

ONE HOP SHOP

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the SUNY Canton Student Service Center.

Who's in the One Hop Shop?

- ⇒ Financial Aid
- ⇒ Meal Plans & ID Cards
- ⇒ Registrar
- ⇒ Student Accounts

What's your address?

Be sure that the Registrar Office (registrar@canton.edu) has your correct mailing address on file. You can view your current address information in your UCanWeb account.

Important Dates!

February find the Spring 2015 semester underway and the beginning of financial aid refunds. At the same time students need to be submitting their paperwork for the 2015-2016 academic year if they plan to return.

- Sunday, February 1 • Last Day to Withdraw with 70% Reduction of Charges.
- Monday, February 2 • Last Day to Make Up Fall 2014 Incompletes.
- Sunday, February 8 • Last Day to Withdraw with 50% Reduction of Charges. Deadline 11:59 p.m.
Apply for graduation if you plan to graduate in May.
- Tuesday, February 10 • Begin to receive payments for Spring 2015 financial aid.
- Friday, February 13 • Refunds being for financial aid recipients.
Deadline for part-time student to submit a NYS APTS application.
- Sunday, February 15 • Last Day to Withdraw with 30% Reduction of Charges (no reduction of charges after this date). Deadline 11:59 p.m.
- Monday, February 16 • The certification process for New York State grant and scholarship recipients begins.
- Tuesday, February 17 • Begin to receive payments for First-Time Loan Borrowers.
- Friday, February 27 • Last Day to Withdraw from First Seven-Week Courses (4 PM).

Financial Aid Refunds

One of the most common questions we receive each semester is "When will I receive my refund?" Refunds will begin to appear in student accounts on Friday, February 13 (pending any technical difficulties). The timing of your specific refund depends on the type and amount of financial aid you are receiving. Refunds from New York State aid typically do not begin until March. More information on the refund process can be found at http://www.canton.edu/fin_aid/refunds.html. Be sure to set up your account with HigherOne to avoid delays in your refund!

Graduation

For students planning to graduate this year, please view the list of important graduation information including eligibility and how to apply for graduation at <http://www.canton.edu/commencement/information.html>.

The Withdrawal Process

There are many reasons a student may need to withdraw from one or all coursework. Students may be charged a drop fee for individual courses. Withdrawing from any course may impact your eligibility for financial aid in current or future semesters. Be sure to ask questions before submitting any paperwork.

If you are considering withdrawing from all coursework, please view the basic information on the withdrawal process and our brochure at http://www.canton.edu/student_accounts/withdraw.html. It is highly recommended that you sit down and discuss your options with both your Academic Advisor and your Financial Aid Advisor prior to withdrawing to fully understand the impact on your student record.

It's Tax Time!

This is the time of year where you are receiving mail, to your permanent mailing address, from various sources to assist you with completing your Federal and State Income Tax returns. Students who attended college during the 2014 year were mailed a paper 1098-T in January which can be used when filing your taxes (or by your parent if you are a dependent) to claim educational expenses. This form can also be viewed/printed from your UCanWeb account (only includes SUNY Canton charges and not any for other colleges you may have attended).

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is available to assist students with completing their tax returns. The program is in its 10th year and will run from February 2, 2015 thru April 14, 2015. Details about the program and how you can make an appointment can be found at <http://www.canton.edu/news/index.php/2015/01/vita15/>.

Thinking Ahead to the 2015-2016 Academic Year

If you plan to return next year now is the time to file your 2015-2016 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov to apply for financial aid. If you have not filed your 2014 federal income taxes, then we recommend you estimate your income on the application based on prior year income. You can go back in at any time to update the information after you file your 2014 taxes. Our priority FAFSA filing deadline is **March 1, 2015**. We have already received a lot of applications and will be sending out financial aid offers soon.

Don't forget to apply for a SUNY Canton scholarship for next academic year! You can view scholarship information and link to the online application at <http://www.canton.edu/admissions/scholarships.html>. The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2015.

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