjoy while they are walking to the next class or are having a break from classes. Some of the other events that we have on campus include food and games as well. It is always nice to have something fun on campus. The Concord Campus also has an abundance of nature to offer. On the surrounding hills there are cows that graze for food and sometimes when it is quiet outside you can hear them moo. There are also wild turkeys that like to visit our campus and sit under the willow tree to enjoy the quiet shade. There are also squirrels, rabbits, birds, gophers, and snakes that like to visit the campus as well. On occasion, we also get to see the cayotes that live in the surrounding hills. If there are any snake or cayote sightings we try to warn the students so that they are careful about walking in the hills to the student parking. You wouldn’t want a surprise visit from a snake would you?

Isn’t it beautiful outside? Did you see the big weeping willow that we have on campus? Maybe you should go relax under it in the shade. Now that you are enjoying the nature that this campus has to offer I would like to share with you our Chemistry and Biology Lab information.
When there are no classes in session the classrooms are locked because there is very important lab equipment in the rooms.

**The Chemistry Lab**

The Chemistry Lab is where the freshman or sophomore class would take their Introduction to Chemistry and Organic Chemistry lab classes. The classroom is equipped with a chemical shower in case a student should get a chemical spilled on them. It also has a fume hood where more toxic chemicals are mixed so that the vapors are sucked up by the hood rather than radiating out towards the students. In here the students perform many different kinds of experiments. Some of the experiments include working with some chemicals like methanol, ethanol, benzene, and acetone. In some classes you may determine the melting point of these chemicals. The students also make three dimensional models of the chemicals and specific molecules so they are able to see how they work together to create different chemicals and their reactions. The students also learn how to distill certain solvents and break them apart into their different components. In some cases the students may be able to create an ester by mixing certain components together.

**The Biology Lab**

Next, I would like to talk to you about the Biology Lab that we have here on campus. This is where freshman and sophomore classes would take Introduction to Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, and Microbiology. The lab is equipped with many different types of equipment for the many different experiments done during the class. Some of the experiments done during the class include working with salmonella, E. coli, and staphylococcus bacteria. One of the experiments that the students performed included washing their hands with a certain soap to see the bacteria that was growing on their hands under a black light. Then, they had to wash their hands as they normally would and then check under the black light again to see if they were able to get all of
the bacteria off of their hands. Students also learn how to plate cultures the correct way, as well as read the results. The students will also have the opportunities to learn about muscles, bones, veins, arteries, different organ systems of the body, etc. using the models available. There are no dissections or cadavers included in these classes. Our Anatomy and Physiology professor does have a connection with DVC and he sometimes offers his students to come and see the cadavers there.

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