CAÑADA COLLEGE

NOW

Nights, Online & Weekends

Your home base at Cañada, no matter when or how you take classes.

- Nights
- Online
- Weekends

Instructional Planning Council · Jose Zelaya, Project Director

Why NOW exists

Daytime, on campus

Where a lot of campus support happens.

Nights, online & weekends

39%

of online students take every class online

46%

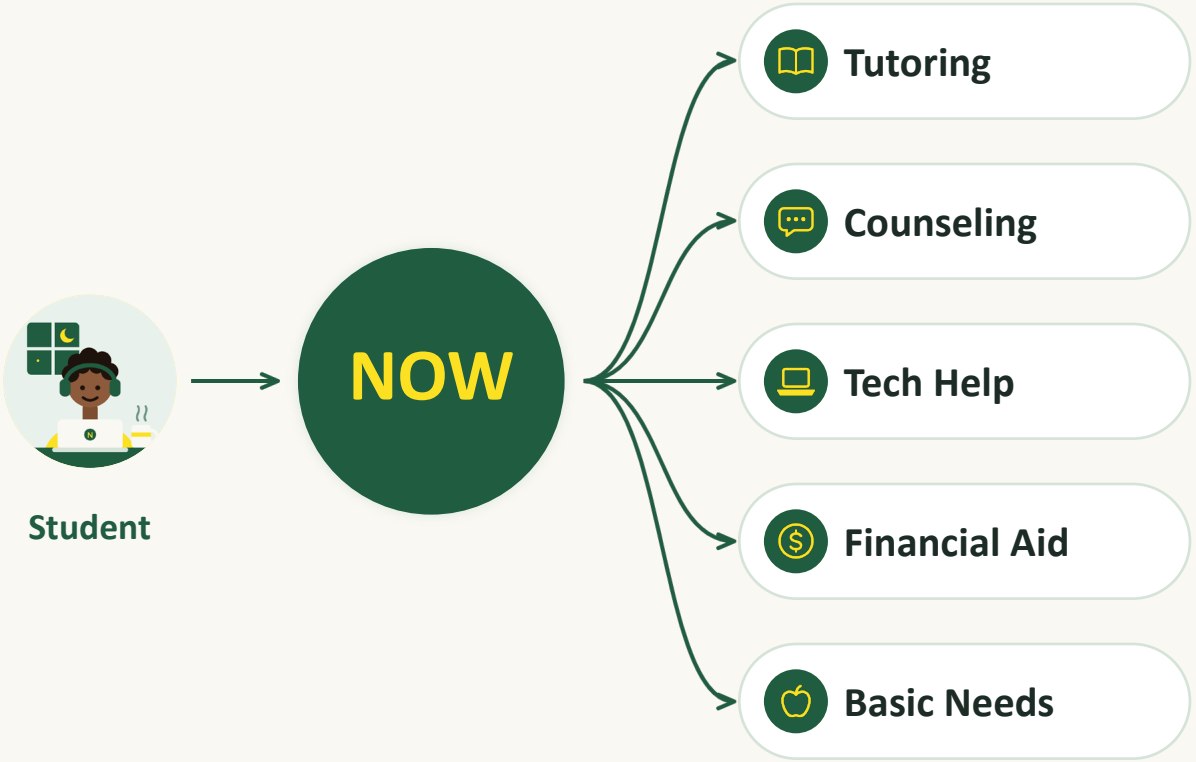
of evening students come only nights or Saturdays

NOW closes that gap.

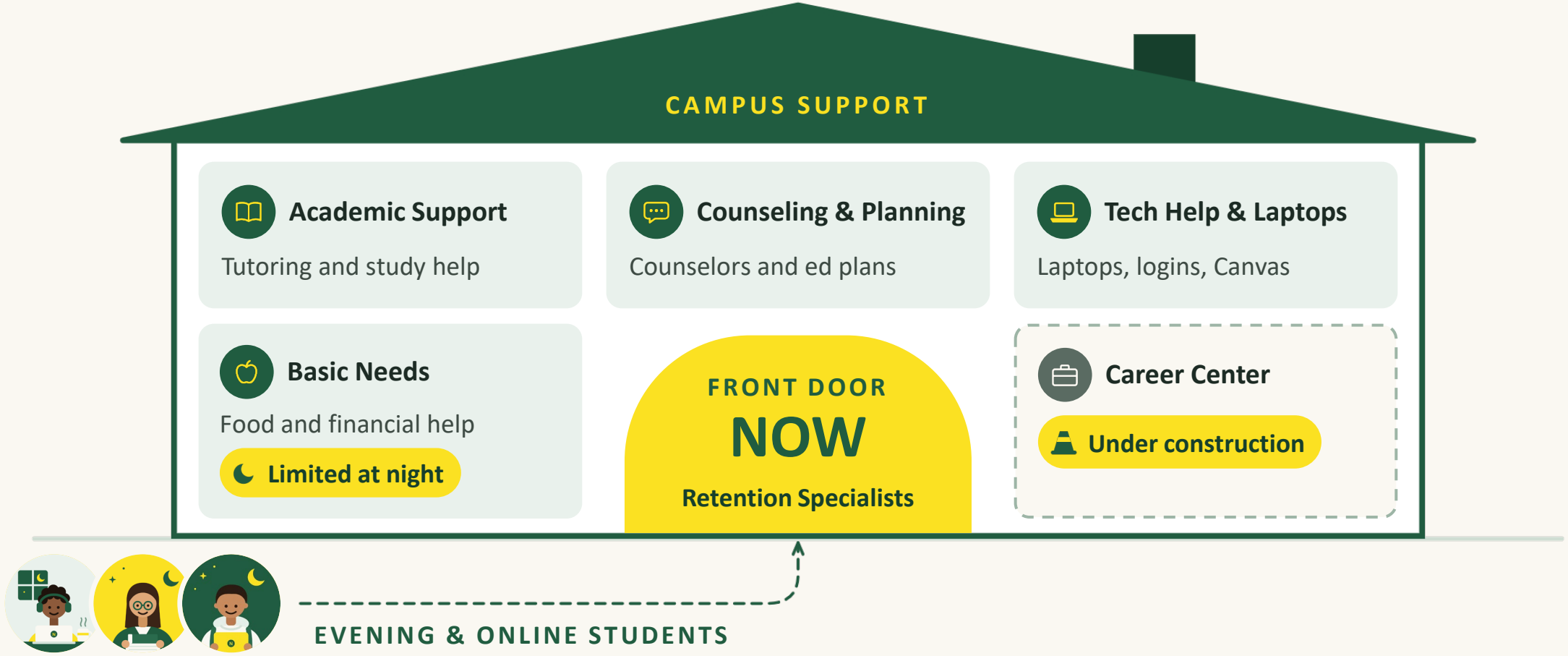
What is NOW?

The home base for every evening, online, and weekend student at Cañada.

- No application. No sign-up.
- Evening or online classes? They're in.
- We connect students to support that already exists.



Think of it like a house



WHO NOW SERVES · FALL 2026, AS OF OCT 5

2,288

evening, online, and weekend students

Every one of them is in NOW, automatically.

~50%

aren't in any special program

1,129 students. The ones we most want to reach.

For anyone who needs a flexible schedule or a different path to finishing a degree or certificate.

Is this your program?

NOW students are already in your classes. Fall 2026, by program of study (online report):

246 Business Administration

232 Allied Health

92 Psychology

77 Engineering

TOP ONLINE COURSES **PSYC 100** **ENGL 100** **BIOL 130** **STAT C1000** **HIST 201**

22 degrees **fully online**, no campus visits

14 more degrees mixing **evening** and online

16 certificates through evening and online

FALL 2026 HIGHLIGHT

Retention specialists, now aligned with NOW



Jackie Gonzalez

Science and Technology
Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance

27%

of NOW students



Sarah Cortez

Humanities and Social Sciences

27%

of NOW students



John Omar

Business, Design and Workforce

45%

of NOW students

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES Daniel Bresnahan (writing) · Joel Sanchez Cortez (stats and tech help)

FALL 2026 HIGHLIGHT · ESL

Students told us what they needed

60%

said 5–8 PM works best

74%

can come on Saturdays

48%

want workshops in Spanish

69%

want help in person or one-on-one

"Que hubiera más personas para ayudarnos con la tecnología."

"I wish there were more people to help us with technology." · ESL student

Source: Cañada Library student technology survey (Carlos Luna), end of Spring 2026. 108 students, most in ESL classes.

FALL 2026 HIGHLIGHT · ESL

Evenings, Saturdays, and en español

JS

Joel Sanchez Cortez

Bilingual instructional aide

English | Español

Canvas | WebSMART | Email | Logins

Mon–Thu 4:30–8 PM · Sat 10 AM–2 PM

Library, Building 9, 3rd floor

1. We asked ESL faculty what they needed
2. Custom workshops, with help in Spanish
3. Next: short how-to videos

Also this fall: we led campus laptop distribution for students in need.

WHAT ESL FACULTY ARE SAYING

“It's a dream come true for me and my students!

ESL Instructor

Cañada College

About our evening tech help

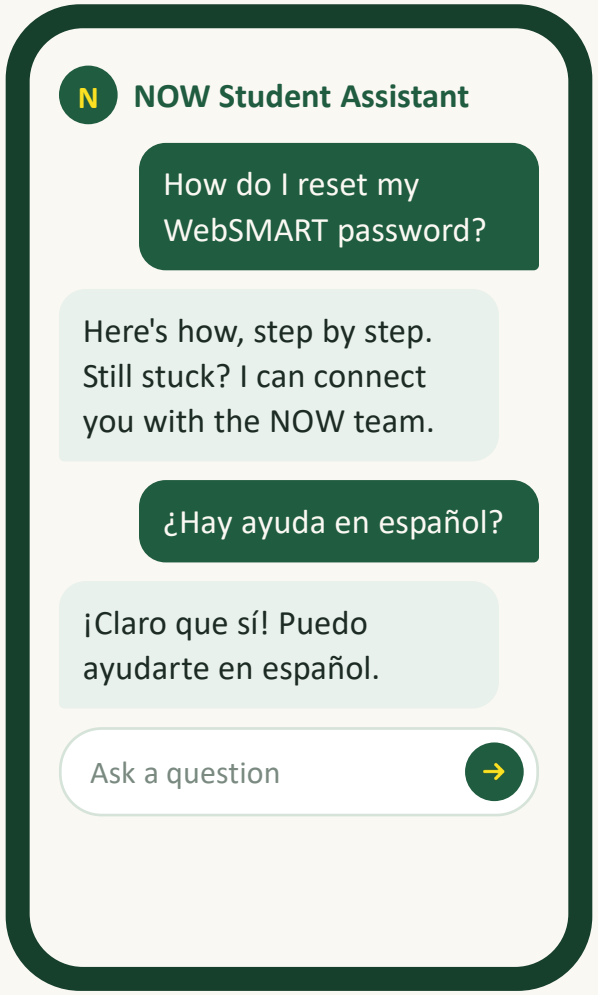
INNOVATIONS IN NOW

NOW Student Assistant

A bilingual, 24/7 guide that answers questions and routes students to real help.

In development · built in Playlab

- Readiness check for new online learners
- Virtual Campus info, as a conversation
- A success coach that hands off to the NOW team



Example conversation

Also this fall

Our focus: reach the students no one's reaching, connect them to what already exists, and keep a real person in the middle of it.

What we've done

- **Relaunched NOW as a population-level model**
- **Rebuilt the NOW website & contact hub**
- **Embedded tutoring in English and Math gateway courses**

What we're working on

- **Warm handoffs both ways: specialists and counselors**
- **Mapping the gap of unconnected students**
- **Embedding NOW in the DE & Technology Plan**

For faculty and staff

REQUEST SUPPORT

Bring us into your class

- Retention specialist class visits
- Instructional aides for writing, stats, and Canvas & tech help
- Evenings and Saturdays, too
- No class time? Request NOW materials to share with students

To request: zelayaj@smccd.edu

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Mention NOW in your syllabus or Canvas course.
2. Share **canadacollege.edu/now** with your evening and online students.
3. Worried about a student?
   Tell us, and we'll help connect them.

YOU'RE ALREADY PART OF NOW

Questions? We're here.

Reach out anytime. There's no wrong question.

SCAN OR VISIT

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