

Eligibility Requirements For Coastline's EOPS Program, 2012-13

- A California resident
- Eligible for the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (A or B only)
- Meet one of the criteria for "educational disadvantage" as evidenced by transcripts, test scores, and other documentation: (1) Placement test scores in English (not ESL) and Mathematics; (2) non-high school graduate or someone who did not pass CAHSEE, GED or Proficiency Certificate; (3) high school graduate with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale); (4) placement in remedial courses (non-grade level) in high school or college; (5) special admittance including one of the following:
 - Student is a first-generation college student; or
 - Student is a member of an underrepresented group targeted by the college's equity goals; or
 - Student's primary language is other than English;
NOTE: Second language (ESL) students must be determined to be competent at the college's "Level 3B" or higher; or
 - Student is an emancipated foster youth.
- Student* whose educational goal is a degree, certificate or transfer to a 4-year college or university
- Student* who is admitted to and/or in good standing in a Coastline cohort-based program (e.g. ECHS, STAR FastTrack, etc.)
- Student* whose last school attended was a Coastline service area high school, and who has completed fewer than 30 units of college-level coursework
- Student* who is applying for re-admission after having left the Coastline EOPS program while in good academic standing
- Student who is applying for re-admission after having left the Coastline EOPS program 1) while on academic or progress probation, or 2) because they were academically disqualified or 3) because they were dismissed for failure to meet EOPS program requirements. The student must present evidence of completion of 12-15 units of college-level coursework with at least an average 2.0 GPA during the previous academic year or since his/her last semester as an EOPS program participant.

**After January 1, 2013, an undocumented student who meets the stated criteria and who has completed at least three years of high school in California and has either a high school diploma or the equivalency is also eligible for EOPS. The student also needs to apply for lawful immigration status. This legislation permits the eligible student to pay the regular California resident enrollment fee.*

California Dream Act of 2011

Effective January 1, 2013, this act, which is the result of assembly bills AB 130 and AB 131, allows undocumented and documented students who meet certain provisions of the AB 540 to receive forms of state aid, including the Board of Governors' Fee Waiver, CAL Grants and EOPS assistance. Go to www.caldreamact.org for complete information and the application for Dream Act CAL Grants. The Board of

Governors' fee waiver is expected in August 2012. Information and application links will be posted on the financial aid section of the College website as soon as it is available. Go to www.coastline.edu, and click on the Financial Aid icon.

Services For EOPS Students



New Student Orientation

A new incoming EOPS student is required to attend an orientation workshop just prior to the start of their first semester. During this 2-hour session, your Counselor will review the program's services and benefits, your responsibilities as an EOPS student, important Coastline deadlines and policies, and what you'll need to do to be successful in your college courses.

Academic Counseling

The EOPS Academic Counselor provides expert guidance to help you map out the most efficient path to your academic goal. When you begin your college career, you will meet with the EOPS Counselor to discuss what you would like to accomplish (e.g. complete a certificate, an associate of arts degree, or transfer to another college or university). If you have not yet clearly defined your academic goal, the Counselor will show you how to review the academic options and select a major or certificate program that best fits your interests, strengths, talents and career goals.

You are required to meet with an EOPS counselor three times each semester to develop, update and revise your educational plan, review your progress towards completion

of required and elective courses, and learn about ways to enhance your success and learning experiences.

The EOPS Counselor will also lead group workshops that are designed to build your knowledge and skills related to academic success, personal well-being or career preparation, such as:

- Effective Study Habits
- Learning Styles
- How to Use the Library
- Application for Transfer to a UC or CSU Campus
- Balancing Your Personal Finances
- The Power of Your Image

Priority Registration

Each EOPS student in good standing will be offered priority (early) registration services. This benefit allows you to select your courses in advance of the general Coastline student body and gives you a better chance of getting the courses you need as well as selecting those that best fit your scheduling needs for family, childcare and work responsibilities.

Around the middle of each semester, you will receive an email that details the dates/times for priority registration and the things you will need to do in advance to be able to properly enroll in courses for the next semester.

Book Service Programs

Each EOPS student in good standing with the program will be given a voucher at the beginning of the semester to use at the Coastline Bookstore to help cover some of the costs of required textbooks. EOPS also operates a small lending library -- if a book is available, you are allowed to "borrow" a required textbook and return it after the course final -- another way to help you manage your school-related costs.

Transfer Assistance

The EOPS Counselor works closely with students to support their transfer goals and help them be positioned to successfully gain admission to one or more 4-year schools. EOPS students in good standing who are applying to a University of California or California State University campus can qualify for a waiver of the transfer application fee. Your EOPS Counselor will also help identify program(s) at the school you intend to transfer to which will provide similar support services as EOPS, help you transition successfully and guide you through the remainder of your undergraduate experience.

Some EOPS students are able to complete their general education (breadth) and major requirements for transfer readiness within two years after their Coastline start date. Other students may take longer to reach their transfer goals, depending on their English and Mathematics placement levels, the course requirements for their major, and family, personal and/or work responsibilities.

Awards And Recognition Events

Each semester, EOPS recognizes students who have demonstrated academic excellence in their coursework. Annual EOPS-hosted

events for students provide opportunities for the Coastline community to recognize students' dedication toward their academic goals. A special year-end event recognizes EOPS scholarship recipients and those who have completed their graduation requirements.

Grants And Emergency Loans*

The EOPS Program may offer a point-based system to students for their timely completion of program requirements and attendance at optional workshops or events. Small "stipends" (money that does not have to be repaid) are awarded to students who earn the required number of points.

Some EOPS students find that they may need a little extra help with an unexpected household or personal expense. An EOPS student in good standing who has submitted an on-line FAFSA application and with no outstanding loan may request consideration for an emergency loan (amount ranges from \$100 to \$300 depending on documented need). The loan does not accrue interest and must be repaid within a specified timeframe. There is a limit of one emergency loan per student per academic year.

**Availability depends on State funding*

How Long Can A Student Be In The EOPS Program?

A student can participate in Coastline's EOPS program for up to six consecutive semesters or until reaching 70 units of degree-applicable work, whichever comes first; these exceptions may apply:

Up to 30 units of classes that are considered remedial (not at grade-level) and which do not apply to the AA degree will be excluded from the 70 unit limit. However, any remaining units in excess of the 30 units of non-degree applicable courses (including ESL classes) will be counted towards the maximum 70 units of degree-applicable work.

While Summer Session enrollment is not counted toward the six semester limit, the units completed during Summer Session are counted towards the maximum 70 units of degree-applicable work.

A student in a high-unit major can be given special consideration for excess units when additional courses are required for the major. However, students who decide to change majors must abide by the 70-unit maximum.

Expectations And Requirements For EOPS/CARE Students

Upon admission to the program, you will be asked to sign the EOPS Mutual Responsibility Contract which outlines what you must do to remain in good standing in the program. These expectations and requirements will be explained in detail at the mandatory orientation that you must attend PRIOR to your first semester.

A few important program requirements to consider:

A student must submit the online financial aid application (FAFSA) within the first month of their admission to EOPS. A student who has filed a FAFSA with either Orange Coast College or Golden West College must either a) submit an EOPS application at that college, or b) request a transfer of their financial aid award to Coastline.

A student must be enrolled full-time (12.0 units) within our district's three colleges; at least 6.0 units must be at Coastline at all times. NOTE: A student with special circumstances or needs

(documentation may be required) is encouraged to meet with an EOPS Counselor to request permission for part-time status in subsequent semesters.

A student in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses must also be enrolled in appropriate non-ESL degree-applicable courses that are required for completion of their educational goal (certificate, AA or transfer).

What Is Cooperative Agencies Resources For Education?

Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is a supplemental program to EOPS designed to provide the extra help that a student who is also a single parent may need to achieve his or her academic and career goals. Upon successful completion of their educational goal, the expected outcome is that the student will no longer need public assistance. Every CARE student is an EOPS student; therefore the student must meet both EOPS and CARE program eligibility requirements.

To meet CARE eligibility, EOPS students must be:

- A single parent with child/children under the age of 14; and
- Receiving public assistance.

CARE will also help students who are no longer on CalWORKs/TANF, as long as one child is receiving public assistance.

CARE program services for eligible students include all those listed under the EOPS description (inside front cover) PLUS these additional benefits:

- Help with food and transportation costs
- Workshops that address particular needs and issues of CARE students
- Referrals to outside agencies
- CARE grants