

Student Services

1 AP 5150 EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

2 References:

- 3 Education Code, Sections 69640-69656;
4 Title 5, Sections 56200 et seq.

5 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) is a state-funded program
6 designed for the recruitment and retention of California residents who are affected by
7 language, social, and economic disadvantages.

8 EOPS assists students in reaching their educational goals through academic support and
9 financial assistance. EOPS students are generally characterized as full-time, low income,
10 non-traditional students who come to the college environment educationally under-
11 prepared and who may not achieve their fullest academic potential without EOPS
12 intervention.

13 To be eligible for EOPS, a student must:

- 14 • Be a California resident;
15 • Be enrolled as a full-time student;
16 • Have fewer than 70 degree applicable units completed;
17 • Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and qualify
18 to receive a Board of Governors Fee Waiver under Method A or B or have a zero
19 Expected Family Contribution (EFC);
20 • Complete an EOPS Application and attend an orientation or information session;
21 • Meet with the EOPS counselor twice each semester;
22 • Be admitted into the program and approved for EOPS services; and
23 • Be educationally disadvantaged, as determined by the EOPS Director or designee.
24 In making that determination, the EOPS Director shall consider one of the following
25 factors:

- 26 1. Not qualified at the college of attendance for enrollment into the minimum level
27 English or mathematics course that is applicable to the associate degree;
28 2. not have graduated from high school or obtained the General Education
29 Diploma (G.E.D.);
30 3. graduated from high school with a grade point average below 2.50 on a 4.00
31 scale;
32 4. been previously enrolled in remedial education; and/or
33 5. other factors set forth in the District's plan submitted to the Chancellor's Office
34 pursuant to Title 5, Section 56270.

35 The only factors approved by the Chancellor's Office for criteria #5 (above) are:

- 36 a. The student is a first generation college student (neither parent has
37 successfully attended college); or
38 b. The student is a member of an underrepresented group targeted by
39 District/College student equity goals; or
40 c. The student and/or the parents are non-native English speakers; or
41 d. The student is an emancipated foster youth.

42 An EOPS applicant needs only to meet one of the five criteria to be considered
43 educationally disadvantaged. "It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature in
44 establishing the California Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and
45 Services (EOPS) to encourage local community colleges to establish and implement
46 programs directed to identifying those students affected by language, social, and
47 economic handicaps."

48 EOPS adheres to the Rules and Regulations set forth by the California Education Code
49 Chapter 2.5 of Division 8, Part VI of Title 5 of the State of California Education Code.
50 Additional program information is contained in the yearly Program Plan for EOPS and the
51 Cerritos College EOPS website.

52 **Delivery of EOPS**

53 Delivery of EOPS and grants is subject to admission into EOPS which is based on a
54 student meeting a number of Title 5 regulations, such as full-time student status, eligibility
55 standards, Financial Aid and EOPS Matriculation Standards, and Grant Provisions.
56 Progress standards must conform to Federal regulations under Section 668. Allowance
57 to cover food and drinks through either meal tickets or food served at EOPS general
58 student functions. EOPS early registration is allowed for EOPS students through Title 5,
59 Section 56232[c].

60 **Program and Services**

61 EOPS Programs recognize the importance of integrating the student into the social and
62 academic domains of the college.

63 The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program is part of EOPS.
64 CARE offers additional services to disadvantaged, single, and head of household
65 students receiving public assistance by coordinating with local social service agencies
66 and providing career employment services and childcare assistance. Some of the
67 services that are available to CARE students that are in addition to what they receive as
68 EOPS students are: specialized workshops, community referrals, personal counseling,
69 car repair services and gas cards, meal vouchers, childcare study time grants, and school
70 supplies above what is given for EOPS students.

71 EOPS offers an array of services to increase student retention and to support completion
72 of students' educational goals. Support services may include, but are not limited to,
73 priority registration, academic, career, and personal counseling, peer advising, tutoring,
74 workshops and special events, counseling courses, learning community classes, transfer

75 assistance, book grants, school supplies, bus tokens/transportation assistance, university
76 application fee waivers, and financial assistance.

77 Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

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