

What is C.A.R.E.?

A supplemental component of EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs & Services), CARE provides educational support services designed for the academically under prepared, low income, single parent population.

Who is eligible for the program?

To be eligible for C.A.R.E. support services, EOPS students must be at least **18** years of age and a single head of household, a current recipient of AFDC/TANF/CalWORKs, have one child under 14 years of age, and be enrolled full-time upon admission into the program.

Services Available to Participants

- Childcare allowances, grants or services
- Transportation allowances, grants or services
- Textbooks and school supplies allowance, grants, or services
- Counseling and advisement
- Liaison with the local county welfare department, especially CalWORKs and Food Stamp program
- Informational workshops, support groups or special issues classes specifically targeted for single parents
- Parent/child activities
- Annual Student Conference
- C.A.R.E. /CalWORKs Club

Above & Beyond

The C.A.R.E. Program goes above and beyond to meet the social and academic needs of all C.A.R.E. students. It also offers a Spring CARE Conference for students to come together from different colleges to relax, get to know each other and collaborate with other single parents/students.

C.A.R.E./CalWORKs Club

The C.A.R.E./CalWORKs Club was created as a resource of support and information to empower students to complete their education and career goals. The club can also offer opportunities for students to network with other students, have fun, and to participate in programs and events on campus and in the community.

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**Mission of
Program**

**To improve
educational
opportunities and
increase self-
efficacy for C.A.R.E.
students who seek
to enhance their
employability and
minimize their
welfare dependence.**

**To establish
economic self-
sufficiency through
community college
enrollment in the
pursuit of an
education that will
lead to a certificate
or degree.**



C.A.R.E.

**Cooperative
Agencies for
Resources in
Education**

Learning Disabilities

Special testing is available through the DSPS Program to determine your specific strengths, and weaknesses, and if there is a learning disability. Please talk to your counselor or Special Services Assistant about making an appointment for a screening interview.



Learning Assistant

The Learning Assistant's (L.A's) primary concern is your academic success. They work with the DSPS Program in helping you understand and cope with any learning difficulties. The LA provides strategies for you in basic skills (reading, writing, math, spelling and word processing), teaches study skills techniques, and monitors your academic progress. The LA also serves as an advocate with instructors and other staff members.

Serving the Physically,
Psychologically ,
and Learning Disabled.

The Special Services Program

Mission Statement

Using a Holistic approach and by modeling appropriate and effective behavior, the Special Services Program (DSPS-EOPS-CARE-CalWORKs) and staff, support students with special needs. The program staff reinforces students' personal growth, promotes emotional mastery, and assists with developing self responsibility to accomplish academic, career and life goals.

Office Location:

3000 College Heights Blvd.
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Main Bldg, Third Floor
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Disabled Student Program & Services



Turning
Weaknesses into
Strengths

Phone: 760-384-6250



Disabled Student Program & Services

(DSPS)



The DSPS Program is designed to assist you in breaking down barriers to your learning and to provide accommodations for your success. The Alternative Media Specialist and the Learning Assistant will guide you in using accommodations and equipment.

Accomodations

Some of the accommodations you may receive include:

- Books in alternative format (e-text)
- Extended time for taking tests
- Note takers and scribes
- Specialized equipment such as:
 - Tape recorders
 - Portable word processors
 - Electronic spell checkers
 - Scan and read software
 - Voice dictation software

The High Tech Center

(HTC)

We have computers with Internet access and the latest Microsoft Office 2007 to help you get through your classes. We also have software to help with math, reading, writing papers and other issues you might face in your effort to reach your academic goals.



Available:

Computers with Internet access

Assistive Software:

Kurzweil 3000, Inspiration and others

Speech Recognition Software:

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Screen Reader (JAWS)

Text Magnifier

Zoom Text

Distraction Reduced Environment

Scanners

Portable Word Processors

Graphing & Scientific Calculators

Digital Voice Recorders

Reader Pens

E.O.P.S.

Serving
Economically Disadvantaged
And
Educationally
Under Represented
Students

A
Component
of the
Special Services Program



Awards Ceremony

Recognition of EOPS students
Receiving

AA Degrees
AS Degrees
Certificates
GED

You can find us at:

IWV Campus
Room 312 Phone # (760) 384-6250

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Room 1 Phone # (760) 379-5501

TDD Only Phone # (760) 384-6110

Extended
Oppportunity
Program
Services

Cerro Coso Community College
3000 College Heights Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Who's Eligible For EOPS?

If you are experiencing financial, and educational, cultural, or language barriers in obtaining a college education you may qualify for the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS). The Special Services program provides services to all EOPS students regardless of gender, ethnicity or religion.



REQUIREMENTS

- Be a resident of California for a least one year & one day.
- Be enrolled in 12 semester units
- Qualify based on income
- Qualify based on state required educational criteria
- Have completed less than 70 total degree applicable units
- Have no more than 6 consecutive semesters in an EOPS program

EOPS Students Receive Individualized Attention:

The EOPS Program provides students with a unique network of support staff including assigned counselors, peer support (Partners) and office personal.



The **heart** of EOPS is the partnership program. As an EOPS student you have the opportunity to express individual concerns and needs through one-on-one meetings with your assigned partner. Partners assist counselors and staff to meet your needs. Partners are readily available to provide support and help keep you informed about campus and community activities and services.



Partners
(Student Mentors)

IN ADDITION...

EOPS is an extended counseling service, established in 1969 to help students who exhibit economic and educational needs reach their academic and/or career goals. EOPS funded by the state is mandated by California Educational Code and implemented through Title 5 Regulations. The state sets forth the requirements of eligibility and student responsibilities. Eligible students are provided with a wide range of support services to foster success.

WORKING HARD TO MEET YOUR UNIQUE NEEDS

Counseling:

- Educational Counseling
- Personal Counseling
- Vocational/Career Counseling
- Peer Support (Partners)
- COUN C199 Tools/College Success

Career/Job Development:

- Career Testing and Planning
- Job Search Skills
- Job Development
- EOPS Work Study
- Information/Referrals

Support Services:

- Priority Registration
- Book Vouchers
- Club & Social Activities/Workshops
- Bus Passes
- Free tutoring
- Free ASB (Student ID) Cards



EOPS/CARE



How Do I Apply For EOPS/CARE At Cerro Coso College?

There is only one application to complete for both programs. Please stop by our offices located on the third floor of the Main Campus, Rm. 351, and at KRV Campus, Rm. 1

Application available
Online at:
www.cerrocoso.edu

Click: Student Services

Click: Special Services

Click: EOPS

Click: EOPS Application

Must live within service area of Cerro Coso Campus site.

Cerro Coso Community College

Main Campus

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OR

Kern River Valley

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Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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Office Hours for both locations:

Mon. thru Thur. 8:00AM – 6:00PM

Friday: 8:00AM until Noon

Extended
Opportunity
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and
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Resources for
Education

**Cerro Coso
Community College**

What Is EOPS?

EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) is a state funded program that offers “over and above” support services to students with social, economic, and educational challenges with the goal of increasing access, retention, graduation, and transfer.

What Services Does EOPS Offer?

- Individualized Academic, Career, and Personal Counseling/Advising
- Student Educational Planning
- Enrollment Assistance
- Priority Registration
- Transfer Assistance
- Bus Passes
- Additional Tutorial Services as Needed
- Peer Support
- Summer Bridge Program for high school students transferring to Cerro Coso
(Subject To Funding)
- Club and Social Activities
- Cap and Gown Purchased for Graduates
- EOPS Grant Support (as funding permits)

Eligibility Criteria

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Must Meet All of The Following Criteria:

- California Resident (1 year minimum)
- Qualify for a BOG Fee Waiver A or B
- Complete a FAFSA
- Enrolled in 12 units
- Have less than 70 degree units from any colleges attended (transcripts required)
- Be educationally disadvantaged as determined by the EOPS Program



CARE (Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education) is also a state funded program designed to assist single parent EOPS students who receive CalWORKs/TANF for themselves or their children. CARE will assist you to overcome your obstacles, expand your educational opportunities, and complete your educational goals

What Services Does CARE Offer?

- Child Care Grants to Cover Study Time
- Back Packs and School Supplies
- Meal Tickets (subject to funding)
- Additional Textbook Cost and School Supply Assistance
- CARE Workshops and Activities
- CARE Grants (subject to funding)
- Counseling
- Community Service Referrals
- Liaison with Department of Human Services

Let us help you
Succeed.

Peer Mentor's are
available during
office hours
without an
appointment.



Cerro Coso Community College

Special Services

**PEER MENTOR
PROGRAM**

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*"Our job is your
Success"*



A Peer Mentor is someone who...

- Cares about others
- Listens sincerely
- Accepts people as they are
- Can be trusted and confided in
- Provides encouragement and support
- Respects confidentiality
- Is willing to give time
- Refers troubled students to a professional person



Need Help...

- With Registration
- Finding Resources
- Website Navigation
- Locating Class
- With High Tech Center
- Gathering Information
- Networking
- Campus Activities
- Meeting New People
- Someone To Listen

Come See Us!

Come Join Our Team!

Do you enjoy helping others?

Are you a motivated individual?

Peer Mentor training is held annually in the Summer.

For more information contact the Special Services office

