



EOPS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year, Vaqueros!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new and continuing GCC students to the new academic year! We wish our EOPS students a successful semester. We hope your educational experiences are filled with new knowledge, self-discovery, academic and personal success. Always strive to achieve your highest potential and know that EOPS is here to support and guide you throughout your journey.

September is EOPS Month! Join us in celebrating the 55th anniversary of EOPS during our open house on Wednesday, September 25th from 12- 1 PM. Stop by the EOPS office (Sierra Vista 3rd floor) for refreshments.

Our office has been working hard in making sure we support you and your needs. Proceed to read through the newsletter to learn more about new updates within our department and important information you need to know as an EOPS student.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"
- Lao Tzu

EOPS UPDATES

- All EOPS students are required to meet with an EOPS counselor three (3) times during the fall 2024 semester (August 26th- December 18th).
 - **Failure to meet all three contacts, by the deadline, will have implications for your EOPS benefits. Review the EOPS Mutual Responsibility Contract (MRC) and EOPS Counseling Requirements webpage** for more details related to the purpose of each counseling meeting!
- **Counseling Appointments** are available in-person, by phone and online through Zoom. Use the EOPS Appointment Request Form to schedule your next appointment. Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes, and we can discuss your educational and career goals, create an educational plan, discuss career and transfer options, make course recommendations and much more!
- **Drop In Counseling** is available each week. Visit the EOPS home page to view the weekly schedule. Click here to read more about how to access and use EOPS Drop-in Counseling. **Please note that students are allotted 15 minutes during drop-in to discuss: problems with registration, problems with current classes, tutoring referral, study list for next term, petitions, transfer questions, course revisions for approved financial aid contract or other quick questions.**
- For EOPS program related questions, meet our EOPS Student Services Assistants live remotely through Zoom and in-person at the EOPS office window, Sierra Vista 3rd Floor. Click here to view the weekly in-person and online live support hours.
- Activate and regularly check your student e-mail account . All official communications from the college, your instructors and EOPS news and updates will come to your GCC e-mail address. Use your GCC email address to send messages to your instructors, counselors and other college personnel.
- Update your primary contact phone number and home address on MyGCC. Watch this helpful video on how to make changes to your primary contact information.

Spread the word!

EOPS is accepting program admission applications now for fall 2024!



TEXTBOOKS



Fall 2024 EOPS Book Voucher is available to use now through November 4, 2024. Purchase your books in-person at the bookstore or through the GCC Bookstore website. Log in to MyGCC and find your EOPS/CARE/FYSP page to determine your book voucher eligibility.

[Click here](#) to find a list of the books and material needed for your classes this term.

Watch the [video tutorial](#) on how to purchase your books online through GCC's Bookstore. Your order can be mailed to you for a small fee or picked up at the [campus bookstore](#) free of charge, during operating hours.

For more information and FAQ's related to your textbooks and how to use your EOPS Book Voucher, [click here](#).



IMPORTANT REMINDER

One of the major requirements for EOPS students is to submit the financial aid application ([FAFSA](#) OR [CADAA](#)) once a year as soon it becomes available, but no later than the published priority deadline. The 2024-2025 financial aid application is available now! Check out the links to the application above.

After you submit your financial aid application, make sure to frequently check your to-do list in MyGCC and follow-up with the [Financial Aid Office](#), as needed. Submit all required documentation to get your application processed and to receive your Financial Aid Award Notification, which will also show your remaining unmet need. Only after that, EOPS can award grants.

- If you need help filling out the FAFSA or CADAA application, please attend an in-person financial aid assistance workshop or schedule a 30 minute online meeting. [Financial Aid Workshop Calendar of Events](#)
- Starting October 1, 2024 please check the [FAFSA](#) and [CADAA](#) website for the most up to date information related to the 2025-2026 FAFSA and CADAA application dates/deadlines.

FOSTER YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

By: Nick Bravo

The Foster Youth Support Program is here to support current and former foster youth students. We have an amazing team that is available to support you throughout your journey at GCC and beyond! The goal of the Foster Youth Support program is to assist students in their educational journey by providing a sense of community and a supportive environment at Glendale Community College. We support foster youth through financial and academic resources to ensure they have every opportunity to succeed in higher education. The Foster Youth Support Program operates within the EOPS program office at Glendale Community College.

The Foster Youth Support Program provides many resources and support services to students. The program has a dedicated counselor who can assist you with creating your Student Educational Plan, provide academic, career, financial aid, and transfer counseling, while developing a supportive environment on campus for you. In addition, the Foster Youth Support Program provides financial assistance to help with groceries, textbooks, transportation, as well as technology needs.

To apply for the foster youth program, complete and submit the EOPS application online. Students who join the program will be required to meet with a Foster Youth Support Program counselor. If you are former or current foster youth, feel free to reach out to the EOPS office to get more information. Please share the word with your peers about this great program!

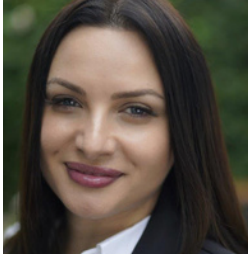
CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education)

CARE is a supplemental component of the EOPS program designed to provide educational support services and activities for single parents who are CalWORKs cash aid recipients. The goal of CARE is to reduce long-term welfare dependency and support the needs of the single parent for economic self-sufficiency. Andrineh Dilanchian is our dedicated counselor who will be working closely with our CARE students and providing counseling support services to help students reach their academic and career goals.

CARE students must be eligible for EOPS services. For more program information and the application process, visit the CARE Program website.

MEET OUR NEW EOPS COUNSELORS

We are thrilled to announce the addition of three new adjunct EOPS counselors to our team. Please join us in welcoming Hasmik Grigoryan, Diana Martinez, and Samuel Sassoon, who bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our counseling services.



Hasmik Grigoryan joins us as a former GCC student. She has several years of experience working with students throughout their educational journey. Hasmik can offer guidance in three languages: Armenian, Russian, and English. She holds two M.A. degrees in Education and Psychology and Professional Clinical Psychology. She is looking forward to working with each and every one of you and contributing to your success here at GCC. Your journey is important to her and she is eager to be part of it.



Diana Martinez is a first-generation college student and is grateful to have been part of programs similar to EOPS throughout her time in high school and college. Through these programs she found counselors and community that believed, encouraged, and guided her. She attended UC San Diego where she majored in Ethnic Studies with a minor in Spanish Literature. After UCSD, she attended USC and earned a master's degree in Educational Counseling. She joins us with over 10 years of counseling and teaching experience. When she is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, long distance running, dancing in her ballet folklorico group, and trying out a new coffee shop. Humor and adventure are a core part of who she is and she is looking forward to meeting you. Stop by and say hello!



Samuel Sassoon is a former community college student who attended Santa Monica College and then transferred to UC Berkeley as a Sociology major. After graduating and working in the technology industry as a recruiter, he changed career paths and pursued counseling. He attended CSULB for his master's degree in counseling and has been working in EOPS for the past five years as an intern and counselor. He is excited to join the EOPS program here at GCC and looks forward to meeting with you and supporting you in your academic success!

We are excited to have them on board and look forward to the positive impact they will have. We invite you to come meet them during our open house on Wednesday, September 25th from 12-1 PM in the EOPS office, or through a counseling appointment.

FALL 2025 UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Are you ready to apply to University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and/or private universities for Fall 2025? If so, click on the links below to access the university applications.

- **UC TAG** is available September 1, 2024-September 30, 2024
- **UC application** is available now! You can begin working on your university application and personal statement. Submit your application October 1, 2024 - December 2, 2024
- **CSU application** will be available October 1, 2024- December 2, 2024
- **University of Southern California (USC)**
 - Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Music, and Dance Deadline: December 1, 2024. See Additional Major Requirements for information about your intended program.
 - All other majors (including Business) Deadline: February 15, 2025
- Visit the **Transfer Center website** for other private and out of state transfer applications and deadlines.

MORE TRANSFER INFORMATION

- Apply for **2025-2026 FAFSA** or **CA Dream Act Application** December 1, 2024 - March 2, 2025. ****Starting October 1, 2024 please check the FAFSA and CADAA website for the most up to date information on dates and deadlines.****
- Include school codes for all universities you apply to
- Apply to CSU EOP at the time of your university application
- **Earning a AA-T or AS-T ?** Apply for your degree with an EOPS counselor in Winter 2025
- **Remember EOPS students receive 4 UC and 4 CSU application fee waivers!**
- Check out the **Transfer Center Calendar** for workshops and event schedule.
- Connect with your **University Representative**



REMEMBER!



All EOPS students should monitor their EOPS counseling contacts by checking *MyGCC* student portal. If you find that your last counseling visit date does not match your record, you will be expected to inform our office within one week from the time of your counseling visit in question. No corrections or adjustments will be made if it is not addressed within that week.

[Click here](#) to find instructions on how to check your EOPS contacts.

To continue EOPS program eligibility, all EOPS students are required to follow their EOPS Mutual Responsibility Contract to ensure continued program eligibility. At the end of each semester, EOPS conducts continued program eligibility verification using the following criteria to determine EOPS Student's Program Standing.

1. CCPG Eligibility
2. EOPS Academic Standing
3. Completed Counseling Contacts
4. Completed Units
5. EOPS Program Standing

• **Click below to read more about...**

- [EOPS Continued Program Eligibility Guideline](#)
- [How to Access your EOPS Program Standing Report](#)
- [Eligibility requirements for EOPS Book Services](#)
- [Eligibility requirements for EOPS Grant](#)

STAY CONNECTED WITH EOPS

- **For any EOPS/CARE/ Foster Youth related questions use the following options to connect with us:**
 - **NEED HELP?** ([Submit questions online](#))
 - **EOPS LIVE SUPPORT** ([ZOOM](#))
 - **OFFICE EMAIL:** eopsdesk@glendale.edu
 - **OFFICE PHONE/VOICEMAIL:** (818) 240-1000 ex. 6900
 - **LOCATION:** Sierra Vista Building, 3rd floor
 - **EOPS HYBRID COUNTER HOURS**