Federal Financial Aid (i.e. Pell Grants, Federal Loans) disbursements vary according to Federal Regulations. Almost all programs at Citrus College are eligible for federal financial aid and disburse in a traditional manner. However, “Clock Hour” programs have certain reporting and disbursement requirements in order to be eligible for Title IV federal financial aid. The US Department of Education (ED) designated the following programs as Clock Hour programs: Cosmetology, Dental, Esthetician, and Vocational Nursing.

Effective Fall 2015, students in these Clock Hour programs will receive an initial fifty percent disbursement of financial aid when they begin their program. They will receive a second disbursement after they have successfully completed half of the instructional hours and weeks of instruction. The fifty percent represents one-half of the total annual award amount. For example, if a student were eligible for a Pell grant in the amount of $5,000.00 for the 2015-16 award year, they would receive $2,500.00 when they start their program and would receive the additional $2,500.00 after they have successfully completed half of the instructional hours and weeks of instruction. Students should work closely with their instructors to track their completed instructional hours and weeks of instruction.