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Contact information:
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Because space is limited, applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.
1. Apply to De Anza College
2. Take the English Placement Test
3. Contact a Puente representative named above to apply for Puente

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About Puente
Puente means “bridge” in Spanish. Puente is a national award-winning program that has helped thousands of students reach their dreams of college success. Since Puente was founded in 1981, it has been successfully replicated in 38 community colleges and 32 high schools throughout California.

Puente’s Mission
The mission of the Puente Project is to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities. Puente is open to all interested students who meet the eligibility requirements. These include being eligible for EWRT 100 (Preparatory Reading and Writing Skills) and wanting to transfer to a four-year school.

The Puente Project
Puente provides three major areas of service to students to help prepare them for transfer to four-year colleges and universities:

English Instruction
Puente students take consecutive writing classes: EWRT 100 and EWRT 1A. These classes provide a supportive and stimulating environment for Puente students with an emphasis on developing writing skills through an exploration of the Mexican American/Latino experience, history and literature.

Counseling
Puente students work closely with their Puente counselor to develop an academic educational plan, explore career options and identify their goals. Students visit four-year colleges and attend an annual Puente student transfer conference. Puente students enroll in the fall in HUMA 20, a college success skills course. In the winter they enroll in COUN 80, Latina/o Issues in Higher Education along with leadership and community service projects.

Mentors
Puente students are matched with an academically and professionally successful mentor from the community. The network of trained Puente mentors provides many resources for the Puente students, their families and the community.

In addition to submitting this interest card by mail, please complete entire application procedure.